

## Mid-America Instruments Science Scholarship



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Mid-America Instruments LLC has been in existence for over 34 years serving the nation with sales of refurbished spectroscopy and chromatography instrumentation. These instruments are often used in biotech, environmental, clinical and pharmaceutical specialties. Our nation needs bright young minds disciplined in the sciences in the areas of chemistry, microbiology and biochemistry to improve the quality of life for all future generations.

My name is Paul Bjelica, founder of Mid-America Instruments, and I want to give back to society by granting a specially qualified senior at Smithville High School a scholarship of \$700.00 written to a specific college of their choosing. When this candidate has finished their career in the sciences, I ask in turn this candidate to reciprocate a scholarship gesture for their subsequent generation.

I was born in Iowa from parents who immigrated from Europe and I accomplished the American dream. I later attended the University of Iowa with a double major in Microbiology and Chemistry.

My wish is to have the SHS faculty select the most promising candidate who has reached high academic standards in the sciences.

### Scholarship Guidelines:

- \$700 scholarship awarded to one SHS senior who plans to major in the sciences at a college or university.
- Deadline to apply is Friday, May 6 at 3:00.
- Applicant must type a 500-word essay describing your future academic & professional plans, and why you should receive this scholarship. Please include a description of your financial need in your essay.
- Please include a transcript with your essay.