



Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship

Guidelines

The Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship is intended for eligible students who will be attending college during the 2017/18 academic year. Multiple scholarships will be awarded (past awards of \$500 have been made to recipients). Payment is made directly to award recipient(s) selected by the Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available online www.cscaa.com/mcgrath.html or at Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency. Candidates must submit the completed scholarship application with required attachments to Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Attn: Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship Committee, 89 York Street, Suite 1, Auburn NY 13021.

Deadline for 2017 Application

Applications must be received by close of business **5 pm on May 12, 2017**. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by May 31, 2017. All decisions will be final.

Eligibility

- ⇒ Candidate must be a 1) current or former customer (or child, step-child or grandchild including legal guardianship arrangement of a current or former customer); 2) a current employee of the Agency; or 3) a child, step-child or grandchild (including legal guardianship arrangement) of a current employee of the Agency.
- ⇒ Candidate must be a legal resident of Cayuga or Seneca County (unless employed by CSCAA).
- ⇒ Candidate must be enrolled in one or more courses at a 2 or 4-year institution or within a certificate or degree program of study (including BOCES programming) designed to upgrade skills or start a new career.
- ⇒ Award decision is based on a combination of factors including financial need, community service, personal achievement and academic goals.

About Brendan McGrath

Brendan McGrath was deeply committed to giving back to his community. He served for 21 years as a volunteer board member for Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, 19 of which he served as board chairperson. Under Brendan's leadership, the Agency experienced expansion of numerous programs and services including Head Start, Early Head Start, Weatherization, Homeless Assistance, Transitional Housing and expansion of programs into Seneca County. At the time of his accidental death in March of 2010, Brendan's family requested that donations be made to the Agency in his memory. Memorial donations were used to address key needs faced by the Agency and our customers. In Spring of 2011, Brendan's wife, Mary, told the Agency that she and her children desired to establish a formal mechanism to continue Brendan's work and to honor his legacy. The Brendan McGrath Memorial Fund was established as a result and continues to make a difference in the lives of those in need. In 2014, the Brendan McGrath Memorial Scholarship was established and is supported through the Memorial Fund to further the Agency's mission of helping people to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency.

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