

The John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship Fund

GUIDELINES

HISTORY

The John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008 by James G. Cardillo and is held by the Catholic Community Foundation. Mr. Cardillo specified that *distributions from the Fund be used to help defray the cost of tuition for one year for a student enrolled at St. Peter Chanel High School recommended by the Principal of St. Peter Chanel High School and approved by Mr. Cardillo.* In consideration of the closing of St. Peter Chanel High School in 2013, the Scholarship agreement was amended by Mr. Cardillo, effective for 2014-2015 and subsequent academic years.

PURPOSE

Beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, distributions from The John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship Fund will be used to provide tuition assistance to children of veterans attending Catholic high schools owned by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland (DOHS). Diocesan owned high schools are Cleveland Central Catholic, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Lake Catholic, and Villa Angela-St. Joseph.

The scholarship will be a one-time award without renewal. However, the principals may recommend renewals from time to time which will be approved by Mr. Cardillo and at his discretion.

SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of The John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship will, when possible, amount to a full tuition grant.

CRITERIA

Principals of the Diocesan owned high schools may select a student who:

- Is a JUNIOR or SENIOR enrolled in a Diocesan owned high school for the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Demonstrates FINANCIAL NEED by a completed and filed Smart Aid application.
- Achieves a 3.0 or higher GPA, documented by the student's most recent report card.
- Is INVOLVED in school life and consistently demonstrates positive character traits.
- Completes the Scholarship APPLICATION AND ESSAY. (Essay limited to one page.)

REQUIREMENTS**Principal**

- Provides eligible student with the application materials.
- Collects application and reviews required documentation submitted by the student and family to ensure completion.
- Completes the “For Completion by the Principal” portion of the Scholarship application.
- Submits ALL APPLICATIONS to the Office for Catechetical Formation and Education (OCFE) —Attention: Cindy Williams, Assistant Grants Administrator, by March 15, 2017.

Student

- Student completes the “For Completion by the Student” portion of the Scholarship application.
- Student submits a COPY of the family’s completed Smart Aid form. *Note: Parent should apply online, uploading required tax documents directly to Smart Aid, but submit a COPY of the Smart Aid form (NO TAX DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED) with this application.*
- Student submits a COPY of his/her most current report card.

Parent(s)

- Parent(s) completes the “For Completion by the Parent” portion of the Scholarship application.
- Parent sends the complete package (Application, copy of Smart Aid, copy of report card) to the school PRINCIPAL by March 1, 2017.

OCFE

- OCFE Committee will select winning recipient from among the applications submitted.
- OCFE will submit the winning recipient’s name and related documentation to Mr. Cardillo.
- OCFE will notify family and school of the selected recipient.

SELECTION OF THE PATTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Office of Catechetical Formation and Education will review all nominations and select one student to receive the John L. Patton Scholarship. OCFE will notify Mr. Cardillo of the recipient’s name and give him an account of total participants and their nominating high school.

TIMELINE**March 1, 2017**

Due to Principal from student/parent:

1. Application
2. Essay
3. Copy of Smart Aid application
4. Copy of report card

March 15, 2017

Due to OCFE from Principal:
All applications, essays, Smart Aid forms, and
report cards to:

Attention: Cindy Williams, Asst. Grants Administrator
Office of Catechetical Formation and Education
1404 East 9th Street - 2nd Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

March 21-31, 2017

Review team at OCFE reviews applications, selects recipient
and notifies Mr. Cardillo regarding total number of
applicants and the name of the Scholarship recipient.

May 2017

Family and school notified by mail regarding the
selected recipient of the John L. Patton Scholarship

NOTIFICATION

In May, the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education will send written notification to
the recipient's family and to the respective Catholic school principal.

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APPLICATION FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

***Application is due to Principal by March 1, 2017**

(INCLUDED with this application must be a COPY of your Smart Aid application for 2017-2018 and a COPY of the student's most recent report card.)

