

ELIGIBILITY:

Pursuing career in agriculture, engineering, surveying, mathematics, or vocational/technical studies; community involvement also considered; need financial assistance; write essay about why they need the scholarship

\$500

DALE BERGMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robin Bergman set up the Dale Bergman Memorial Scholarship to honor her father, who died in 2017. Dale Bergman was a member of the Marble Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees for 15 years, serving as president for 10 of those years.

An engineer, he was known for his love of the school district and his desire to help anyone who needed it, especially teachers and students. He was also an outdoors enthusiast.

His legacy in the district includes establishing a nursery for young mothers struggling to complete their education.

"He would say to me, 'If we can just get one kid help because they have a child and might not make it, that's all that matters," recalled Dale's wife Angie Bergman.

Even after his health began to fail, he would try to make it to meetings, including helping with projects in different departments.

"In the hospital, he told me and the nurses that he was going to meet the students from the ag department to help plumb a man's house," Angie said. "He was going over there to work. That's how dedicated he was."

The scholarships are geared toward students interested in either outdoors or engineering — for example, those wanting to be a game warden or civil engineer.

"We look for kids who want to work in areas that Dale would have loved," Angie said. "We look for applications that Dale would like."

The first funds donated came through a Facebook fundraiser set up by Bergman's daughter a year after his death.

"Robin did this to keep Dale's memory alive," Angie said.

People continue to donate to keep the fund going.

"As long as people donate money, we will have it there for scholarships."