

## **The Lt. J.G. Donald Richard Powers Memorial Wynford High School Scholarship**

Wynford High School Seniors only are eligible to apply for this annual award which may be applied to tuition and/or fees at any accredited college or university. The award for this calendar year will be \$1000.

Criteria for the award include:

- Strong academic achievement in college prep courses
- Financial Need
- Involved in school activities and community services
- No restriction to be based on sex, color, or creed
- Frivolous achievements or those of dubious value to the school or community are disregarded in the selection process.

Application forms for this scholarship must be submitted by April 25th. Review is by the Wynford High School staff and an anonymous citizen committee whose members are not related to the applicants. The winner will be announced at the annual Honors Night. Payment of this award is made directly to the winner's school of choice upon presentation to Wynford of required billings or receipts for the college or university.

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of the U.S. Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Donald Richard Powers of Oceola, a graduate of the Holmes-Liberty High School class of 1940, where he was an outstanding athlete and student. He was a WWII "Hellcat" fighter pilot on the Navy aircraft carrier USS Independence. He lost his life in action December 16, 1944, returning for a long night mission to Luzon in the Philippine Islands.

His classmates established the scholarship in 1997 at the urging of member and principal donor Ralph Hammond, a retired U.S. Air Force Major. It was funded and continues to be funded by contributions of family members, prominent citizens, and friends of Wynford and Lt. Powers as well as his classmates. Only earnings of the fund are available for a grant each year. The fund receipts are managed and invested by Cleveland Foundation, a large non-profit philanthropic organization with assets of more than \$1 billion, which has no voice in determining the person to be awarded the scholarship. The fund is thus designed to continue in perpetuity for Wynford graduates.

Application for the Lt. J.G. Powers Memorial Scholarship

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Relative who served in WWII \_\_\_\_\_

School involvements:

Community involvements:

Lt. Powers was a highly thought of member of the Holmes Liberty Class of '40. He grew up in Oceola and was an outstanding athlete. In no more than 300 words, tell why you feel you should be a recipient of this award.