

Dane M. Vogel Memorial Scholarship

The Dane Vogel Memorial Scholarship is available to declared Geography and Environmental Studies (GES) majors at the sophomore or higher level. This is a merit-based award; students must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.3 for all courses taken at UCCS. The Scholarship will be for \$1000, and each recipient can receive the award only once. Applications must be submitted to the Chair of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies by November 15. The scholarship recipient will be announced in December, and the scholarship awarded for the Spring semester.

The love of the outdoors drew Dane Vogel from St. Louis, MO, to UCCS in Colorado Springs. The draw of the mountains was irresistible when combined with his sense of adventure and his interest in geography, geology, and the world around him. Dane enjoyed scuba diving, sky diving, and snowboarding and went backpacking in remote areas.

Dane courageously lived with Juvenile Diabetes since the age of four. He took good care of his health and pride in his body. He lived his life with a quiet strength, never letting diabetes get in the way of his dreams and never once complaining! Dane came one month shy of his dream of graduating from UCCS, but it was unanimous among all his professors that he would get his degree. Dane was awarded his degree posthumously with the graduating class of 2012. Dane was an inspiration to his family, friends, and everyone who knew him. Our family plans to honor Dane and live life the way he would want us to...to the fullest!

He was and always will be our best friend and our hero!

UCCS and the Vogel family are proud and honored to award the annual Dane M. Vogel Memorial Scholarship to a worthy recipient. Our hope is that Dane's story inspires you not to dwell on the obstacles that life will deal you, but to go out and live your dreams and be the best you can be!

In the spirit of Dane Vogel, applicants must demonstrate strength of character and be well-rounded in terms of academic and social skills. Student must also exemplify their respect for fellow students and professors and their love for nature and the outdoors.

To apply, applicants should submit a letter of application stating why they qualify. Please address these items in the essay:

1. State your academic credentials: GPA, areas of interest in geography, influential coursework completed, and other background skills.
2. Please indicate how you adhere to the values of Dane Vogel stated above.
3. State any volunteer or community work in which you are currently participating or have completed, particularly for environmental organizations or student clubs. Please list the names of the organizations you have worked for.
4. State your post-college career goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals.
5. Include an unofficial copy of your transcripts and verify that you are a GES major.

Your application letter should be no more than three double-spaced pages. Late applications will not be accepted. Please email your application to Brandon Vogt (bvogt@uccs.edu) by November 15.

Applicant evaluation and selection of the scholarship winner will come from a committee of GES faculty.