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***Stephen J. Nemec Memorial Scholarship Established
to Support Coeur d'Alene Students***

Coeur d'Alene – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) has announced the establishment of the **Stephen J. Nemec Memorial Scholarship Fund**, created to support graduating seniors from Coeur d'Alene School District #271 or Post Falls School District #273 who plan to attend a public college or university.

The scholarship is open to students pursuing higher education at a two- or four-year public institution. Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated financial need and a minimum grade point average of 3.3.

Nemec practiced workers' compensation law in Idaho and was known for approaching his work with professionalism and respect for those he served. The scholarship reflects those values by supporting students who demonstrate integrity, independent thinking, and a commitment to their communities.

Applicants must submit a written statement describing their educational and career goals, extracurricular and volunteer activities, work experience and interest in the scholarship. Applications are due by April 15.

"Stephen cared deeply about fairness and doing right by others," said Bill Pfinsgraff, Idaho Community Foundation Philanthropic Advisor. "This scholarship is meant to support students who bring that same sense of integrity and care into their education and their communities."

Nemec passed away unexpectedly in December 2024 at the age of 45. His career focused on advocating for injured workers and supporting those in need, earning widespread respect throughout Idaho's legal community. His legacy now lives on through this scholarship.



Application materials and instructions are available at [IdahoCF.org/students](https://idahocf.org/students). Completed applications must be submitted as a single PDF and emailed to scholarships@idahocf.org by 11:59 p.m. MST on April 15.

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