



## SANTA MARGARITA EAGLE FOUNDATION

A FOUNDATION FOR SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### Ryan David Zalta '92 Memorial Scholarship Application

Deadline for Submission: January 9, 2024

Ryan Zalta graduated from SMCHS in 1992. Along with being a star football player at SM, Ryan also excelled at many other sports off campus. He had an adventurous spirit and was an incredible friend who will be remembered for his generosity. Ryan attended UC Davis where he graduated with a BS in Zoology. He began as a web developer and moved to Colorado to follow his passion for the outdoors. With his great love of helping others Ryan attended University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for Nursing and graduated with his BSRN. A strong believer of giving back Ryan joined the all-volunteer Teton County Search and Rescue Team. During that time, he was chosen as a member of the elite short haul team and excelled at helicopter rescues.

With Ryan's sudden passing in October 2015 his parents Ed and Carol Zalta wanted to carry on his legacy by giving back to his beloved high school with an endowed scholarship. Friends and family joined this tribute to Ryan where his generous and giving spirit will live on by assisting students in need.

#### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Zalta family has established the following scholarship criteria:

- Demonstrate financial need - **FACTS Application required.**
- Junior or senior student next school year.
- 3.0 minimum GPA and demonstrate strong work ethic in and out of the classroom.
- Has an interest in pursuing a service-oriented career.
- Is a model of kindness and service to others and has exceeded the normal SMCHS service hour requirement in their community.
- Recipient must make every effort to be a model student at SMCHS.
- The scholarship recipient will write an acknowledgement letter to the donor with a copy to SM Eagle Foundation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Junior next year (Class of 2026) ☐ Senior next year (Class of 2025)

**IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.)**

Describe your school activities and please include any awards or honors received in these areas: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you demonstrate your passion for service to others: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your plans of pursuing a service-oriented career after graduating from SMCHS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you have demonstrated a passion for the outdoors, athletics or other extra-curricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please briefly describe the reason there may be a need of financial assistance:

**Student or Parent can complete this question.**

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If I am selected as a recipient of the Ryan David Zalta '92 Memorial Scholarship I pledge to be in good standing at SMCHS and make every effort to be a model student in all regards. I hereby affirm that the answers and statements on this application are true and correct.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, contact the Foundation Office at 949-766-6080 or  
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**Completed applications are due to the Foundation Office by 1/9/2024.**