

John Onaitis Memorial Scholarship

The John Onaitis Memorial Scholarship was established by his family after his death at 35, in an automobile accident December 9, 2003 near his home in Washington Township. After his graduation in Machine Trades from Alliance Vocational Program in 1986, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University and graduated with honors in 1992.

John was a self employed woodworker and cabinet maker who designed and manufactured camp furniture and accessories for historical lifestyle reinactors. He also developed a series of do-it-yourself plans for the furniture he sold. The proceeds from the sale of these plans will continue to fund this Scholarship.

Periodically John would return to Engineering and work overseas building and commissioning power plants for Babcock and Wilcox.

The skills he learned in Machine Trades served him well in both his career as a woodworker and as an engineer.

I. Requirements

- A. Must be a graduating senior of Alliance High School Vocational program.
- B. Must have a minimum GPA 2.5
- C. Must show evidence indicating potential success at the post secondary level
- D. Must demonstrate good character and integrity
- E. Must complete and submit the application by the due date
- F. Must submit four letters of recommendation, one from a Vocational Teacher and one from an employer
- G. Has enrolled in a deegreed Engineering program at an accredited Institution.

II. Selection

- A. The award will be given without regard to race color, creed or sex
- B. Financial need shall be considered
- D. The selection committee shall include

1. The Director of Vocational Education, who shall serve as chairperson and present the award at the Senior Awards Assembly
2. A high school vocational teacher
3. A Employer representative
4. A member of the Onaitis family or their designee. The Onaitis family reserves the right of final approval of the recipient.

The high school Vocational counselor shall serve on the committee as a nonvoting member in an advisory capacity.

III. Amount of the John Onaitis Memorial Scholarship

- A. All monies collected for the John Onaitis Memorial Scholarship shall be deposited in an Alliance City Schools expendable trust account and invested by the treasurer using the conservation of principle as a guide.

One half of the interest/dividends shall be awarded each year, or when there is a suitable candidate. If no candidate is available this portion shall accrue and will be awarded to the first available candidate. The remanding half shall be reinvested until the fund reaches \$50,000. When the capital reaches or exceeds the \$50,000 mark the selection committee may use the entire interest/dividend and shall determine the number and amounts of the scholarships.

- B. Scholarship funds cannot be released until so authorized by the Board of Education

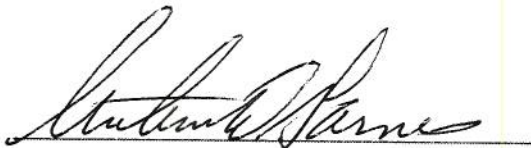
1. The student must show proof of enrollment in a University, College, or Technical school.

2. Payment will to the institution upon made upon receipt of an invoice.
3. The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books or other educational expenses as approved by the Board of Education at accredited Universities Colleges or Technical Schools within the continental United States.

Agreement

If the Alliance School District cancels its Vocational Program or a significant portion of it, the Family, or its heirs, have the option to direct the transfer of part or all of the funds to another Scholarship program with the same goals, administered through another local Vocational School District, or Ohio University.

Passed by the Alliance Board of Education on May 18, 2004



Arthur D. Garnes
Superintendent



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Treasurer