

American Legion John Manilla Memorial Vocational Scholarship

Scope:

The annual Manilla Memorial Scholarship was initially funded by the Manilla Family to honor the life of John H. Manilla, a long time member of the American Legion and World War II veteran. The American Legion maintains a fund specifically for the scholarship to distribute annually to one boy and one girl or as directed by the Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the Manilla family. The amount will be a minimum of \$500.00 per awardee.

History:

The scholarship was established in memory of John H. Manilla. A lifelong resident of Skaneateles, John H. Manilla graduated from Skaneateles Central High School and attended Arnold College. In 1942, John left college to enlist in the 8th Army Air Force and was stationed outside of London, England. He served his nation proudly as a waist gunner on a B-17, flying 33 combat missions over enemy territory. After the war, he graduated from the State University of New York at Delhi. Upon graduation, he started the John H. Manilla Construction Company which he owned and ran for 50 years. The Scholarship was established to encourage graduating High School students to enter a vocational trade career.

Applicant Requirements:

1. An undergraduate, entering or attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college or trade school acceptable to the scholarship committee.
2. Proof of eligibility and acceptance to an approved college.
3. The school program the applicant is planning to attend must be a vocational trade career path. Examples include, construction/building trades, automotive trades, heavy equipment trades, medical tech, computer/programming technician/designer, crane operator, water vessel operator/technician/mechanic, aviation mechanic, engineering technician, beautician/makeup artist, gas and oil industry technician, air traffic controller, firefighter, law enforcement, others may be up for review of the committee.
4. The applicant must show proof of eligibility and acceptance at an approved college/trade school or course of study accepted by the committee.
5. The applicant must submit a personal essay outlining their achievements and goals for the future in their chosen course of study.

Award Selection and Presentation:

Eligible applicants will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and names will be presented to the awarding High School. The American Legion will provide a certificate and check to the recipient to be presented at graduation or as directed by the high school.

Application
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Note: This application must be submitted no later than May 10, 2024. Please email to rgadjo@aol.com.

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of High School: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell/Home

Email: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Address of Parent if different: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Please attach essay with application.