

JOSEPH IGNATIUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

administered by the Elizabeth Forward Alumni & Friends Association

ABOUT THE JOSEPH IGNATIUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP This scholarship was established and funded by Norman R. Candelore, Jr. EFHS Class of 1975 to remember and recognize the unique character of his good friend, Joe Ignatius, EFHS Class of 1973. Joe played trumpet in the EFHS Marching Band. He graduated with high honors from EF before graduating from Pennsylvania State University, Class of 1977, with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. His storied career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spanned over 39 years in public service and culminated with him being the Chief Flood Risk Management Branch Manager, who controlled projects across the Susquehanna and Potomac River Basins. He worked on many complex projects including the construction of Jennings Rudolph Lake at the headwaters of the Potomac River. His projects ranged from flood control and protection, providing recreational opportunities, and enhancing the surrounding environment. While he took great pride in his work, Joe took greater pride in giving back to his community by supporting others on their journey through life. Following the devastating 2023 EFHS fire, Joe made a huge impact on the rebuilding efforts by establishing a fundraising drive to support the arts.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at Elizabeth Forward High School intent on furthering his or her education as a full-time student at a 2-year, 4-year, or vocational institution to pursue a degree in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics) field. The applicant should have a sustained record of academic excellence with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrated leadership skills through extra-curriculars, community service, and/or work experience.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all complete applications based on academic scholarship with an emphasis in the STEAM areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math, such that it encourages applied, hands-on learning experiences as well as leadership ability demonstrated through extra-curricular, community, and work activities.

NOTIFICATION AND RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will be notified by early May via e-mail and a confirmation letter. The letter will inform the recipient of what needs to be provided to EFAPA to receive the scholarship. Information relating to a required thank you letter will be included with the confirmation letter.

THE APPLICATION

1. Using word processing, submit the following information. Include the number/letter of the item when providing your information.

- a. Name of the scholarship for which you are applying:
- b. Your Name:
- c. Home Address:
- d. Home Telephone Number:
- e. Cell Telephone Number:
- f. Texting Number:
- g. E-mail Address:
- h. Name of college/university you plan to attend:
- i. Name of intended major:
- j. Briefly explain why you believe you meet the criteria for this scholarship:
- k. Write a 300-500-word essay (double-spaced) on this prompt:

What attracts you to a STEAM field as a career possibility and what do you hope to accomplish as a result of studying in one of these scientific/artistic areas?

2. As a separate document, prepare an up-to-date personal resume that includes your academic achievements, senior-year courses, extracurricular activities, community service, etc. Please include a letter of reference from anyone instrumental to your career choice such as a science/math/arts teacher, an employer, or supervisor of your volunteer activities.

3. Email the application, the essay, and the resume as **separate PDF attachments** to EFAPA.Board@gmail.com as soon as possible but not later than February 28. The filename must indicate the specific scholarship and the component of the application, for example: josephignatius_application.pdf and josephignatius_essay.pdf. Place the name of the scholarship in the Subject heading.