

Scholarship Application
“Be a Little More Matt”
Scholarship amount: \$500

“Be a little more Matt” is an organization that supports future teachers. Matt Falcone was an elementary school teacher for ten years in the Brevard County School system. Matt was a teacher who truly inspired. He was fun, motivating, and dedicated to helping each and every one of his students learn. It wasn’t surprising to find Matt behind his guitar playing “the antonym song” or dressing up like Harry Potter for a reading lesson, or out playing kickball on the playground with his class. That was the kind of teacher he was, and that is the kind of teacher for whom this scholarship is intended.

Sadly, Matt lost his life at the young age of 39 after battling an unexpected, rare terminal illness. His family, friends, and of course his students were extremely saddened by his passing. The teaching profession has certainly lost one of its most inspiring members.

Matt didn’t just “teach”; he motivated, he encouraged, he electrified. He instilled in his students a passion for learning. Through his silly songs, creative games, exciting activities, and constant positivity, Matt taught his pupils that learning can indeed be fun.

It is our hope that through this organization, we can share Matt’s story and inspire future teachers to be a little more like him in the classroom. Our goal is to encourage every teacher, and every person, to be just “a little more Matt”.

Before applying for this scholarship, ask yourself these questions:

“Do I love children?”

“Am I excited to be a future teacher?”

“Will I do whatever it takes to help my students learn?”

“Is my ultimate goal to inspire and motivate?”

If this sounds like you, please follow the attached guidelines for submitting your application. This application is open to any high school senior or current college student who plans to enter the teaching profession. Amount of scholarship will be \$500.