

# Santa Cruz County Public Safety Dispatchers Association

## The Justin Keele Memorial Scholarship



The Justin Keele Memorial Scholarship was established in 2005 by the Santa Cruz County Public Safety Dispatchers Association (SCCPSDA) to honor a fellow employee who died tragically on October 5, 2004. Justin was an inspiration to those around him, living life to the fullest as a natural leader who attracted loyal friends with his fun loving spirit and sense of integrity. He never stopped trying to be a better person through each of his short 26 years of life.

To learn more about Justin Keele, his life, and the profound effect he had on the people he touched, go to [Justinkeele.com](http://Justinkeele.com). Hundreds of people who knew him for years, and those whose lives Justin touched only for a brief time, have written their thoughts about this remarkable young man.

Members of our association want to recognize people like Justin who have embraced an ethic of giving back to their community, and are interested in pursuing higher education goals. In honor of Justin Keele, SCCPSDA will award two (2) scholarships worth \$1,000 each. This year's recipients will be announced on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

To be eligible, potential recipients must be a dependent of current, retired or deceased employees of the Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center or of employees working for contracted agencies of the center (*WPD, CPD, SCPD, SCSO, AMR Santa Cruz, Aptos-La Selva, Watsonville, Ben Lomond, Branciforte, Zayante, Central, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Boulder Creek, & Felton Fire Departments*)

### Qualified applicants must provide:

- A completed application form (on the back, picked up from SCCECC front office or SCCECC.org)
- Current transcripts showing a GPA of 3.0 or above
- 2 letters of recommendation written by members of the community that are not members of your family
- A typed essay of 250 words on the topic: **How will you leave this world a better place?**

After he died, one of Justin's friends at the communications center found a saying on his desk that encapsulated the young man's desire "to laugh much, to win the respect of intelligent people, to leave this world a bit better, to know one life has breathed easier because I have lived".

This scholarship is our way of remembering this special young man by helping students who share Justin's zest for learning, and for making this world a better place.

### Applications must be received by 5:00pm on May 17, 2006. Hand delivered or mailed to:

SCCPSDA Scholarship Committee  
495 Upper Park Rd.  
Santa Cruz CA 95065

SCCPSDA members who have children applying will not be eligible to judge. The name of applicants will be kept anonymous from the judges. *Only recipients will be contacted by mail after the selection is made on May 31, 2006*