

Charles H. Heyl Vocational/Technical Scholarship/Grant

This scholarship is presented in loving memory of Charles H. Heyl. "Charlie" was devoted to vocational/technical education and began his career as a tool and die maker in 1946. In 1962 Charlie began his teaching career at Agawam High School as a machine shop teacher. While serving as President of the Massachusetts Industrial Education Society from 1975-1977 he fought for the inclusion of industrial arts in funding for technology and this was the beginning of today's technology education in Massachusetts. Charlie served as the President of the Agawam Rotary Club for the 1998/1999 year and was held in the highest regard by his fellow Rotarians. Charlie passed away on February 14, 2002. This program was started with generous donations from Club members and is unique in its purpose.

Purpose

To financially assist an individual in obtaining an education related to a vocational or technical career or to grant an individual the amount of the scholarship for the purpose of purchasing tools or equipment to become established in their chosen trade. The applicant need not be a high school senior.

Definition

A vocational or technical education shall be defined as an education which is not customarily obtained through traditional 2-year or 4-year college programs, although specialized education beyond the high school level is required. Examples of a vocational or technical career include but are not limited to: electrical, plumbing, HVAC/Refrigeration, barber/cosmetology, culinary arts, welding, automotive, etc. Tools or equipment of the trade refers to tools or equipment that are essential to performing work in the applicant's field of endeavor. The Committee shall have the right to interpretation.

Qualifications

- The applicant must be a resident of Agawam.
- For a scholarship award, the applicant shall be attending or scheduled to attend an accredited vocational school or training program. The Committee will interpret the validity of any program.
- For a grant, the applicant shall provide a list of tools and equipment. Include a description as well as a cost estimate and, if necessary, an explanation of what the items will be used for.
- Determination of the award will be based on the applicant's specific skills related to their planned field of endeavor and commitment to that field.
- Emphasis will be placed on recommendations/references provided by teachers, instructors, employers (past and present), etc.
- School grades in courses not related to the vocation will also be taken into consideration (where applicable) as well as extracurricular and community service activities.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted no later than April 1st, to the Agawam Rotary Club, Inc., P.O. Box 587, Agawam, MA 01001-0587 or via email to AgawamRotaryClub@gmail.com. The scholarship/grant will be paid to the recipient upon verification of either payment to the institution or proof of purchase of tools and/or equipment in an amount at least equal to the amount of the scholarship or grant.

The decision of the Committee is final.

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Application Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cellphone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Class Rank: _____ Overall Grade Point Average: _____

Career Goals:

School and Program Selected or Description and/or Tools Needed:

Accepted: _____ Yes _____ No Date Program Begins: _____

Length of time required to complete entire program: _____ Years _____ Months

Estimated cost of annual tuition or program term (include material costs): _____

Brief description of the program, include a list of any tools which are needed:

Certification/certificate/license/degree etc. which will be received upon successful completion of program:

Date(s) attended, name of institutions and any degrees held or anticipated (include High School/G.E.D.):

Work experience, special interests, honors, student activities or community activities, etc.:

On a separate sheet, please explain why you feel you should receive this Agawam Rotary Club scholarship.

Attach 3 pertinent references or recommendations from people not related to you.

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