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## LEANDRO JASSO SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEADERS

### BACKGROUND:

Leandro (Lando) Jasso was a member of WYA class 2011-2. After graduating from the Washington Youth Academy, Lando returned to complete his senior year at Cascade High School in Leavenworth WA graduating in 2012. After graduating, Lando enlisted in the U.S. Army where he achieved his personal goal of becoming an Army Ranger. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Lando was serving as a Ranger Team Leader, Alpha Company, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan when he was mortally wounded during combat operations. Sergeant Jasso died November 24, 2018.

Recognizing the important role the Washington Youth Academy played in Lando's life, a private donor has funded a new scholarship for Academy graduates—the Leandro Jasso Scholarship for Leaders.

### PROCEDURE:

A memorial scholarship in honor of SGT Leandro Jasso will be awarded to the WYA graduate who exhibits some of the leadership qualities and skills reflected in SGT Jasso's personal life and military career. Those leadership qualities and skills include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Team builder
- b. Inspiration to others
- c. Enthusiasm and energy
- d. Competent and capable
- e. Stable and reliable
- f. Goal oriented forward thinker

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- g. Personal courage and accountability
- h. Honesty and integrity
- i. Professional selfless service
- j. Respected and respectful

Applicants for the Leandro Jasso Scholarship for Leaders will be asked to provide personal examples of one or more of these traits drawn from some phase of their life such as (but not limited to) any of the following:

- a. Leadership demonstrated at the Washington Youth Academy or in high school (academics, sports, leadership assignments, student government, Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO's), Scouting, Explorers, etc.)
- b. Leadership in post-high school education, training, or job-related activity.
- c. Leadership in Washington Business Week.
- d. Leadership in community service.
- e. Living the Washington Youth Academy mission, Cadet Creed and Honor Code (see enclosures).

The "SGT Leandro Jasso Scholarship for Leaders" will be awarded to a deserving applicant per Foundation policy 2018-16, Washington Youth Academy Foundation Financial Assistance Program or subsequent versions. This special award will be highlighted in the Board Chair remarks at commencement. The scholarship donor will be invited to attend commencement to meet the recipient and present the award.

Encl.

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## **Biography of Leandro Jasso**

Sergeant Leandro Antonio Sleeper Jasso, 25, a longtime Leavenworth resident, was mortally wounded while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

He was born on June 19, 1993 in Brewster, Washington, met his future adoptive family in September, lived in Entiat, North Bend, and Leavenworth where he started his education at Osborn Elementary School. As a senior, he completed the 2011-2 cycle in the Washington Youth Academy and returned to complete his senior year at Cascade High School, graduating in 2012. Lando wrestled and played football with the Kodiaks. He also played the tuba in Band and had previously taken piano, violin and cello lessons. He played soccer, swam with the Wenatchee Valley Summer Swim League, skied and snowboarded at Ski Hill, and was active in Scouts through Pack 28 and Troop 28 where he earned his Life rank.

Upon graduation, Lando enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed Basic Training in August at Fort Benning, Georgia. He graduated Airborne school on January 25, 2013. He became a Ranger on July 22, 2013 and was stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord and lived the Ranger Creed. He attended and graduated Ranger School in 2016 and was promoted to Sergeant later that year. He served as a rifleman in Delta company from July 22, 2013 to December 6, 2016. He then served as an Automatic rifleman and Ranger Team Leader in Alpha company from December 7, 2016 to November 24, 2018. He was currently serving with the 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment and had been deployed to Afghanistan since August. He was currently serving on his third deployment. His battalion commander, Lt. Col. Rob McChrystal, described Jasso as a “humble professional who placed the mission first, lived the Ranger Creed and will be deeply missed.”

Lando was very proud to have been a part of the Washington Youth Academy, and his family will be forever grateful for the commitment and dedication the Academy has for their Cadets.

### **Washington Youth Academy Mission**

The mission of the Washington Youth Academy is to provide a highly disciplined, safe, and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational level and employment potential and become responsible, productive citizens of the State of Washington.

### **Washington Youth Academy Cadet Creed**

I am a National Guard Youth ChalleNGe cadet.

I proudly attend the Washington Youth Academy with honor, courage and commitment.

I believe in and support the program's eight core components.

I will obey all staff and cadet leadership appointed over me.

I acknowledge the spirit and commitment of the Youth ChalleNGe and all those who have come before me.

I am committed to maintaining the highest standard of excellence and the fair and just treatment of all.

### **Washington Youth Academy Honor Code**

Washington youth academy cadets are persons of integrity and resolve to live their lives with honor.

Cadets will not lie, cheat, steal, bully or tolerate those who do.

Cadets violate the honor code when they fail to report any violation of the code by another Cadet.