Andrew Richard James graduated with a Philosophy degree from Brigham Young University in 2017 and emulated the values of the department in both his personal and professional life. A bright young mind, Andrew was always keen to engage in philosophical debate, seeking to discern through lively conversation how people understood virtue and goodness. His ability to think clearly and present logically were unmatched.

Andrew’s colleagues at Jones Day law firm in Washington DC, where he worked as a project manager and paralegal in their Issues and Appeals group, describe him as having quickly earned their supreme trust and confidence in matters of importance. He was their top choice for completing filings with various State, US District, and Supreme Courts, and considered by those who worked alongside him the uniting thread that held the machine together.

Andrew was a dedicated student, but a master at maintaining balance between school, work, family, and friends. He exhibited humor and grace, continually demonstrating through his interactions that relationships far outweigh personal achievements.

At just 28 years old, he left behind an extraordinary legacy of excellence. It is the desire of all those involved in this scholarship, generously endowed by loving friends, co-workers, and family, that Andrew’s memory and legacy of learning continue, and be a catalyst for growth for many individuals, blessing them and their future families for generations to come.

Applicants for this scholarship will be awarded primarily on the basis of academic excellence, future promise, and financial need. To be considered for this scholarship, applications must be submitted by April 4, 2023. Submit your application by emailing it to cindy_cromar@byu.edu. If you have questions, please email the department chair, David Jensen (davidj@byu.edu).

Requirements for the Scholarship:

• Must be a full-time student (enrolled in at least 12 hours).
• Must be a philosophy major.
• Must be pre-law / intending to attend law school.
• Applicants may also apply for the Excellent in Philosophy Scholarship; however, separate applications should be completed for each scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded per student per calendar year.

To apply:

• Fill out the form below.
• Submit a personal statement of 2-3 pages, single spaced. As part of your personal statement, please explain why you are studying philosophy and discuss your academic and career goals. You may also explain your financial need and the way in which this scholarship would be helpful to you. Your personal statement should include an explanation of your commitment to and plans to attend law school.
• Please list at least one philosophy faculty member who can recommend your work.
• Final day to submit is April 4, 2023. Applications available at philosophy.byu.edu.
For Fall Semester 2023 and Winter Semester 2024 (Andrew James Endowed Memorial Scholarship)

1. Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

2. Year in School__________________________  Major: __________________________

3. Current Overall GPA: __________________________Current Major GPA: __________________________

4. When will you graduate? (month/year) _______________________________

5. When do you plan to start law school? (month/year) _______________________________

6. Philosophy classes completed (with professor’s name and grade received in course):

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7. Please list your work experience and/or extra-curricular activities in the philosophy department (TA/RA/Aporia):

8. If applicable, please list any current and past scholarship(s):

9. Philosophy Professor Recommender:

10. If awarded the scholarship, would you be willing to attend a lunch with the family of Andrew James?