FOR COMPLETION BY PARENT:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ Work Phone: _____

Name of Child Applicant: _____

School Now Attending: _____ Grade: ____ City: _____

School to Attend Next Year: _____ Grade: ____ City: _____

In accordance with the guidelines for the John L. Patton Scholarship, I confirm that this student's
(Please check appropriate box below)

Mother currently serves in the military or is a veteran. Branch: _____

Father currently serves in the military or is a veteran. Branch: _____

FOR COMPLETION BY PRINCIPAL:

Scholastic Achievements of the Child/GPA: _____

Optional comment regarding scholastic achievements of this nominee: _____

Tuition charged to this student's family: _____

I nominate this student for the John L. Patton Memorial Scholarship because _____

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principals, please send your completed applications by March 15, 2017 to

Attn: Cindy Williams
Office of Catechetical Formation and Education
1404 East 9th Street, 2nd Floor
Cleveland, OH 44114
Phone 216-696-6525 x2830

BIOGRAPHY OF JACK PATTON

Jack Patton was a 1966 graduate of St. Peter Chanel High School, where he played basketball, ran track and cross country, and was on the student council.

After graduation, and not having enough money to attend college, Jack worked at various jobs including time as an X-Ray technician at Brentwood hospital. In July of 1967, with the draft looming, he decided to join the Army, and enlisted as a combat medic. Upon completion of combat medical school Jack decided he wanted to serve his country with the best and went to Fort Benning, Georgia to become an Airborne Ranger.

On February 18, 1968 Jack arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to Company A 2nd Bn. 2Bde 501st Infantry 101st Airborne Division, the famous Screaming Eagles. The 101st was based at Phu Bai in I Corps., near the DMZ between North and South Vietnam.

During his tour Jack received two Bronze Stars for Valor and two Purple Hearts. He earned his first Bronze Star on April 7, 1968, when he rushed onto the battlefield under intense enemy fire to drag wounded comrades to safety and administer treatment. In this engagement he was grazed by an enemy bullet and received his first Purple Heart. His second Bronze Star was earned on May 13, 1968. He again braved enemy fire, with no thoughts to his own safety, to treat wounded soldiers from three different companies, and had to be treated for exhaustion after the battle.

Jack's tour of duty abruptly ended on June 13, 1968 when on patrol he stepped on a land mine. Incredibly he remained conscious after the explosion and was able to apply two tourniquets, from his medic bag, to his shattered legs, an action which saved his life. All major bones in both legs were broken, and his body was riddled with shrapnel including a piece that had taken out his left eye and lodged in his head. He received his second Purple Heart that day.

Jack was medevac'd to the hospital ship USS Sanctuary where he was initially treated, before being transferred to the 249th General Hospital in Japan. After a week of treatment Jack was flown to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C. where he spent the next year undergoing numerous operations, skin grafts and rehabilitation. On June 13, 1969 he was placed on the Disability Retired List and given an Honorable Discharge from the Army. Exactly one year after being horrendously wounded, he miraculously walked out of Walter Reed Army Hospital and went home.

Jack spent the next few years working and traveling the country with friends. He attended Cleveland State University for one year before taking a job at the Naval Finance Center in Cleveland in 1976. After numerous promotions he applied for, and received, a position with the Naval Board of Corrections at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. in 1980.

While in Washington, he slowly started jogging to build up the strength in his injured legs. Eighteen years after stepping on a land mine and wondering if he would ever walk again Jack entered and finished the Marine Corps Marathon on May 6, 1986. A confirmed bachelor, Jack fell in love and married Kathy Nolan on February 13, 1999 in a small ceremony at his home in Woodbridge, VA. The couple had known each other since high school.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Jack was researching a case at the Naval Annex across from the Pentagon when he heard a deafening noise. The vibration rattled the windows and almost knocked him down. He watched as American Airlines Flight 77 crossed the street, knocking down telephone poles and slammed into the Pentagon, bearing witness to one of the worst terrorist attacks in history. Although shaken, his combat instincts took over and he was soon assisting in rescue operations.

On April 1, 2004 Jack retired from the government and moved back home to Ohio. He was enjoying his retirement with friends and family when he was besieged with a series of medical setbacks; a heart attack, gall bladder operation, and a stroke. In each case he rehabilitated himself, regained his speech and strength and got back on his feet.

On December 20, 2006 Jack told his wife that he could not move his legs. He was life lighted to University Hospital and went into a coma. Two days later the doctors told his family that he was brain dead. Surrounded by family and friends, Jack was taken off life support and died peacefully.

Jack was entitled to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, but had chosen instead a plot in a small country cemetery near his home. The local VFW provided a 21 gun salute and two active military personnel presented the flag that covered his coffin to his wife with the thanks of a grateful nation. His duty to his country fulfilled his honor and bravery unquestioned; he was laid to rest at Slytor Cemetery in Burton, Ohio on December 28, 2006. An American hero who represented the best of a generation and will always be remembered in the *hearts and minds* of those he touched throughout his life.