



Billy Coplen Memorial Scholarship

2025 Application

Award: \$316

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to *convert*, to *compel*.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



This scholarship was established by the Coplen family to honor the life of Billy Coplen and to continue his legacy of integrity, generosity, and service. Billy's priority was spending time with his family especially enjoying his children's involvement in the Forensics UIL team. UIL provided so many great opportunities and memories for his family. This scholarship is designed to recognize a deserving student who has honored their commitment to our UIL Family and undoubtedly grew because of their experience. Throughout his courageous battle with cancer, Billy never lost his faith, sense of humor, or his love for his family. The scholarship amount reflects his faith & the truth that gave him the strength to live his life to the fullest.

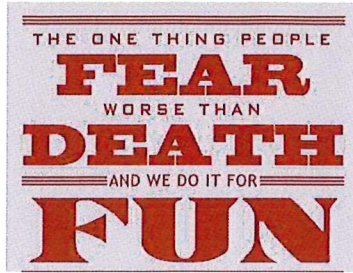
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Requirements:

- Candidates must have actively participated in the EHS UIL speech and/or academic team for at least 3 years.
- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Scholarship winner must be enrolled full-time during the 2025 - 2026 academic year at an accredited college/university, trade school or military commitment.

Checklist:

1. Complete application.
2. Include two (2) signed letters of recommendation (excluding relatives):
 - a. One letter from your Forensics Coach.
 - b. One from your school (teacher, coach, counselor, principal) or from your pastor/priest/youth minister or community member.
3. Include an acceptance letter from an accredited institution of higher learning, if already accepted.
4. Attach your resume to this application. List dates for each competition in which you competed as well as all camps/workshops attended. Include any awards/recognitions you may have received. List any other organizations, activities, positions held, length of service, awards received or any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.
5. Submit a 300-400 word essay describing how your experience in speech/debate has impacted your life.
6. Submit the completed application to Mrs. Jaime Regas no later than 1 April 2025.



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Applicant's Name _____



UIL Speech/Academic team(s) _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Date of Birth: _____ Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of academic institution at which you have been accepted:

Proposed field of study: _____

Why should you be selected as a recipient of the Billy Coplen Memorial Scholarship?

I understand the requirements and affirm that the information I am providing is true. I believe that my actions and character are deserving of being considered for this award. Scholarship will be announced at the EHS Awards Ceremony. Scholarship will be paid out directly to recipient.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____