


C A M D E N  C O U N T Y
Hero Scholarship Fund

2024

**Chief Gene Dannenfels
Memorial Scholarship**

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The Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization, was formed in 1966 to provide financial assistance to the dependents of members of Camden County's Law Enforcement, Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service who had lost their lives or were totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty.

Scholarship Award
Chief Gene Dannenfeler
11/15/57 – 11/8/17

This scholarship award is being offered in honor of the late Gene Dannenfeler,

Gene dedicated his life to Public Service and the protection of others. He retired as a Camden County Fire Marshal holding the highest rank of Deputy Chief. He held the highest rank of Chief and life member of the Haddon Heights Department. Gene's dedication to the fire service brotherhood continued when he was sent to Ground Zero on 9/11 for rescue and recovery efforts. Gene fought a courageous battle with 9/11 related lung cancer. He passed, surrounded by his loving family. He was a class act and a true hero. Gene was involved in many organizations over the years, but one of his proudest accomplishments was serving the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund.

Gene joined the Board of Trustees of the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund in 1992. He served as Vice President from April of 1999 to January of 2002 when he took a temporary leave from the Board. He returned in April of 2009 and served until his untimely passing. He was elected President of the organization in April of 2011 and served with distinction until September of 2017 when he stepped down for health reasons.

Many individuals have served the Camden County Hero Scholarship over the years, but Gene's dedication went above and beyond. He was actively involved in every committee, attended nearly every event we hosted and was an avid supporter of the organization. But what stands out the most was his kind heart, sense of humor and willingness to help anyone, in any way he could. Many people were honored to call Gene a friend. He left a legacy that will live on forever! He is and will always be missed by many!

In appreciation for all of Gene's years of devoted service to the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, and to the fire service, we proudly offer this scholarship in his name.

The amount of this scholarship for the 2024 year will be \$1,500.

General Information

Applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2024**.

Inside this brochure is an Application Requirement checklist. Please read it carefully. In addition to the application form, you are required to submit other information necessary for the committee evaluation. Only fully completed applications will be considered by the scholarship committee for award.

Each application shall be considered on its merit and all scholarships and/or grants will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. All decisions of the selection committee are final.

Funds must be utilized within 36 months of commencing first fall semester.

Any unused portion of this Scholarship shall revert to the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Please direct any inquiries concerning eligibility or application submission to:

Scholarship Committee

c/o Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.

162 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, New Jersey 08009

(856) 768-9656

www.camdencountyhero.com

To Qualify

- The applicant's course of study must be directly related to Fire Service.
- **Student Status:** The applicant must be a registered member of the graduating high school class of 2024.
- **Diploma Requirements:** The applicant must be eligible to receive his/her High school diploma prior to September 1, 2024.
- **School Attendance:** The applicant must be a registered student in any private, parochial or public school located in Camden County.
- **Aspirations:** The student must have a plan to pursue a post-high school program of education or training.
- **Character:** The applicant must have exhibited good citizenship traits and be of good moral character.
- **Post-High School Program:** The applicant must plan on the pursuit of his or her post-high school program on a full-time basis.

Application Requirement Checklist

EACH ITEM BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

- You, the applicant, must arrange with your high school Guidance Counselor for the forwarding to Scholarship Committee of:
 - **Your Secondary School transcript** including SAT scores.
 - **School's recommendation** with a special notation relative to character and citizenship. Please limit to two (2) submissions.

- **Fill in the attached application form** (please type or print clearly).

- **Attach the application form to a plain piece of paper** on which you supply the following information:
 - 1) **List the colleges or trade schools** you have applied to (in order of preference) and their anticipated costs.
 - 2) **List the Extra Curricular and Community Activities** in which you have participated in the order of importance to you. Include the activity, dates of participation, hours per week and the position you held.
 - 3) **List your work experience** by giving the job, employer, dates and hours per week on the job. Also include any work you plan for next summer.
 - 4) **Give a brief statement** of what aspect of fire service you wish to pursue, and why.
 - 5) **Write a brief statement of financial need**, specifying why these scholarship funds would be a help to you.

- Be sure to fill in the entire application form and mail with the above requested information to:

Scholarship Committee
Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.
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Deadline for all applications for the 2024 school year is April 15, 2024.

Only fully completed applications including the information requested above will be considered by the selection committee for awards. Please note that students are eligible to receive only one scholarship from the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund in a one-year period. If there are no qualified applicants, no award will be made.

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Application Form

Chief Gene Dannenfels - Memorial Scholarship

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____

Home Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

High School

_____ Name

_____ Town

_____ State

Date of Expected Graduation _____

Other Secondary Schools Attended:

_____ Name

_____ Location

_____ Name

_____ Location

What Other Financial Assistance Have You Applied For or Received (including names and amounts):

Applications are open to students of any race, creed, color or gender.

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Signature of Applicant

All items under "Application Requirement Checklist" must be attached for application to be considered.

Application Deadline - April 15, 2024