

SEAN RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sean Patrick Ryan was born April, 18, in Yoksuka Naval Hospital, Japan. Being part of a military family, Sean spent the early part of his life traveling. Moving to Ft. Leavenworth, Sydney, Australia, and Ft. Ord, California, he returned to settle in Kansas in 1991. As a fourth grader, he entered Lansing Elementary School, and graduated from Lansing High School in 2003.

Sean was a member of the St. Francis de Sales Church. He was an altar boy for many years, and enjoyed being a member and attending CCD classes throughout the years.

Sean's sister was also special to him. As they moved around the world, they were each other's best friend. Growing up, the siblings enjoyed spending time together. They remained very close as they grew older.

Sean belonged to various clubs and activities, but his true passion was football. No matter what the time, place, or weather conditions, Sean loved playing football with his buddies. He was the happiest during football season, and he thrived in his various positions on the Lansing High School football team.

He loved his family and friends and would spend as much time as possible with both. Sean was thrilled in 2002, when his grandparents moved from Houston, Texas to be closer to his family. Friday night with family became a regular event. Most family events were held at his grandparent's house in Lansing, and they taught him the grace of a good meal and the blessings of family. He and his friends could often be found at "Nanee and Ogi's house," devouring a gourmet meal.



After graduation, Sean moved to Lawrence and attended Johnson County Community College. Focusing on film, he managed to find a way to incorporate his love for literature and music into his studies. He became a food lover, and had a job working at Dean and Deluca's making sushi.

The family has established a second scholarship in Sean's name.

1. Applicants should be a graduating senior at Lansing High School.
2. Applicant should be a member of the high school football team.
3. A completed application, an essay of 250 words or less and TWO teacher evaluations with counselor section is required.