

RYAN LONG MEMORIAL FUND

RYAN LONG was a caring, enthusiastic, and energetic 12-year-old boy, when he was killed tragically in a flash flood in the Summer of 1993. He was a 7th grade student of Olsen Middle School in Woodstock and he was enrolled in the Community Education pottery classes at McHenry County College.

In his memory a memorial fund was established and the first award was given out in the Spring of 1994. The fund has now grown into two individual scholarships per year benefiting promising art students at McHenry County College.

This fund has been sustained through the generosity of many including the MCC pottery students, the MCC Ceramics instructor, and members of the Clayworkers' Guild of Illinois. Each of these groups have given donations of their time, their pottery, and a percentage of the total money earned from the sales of their pottery.

In order to be eligible for this award, an MCC Student must be enrolled in an art class and participate in the MCC Student Art Show at the end of the year. A committee decides by merit the recipient of the award, in the hope that Ryan's legacy of gentle enthusiasm and inspiration through example will continue.