

Dalton Van Legacy Scholarship



The Dalton Van Legacy Scholarship was started in remembrance of an amazing and talented young man. Although gifted in many ways, the reason Dalton excelled was because he worked hard. He demanded perfection of himself and didn't stop until he achieved it. He kept working at his goal until he met the standard that he set for himself. Dalton worked particularly hard at honing his trap shooting and welding skills and achieved national honors in both areas.

Competing in trap shooting and light rifle as part of the Utah High School Rodeo team, Dalton won the Utah High School Rodeo Finals Trap shooting and was the National reserve champion in 2018. In 2019, he won Utah Reserve champion and went on to win the National Championship in trap shooting. He also earned the honor of leading Utah State Trap Shooting Junior Team as their captain.

In addition, Dalton competed for the Uintah Basin Technical College Skills Team in welding. He won the state gold medal for two years in a row and went on to compete at the national level where he won the silver medal and an invitation to compete at the World Welding Trials.

When Dalton graduated from Union High in 2019, he had obtained his 900-hour welding certificate from UBTECH. Dalton set a record for completing the certificate in the shortest amount of time in school history. USU Eastern granted him a welding scholarship where he was pursuing a welding engineering degree. USU awarded Dalton a welding certificate posthumous because of all his time and hard work in the program.

On June 12th of 2020, Dalton's life was cut too short—he left many hopes and dreams unfinished, and we can't begin to count all the things that he didn't get to do or try. What we do know is that he would want to help others who have big dreams but just need a way to get them started. Dalton's family is honored to have the chance to partner with the Lucky You Cowboy Crisis fund to present this scholarship for the outstanding senior who has shown excellence in both disciplines of light rifle and trapshooting.

Those who would like to apply for the scholarship will complete the USHRA scholarship application found on the UHSRA website and follow the same process. Once the scholarship process has been completed, top contestants who participated in both disciplines of light rifle and trap will be considered to receive the Dalton Van Legacy Scholarship.