



John S. Williams, Jr. Memorial Scholarship



A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a better place. It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years. A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure. ~Author Unknown

John Williams grew up in the Spring Valley area and was a proud graduate of Spring Valley High School - Class of 1950- where he participated in sports, Boys State, and school productions. While in high school, his mother was quite ill and he was responsible for helping care for his younger siblings while she was away receiving treatment for her illness. Following graduation, he completed an apprenticeship in welding and had a successful career as a welder until starting his own small business, working part-time out of his home in 1969- John Williams Plumbing. Eventually, he and his wife along with their children expanded the business to include heating and air conditioning services. They renamed the business Williams & Sons Contractors, Inc. and moved into a showroom on Main Street in Xenia- October 1984. For several years, he worked alongside his wife, all of his children, and some of his grandchildren in the local, family business. John also owned several rental properties in Xenia. He was a well respected entrepreneur and landlord. John was a member of the Plumber & Steamfitter Union.

John Williams was an avid golfer and he enjoyed coaching softball. He had a gift of writing poetry and shared many of his personal thoughts through prose. John loved his God, the Church, and taking trips to various mission fields in Belize, Guatemala, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Swaziland, and the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. John loved his family, his community, and his tenants. He was the sweetest, most selfless man.

This scholarship was established by his family as a way to honor John's service to God, family, and community and to encourage others to pursue their own dreams. Local students from the Greene County Career Center and Xenia High School wishing to develop a trade are invited to apply for this scholarship.

This application is for a one-time \$500 scholarship sponsored by family and friends of John S. Williams, Jr.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- *Applicant must be a graduating senior from the Greene County Career Center or Xenia High School.
- *Applicant must have fulfilled all of the graduation requirements for the State of Ohio.
- *Applicant must submit this Google form by April 1, 2022 as well as a current High School Transcript (does not need to be stamped) and a letter of recommendation from a current or past teacher to the Greene County Career Center or Xenia High School Guidance Office or via email to donnashaw528@gmail.com
- *Applicant can be pursuing any degree or trade school certification.

Evaluation Process

- *Selection will be based on the following criteria: Participation, Achievement, Responsibility, Knowledge
- *The recipient will be notified at Senior Awards Ceremonies.
- *If you have any questions concerning the scholarship, please contact Donna Shaw at donnashaw528@gmail.com

Online applications may be submitted here- <https://forms.gle/mCMt6Cc36hVP6i5i7>