The Hoody Memorial Fund was established in 2016 in memory of Master Sergeant Corey Hood. The Hoody Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Lakota student who possesses the same positive qualities that Hood exhibited throughout his life – a strong will, a desire to succeed, and “a little bit of grit.”

Hood was a proud Lakota West graduate who played football and wrestled for the school. Corey was a tough athlete both mentally and physically with a lot of heart and a lot of energy. After graduating, Hood enlisted in the Army and reported to boot camp just months before 9/11/2001. Hood served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 82nd and 101st Airborne and had earned numerous awards, including two Bronze Stars. He was selected to The US Army Golden Knights, the US Army’s elite parachute team, in 2014.

The Selection Committee of the scholarship is comprised of Hood’s family and friends that grew up with him in West Chester. Even though Hood traveled all over the world, he would always tell people how great West Chester is. Hood loved the town and the school he was from. He would be proud to know that his fund is helping someone from Lakota take the next step in their life. The amount of the 2016/17 scholarship will be $7,500.00. Applicants will be notified in writing whether or not they receive an award. Checks are made payable to the schools’ financial aid office and will be sent directly to the applicant’s selected school.

**Hoody Memorial Fund Scholarship – Application Questions:**

- Name:
- Mailing Address:
- City:
- State:
- Zip Code:
- Telephone Number:
- Email Address:
- Current Grade in High School:
- High School:
- High School GPA:
- Have you been awarded any other scholarships?
  - If yes, please list from whom and how much.
- Combined Family Annual Income (select one):
  - $0 to $49,999
  - $50,000 to $74,999
  - $75,000 to $99,999
  - $100,000 to $124,999
  - $125,000 to $149,999
  - $150,000 to $224,999
  - $225,000 and above
2016 Application Deadline: Friday, February 10th, 2017
2016 Scholarship Amount: $7,500.00

Expectations of Applicants/Scholarship Recipient:
- Depending on the number of applications submitted for the scholarship, an in-person interview may be held before a selection is made.
- Recipient is to attend the Corey Hood Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner the same year as being selected as a recipient (typically held the first two weeks of August) and is encouraged to attend future events.
- Recipient is to provide selection committee annual updates on their progress through post-high school education and beyond.

Hoody Memorial Fund Scholarship – Short Answer:
Please provide typed answers to the following questions. Answers should be 500 words or less.

- What are your plans after college?

- Describe your family and your childhood up until now and how it molded you into who you are today.

- Describe the Sports & Extra-Curricular Activities you participated in and how these activities molded you into who you are today.

- Describe a time where you took a leadership position where one was not assigned. Explain how you became the leader of the situation and the results.

- Describe a time in high school where the odds were stacked against you and you were able to overcome the odds and succeed.

- Describe your favorite sports team or athlete and why you are a fan of that specific team/individual over all others.

- Describe what the word “pride” means to you as it relates to your school, community, team or country.

- Provide three recommendation letters from coaches, teachers or employers that feel you would be the ideal recipient for the Hoody Memorial Scholarship based on the Vision Statement above. Recommendation letters should include contact information incase follow up questions are required.
• Describe who is financially responsible for your post high school education. For example, what percentage will you personally be paying, what percentage will your parents be paying and what percentage will be covered by scholarships and grants. Please be detailed in your response.

• If selected, describe what receiving this scholarship would mean to you.

How to submit:

• Applications must be post-marked by February 10, 2017
• Completed application should be mailed to the address below:
The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty
Attn: Hoody Memorial Scholarship
8366 Princeton Glendale Rd. Suite A2
West Chester, OH 45069

We affirm the information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand misrepresentation may constitute fraud which may result in the loss of this scholarship or which may have legal consequences. We also give out permission to the Community Foundation to publicize the acceptance of this award.

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Student applicant                          Parent/Legal Guardian