

Medal of Honor Scholarship 2024, Our 37th Year



***“Poor is the Nation that has no heroes;
Shameful is the one that having them.....Forgets”***

PURPOSE

- To honor the heroics of Medal of Honor recipients Michael J. Estocin (Vietnam War, Turtle Creek); Leonard A. Funk (WWII, Braddock Hills); Franklin J. Phillips (Boxer Rebellion, McKeesport); Henry C. Drexler (Post WWI, Braddock); John W. Minick (WWII, Wall); Charles Oliver (Civil War, McKeesport); Walter J. Marm, Jr. (Vietnam War, Washington, PA); Mitchell Paige (WWII, McKeesport); John D. “Jack” Kelly (Korean War, Homestead); Reginald Desiderio (Korean War, Clairton); and James A. Graham, (Vietnam War, Wilkinsburg); all Medal of Honor recipients from the Turtle Creek and Mon Valley Areas of Western Pennsylvania.
- The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest and most prestigious personal military decoration that may be awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.
- Our scholarship was started 37 years ago to pay homage to local recipients of the Medal of Honor and instill in students the knowledge of courage and sacrifice in defense of our country.

THE AWARD

Scholarships will be given in the amount of **\$1,000** as a one-time award for use towards the awardee’s tuition or academic supplies in any accredited university, college, community college, or trade school.

A total of \$283,000 has been awarded in the past 36 years, and the number of awards varies every year, dependent on the contributions of our local Rotary Clubs and others.

- The Award will be given to students based on:

1. **Financial need, based on the EFC amount from your FAFSA award letter.** Contact us with any questions or problems you may be having with your FAFSA application!
2. Academics, participation in school activities, community activities. and achievements.

3. Interview: Finalists will make themselves available for a personal interview with members of the scholarship committee. They should be prepared to discuss their personal and academic achievements and the theme of patriotism as it relates to the local Medal of Honor recipients. This year's interviews will take place **on or near Thursday, May 16, 2024**, at Asti's Restaurant in the Grandview Golf Club in North Braddock. The interviews will be scheduled based on any school activities that are listed on the official school calendars. We will contact students as their applications are submitted.

All completed applications will be screened in absolute confidentiality by the scholarship selection committee. The committee will determine the finalists for the award.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship award is open to any high school senior, regardless of school, who is a **resident of the communities** that make up the Woodland Hills or East Allegheny School districts. The schools included are Woodland Hills HS, East Allegheny HS, Serra HS, Trinity Christian HS, Westinghouse Arts Academy HS, Propel Braddock Hills HS, Central Catholic HS, and Oakland Catholic HS, to name a few. **It is the residency of the towns that determines eligibility.**

DEADLINE: The completed application must be submitted by May 3, 2024.

The \$1,000 will be given to each awardee shortly after the announcement of the winners. If possible, this will be done in person at a local Rotary Club meeting. **All students will be notified via email from our email - medalofhonorscholarship@gmail.com, by May 24, 2024.**

The awardee of the scholarship will make available a copy of their letter of acceptance from their prospective institution of higher education, if deemed necessary.

1. Application Page

The Application document must be in a file format of either .txt, .doc, docx, or .PDF – **No Google docs!**

Please Include:

Personal information: Name, Address, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, phone numbers, your email address, current High School, and must include the **EFC amount from your FAFSA award letter.**

A brief biography, in a narrative form, including high school activities, community volunteering, part time jobs, college/higher learning school planning to attend, and any future plans.

Email your Application to medalofhonorscholarship@gmail.com **by May 3, 2024.**

2. Activities Page

On the activities page list as many items as you want to, highlighting your high school years. Do not include any school names or other proper names that would indicate your identity as the committee reviews all students anonymously. Make copies of the blank page first if needed..

For any further questions on this scholarship, please email: medalofhonorscholarship@gmail.com

Important Dates: Friday, May 3rd, Application Deadline; Thursday, May 17th, Interviews (tentative); Friday, May 24th, Award notifications.

Medal of Honor Resources – Use for Research

<http://www.cmohs.org/>

<https://mohmuseum.org/>

<https://www.army.mil/medalofhonor/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael J. Estocin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_J._Estocin)

<https://www.virtualwall.org/de/EstocinMJ01a.htm>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leonard A. Funk, Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leonard_A._Funk,_Jr.)

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/lafunk.htm>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter Joseph Marm, Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Joseph_Marm,_Jr.)

<https://www.cmohs.org/recipients/walter-j-marm-jr>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitchell Paige](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitchell_Paige)

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/instant-articles/mitchell-paige-took-japanese.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James A. Graham \(Medal of Honor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_A._Graham_(Medal_of_Honor))

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/jagraha.htm>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John W. Minick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_W._Minick)

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/7208448/john-w_-minick

<https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/heritage/awards/decorations/medal-of-honor.html>

<https://www.military-ranks.org/decorations/medal-of-honor>

<https://homeofheroes.com/medal-of-honor-citation/>