

Andrew John "AJ" Slye was a 2012 graduate of North Stafford High School. A favorite amongst his classmates and teachers, AJ was a great student and a tenacious athlete on the baseball diamond and football field. He was a young man with strong character, piercing blue eyes, and an infectious smile. Upon returning home from his first semester at Salisbury University, AJ was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a form of blood cell cancer. His fight to beat cancer began at the University of Virginia Hospital, transitioned to John's Hopkins Hospital and unfortunately ended on February 27, 2014 at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Over 14 months, multiple rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and a bone marrow transplant reduced AJ's body from a strong, fit football player to a thin, battle-weary shell of a young man. But the cancer did not touch this warrior's heart which steadily grew stronger. Through every setback he faced, his trust and faith in God became deeper, and his resolve became ever-increasing. His spirit and that infectious smile incredibly united and inspired an entire community.

The SlyeStrong#6 Foundation has been established in loving memory and honor of Andrew "AJ" Slye who is a testament to us all regarding how to endure and enlighten in the face of hardship.

Our mission is to serve as a catalyst to find a cure for cancer, to give back to the communities who came together whole-heartedly in spirit, love, and hope to strengthen the fight for life, and to be a platform for all who have lost loved ones to cancer.

Our purpose is to bring alive the fight to find a cure for adult/childhood cancer, to raise community awareness, and to respond to the community in times of need.

Our goals are to:

- 1. Provide academic scholarships to graduating seniors in each of the five (5) Stafford County Public Schools and at least one (1) scholarship to a graduating senior from Stafford County Public Schools, Spotsylvania County Public Schools or Fredericksburg City Public Schools who has been immediately impacted by cancer.
- 2. Meet immediate community needs to alleviate hardship and promote a positive outlook
- 3. Raise money in support of medical research
- 4. Promote awareness of cancer and opportunities to help
- 5. Provide comfort to those living with cancer

Our vision is to honor and remember AJ by supporting the fight to cure cancer through heightened community outreach, God's strength, and pure perseverance.

Who is Eligible:

- ➤ Be a graduating senior at North Stafford, Mountain View, Colonial Forge, Stafford, or Brooke Point High Schools in Stafford County. One scholarship will be awarded at **each** high school.
- ➤ Will attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university in the fall of 2024.
- ➤ Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Earned a letter at least two (2) consecutive years in a single varsity sport (Family Members of the SlyeStrong#6 Foundation Board are not eligible.)

Amount: up to \$2,000.00 sent to the college or university the applicant will be attending.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2024

Selection Process: All applications will be evaluated by the SlyeStrong#6 Scholarship Committee for the final award.

<u>Submit Application to:</u> SlyeStrong#6 Foundation, c/o Laura Slye, 34 Brittany Lane, Stafford, VA 22554 or email scanned .pdf documents to slyestrong6@slyestrong6foundation.org

Required Documents:

Checklist

Completed Application Page
Completed Questionnaire Pages (attach additional pages if needed)
Two (2) completed Scholarship Recommendation Forms, attesting to the applicant's character from a school official, teacher, coach, and/or from a community leader (minister, scoutmaster, employer, volunteer sponsor)
Copy of your School Transcript
List of Extra-Curricular Activities
List of Honors, Awards, and/or Leadership Positions

Application Page

Personal Information:

Last Name	First Na	ame	Middle Name	
Street Address				
City	State		Zip code	
E-mail Address			Telephone Number	
List the colleges of	or universities to which you	have applied		
Principal/Co	unselor Certificatio	<u>on</u>		
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Questionnaire Page

1. Tell us about you (who you are, what you enjoy doing, what are your hopes and dreams, etc).
2. How has participating in a sport helped you with other aspects of your life?

3. Why is 'School Spirit' such an important part of your school culture?
4. Who is your hero and why?

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