


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

**2024**  
**Chief Gary R. Cline**  
**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.

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**Scholarship Award**  
**Chief Gary R. Cline, Retired**  
**Merchantville Police Department 1936-1999**

This scholarship award is being offered in honor of the late Chief Gary R. Cline, Retired, Merchantville Police Department, to a graduating high school senior who will be pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.

Chief Cline joined the Merchantville Police Department in 1959 as a patrolman, attaining the rank of sergeant in 1974. He served as Chief from 1978 until his retirement in 1985. He was a member of the Camden County Police Chiefs Association and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

During his career, he was appointed to the Board of the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund.

Many individuals have served the Camden County Hero Scholarship over the years, but Chief Cline's dedication stands out. He not only served as a trustee since 1980, he held the position of Treasurer for nearly fifteen years. He was active on various committees, and we could always count on his help for the events and activities that we sponsored. And more than anything else, he was a good friend to many of us.

In appreciation for all of Chief Gary Cline's years of devoted service to the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, and to Law Enforcement, 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](http://www.camdencountyhero.com)

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## To Qualify

- The applicant's course of study must be related to the Law Enforcement Field.
- 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 definite plan to pursue a post-high school program of education or training.
- Character: The applicant must have exhibited good citizenship traits and be of sound 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 law enforcement 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.  
162 W. White Horse Pike  
Berlin, New Jersey 08009

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 Gary R. Cline - 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):

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

Be sure to fill in entire application and mail with requested form to:

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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*