



Zach Lydard was born in 1996, in Maryland. He was a military brat and also lived in Texas. Zach graduated from Old Mill High School and wasn't sure what he wanted to do with his life. He finally found his calling at the Douglas Education Center, specifically Tom Savini's Special Make-Up Effects Program. Zach was the happiest he had been in years and looked forward to what the future held. Unfortunately, Zach passed away at the age of 26 while visiting at home on Easter break of 2023.

Zach was very artistically inclined. He played the saxophone, the drums, and keyboards. He loved DJing and thought about a career in that profession. He loved drawing and creating horror creatures. It was only surpassed by his love for music. His talents were many and they were cut short. Zach also had kindness and compassion for those less fortunate and those who felt depressed. He had been bullied as a youngster but grew stronger from it. He saw weaknesses in people and always wanted to help. He would have a smile for everyone and would gravitate towards those who were downtrodden.

With this in mind, his parents, Shayne and Susan, want to honor Zach's memory by offering a \$500 scholarship to a student in financial need. They feel this is a perfect way to honor Zach's legacy and his special time at the Douglas Education Center.

ZACH LYDARD SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility requirements:

Applicant must be enrolled as an incoming student in Tom Savini's Special Make-Up Effects Program for the Fall 2026 Semester. Applicant must have financial need for the award. Applicant must convey their need for the award by telling their story – how this award is needed financially as well as why this educational path was selected.

How to apply:

Submit this application form with either a video or written essay, which covers the items listed above.

- Video (2 minutes maximum) or Written Essay (500-word maximum) telling your story (see above). Please include any artwork that you would like to showcase, although this is not required. All artwork that is submitted must solely be the work of the applicant. Please note: this award will not be selected based on artwork submitted.

The application deadline is September 1, 2026. All materials must be submitted electronically. (Materials must be timestamped by this date.) The winner will be selected by September 15, 2026.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Scholarship Conditions:

There will be one, \$500.00 scholarship award determined by this contest. The contest is open to any incoming student attending the *Tom Savini's Special Make-Up Effects Program* at Douglas Education Center during the Fall 2026 Semester.

Recipient must continue to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as described in DEC's school catalog in order to remain eligible for the award at the end of the Fall Semester. The scholarship is renewable for no more than the total listed above (\$500.00) and is non-transferable. The award will be disbursed as follows: \$500.00 will be applied to direct costs at the end of the Fall 2026 Semester. A withdrawal from school or unapproved leave will cause the recipient to forfeit the scholarship. The scholarship cannot be redeemed for cash or transferred to another student and is intended for use only at Douglas Education Center.

The recipient will be recognized for this award with a certificate and photograph. It is HIGHLY recommended that the recipient sends a thank you to the Lydard Family for this generous award – thank you can be submitted to the address below.

All materials must be submitted via email to:

Subject:

Zach Lydard Scholarship c/o Douglas Education Center

Email address:

scholarships@dec.edu