



John W. Austin Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Dear Guidance Counselor,

Like many professions in the state of Maine, the trucking industry continues to be blessed with talented and energetic leaders that shape the future of our essential industry. One such leader, John Austin, passed away unexpectedly in January of 2011 but not before he left his mark on countless individuals and businesses.

In the time since, there has been an outpouring of support to recognize John's huge impact on the trucking industry and the Maine Motor Transport Association. His generosity with his time and resources set him apart and, in keeping with John's compassion and kindness towards others, the MMTA re-named our scholarship fund in his honor.

The **John W. Austin Memorial Scholarship Fund** has grown over the years and now awards up to nine recipients a one-time scholarship for \$2,500 each. The qualifications for a candidate to be considered for one of the nine scholarships include:

- Candidates must be a graduating high school senior seeking higher education or technical training. Selection preference will be given to those pursuing opportunities in areas directly relevant to the motor transportation industry.
- Candidates must provide high school transcripts along with application.
- Candidates must submit an informal narrative answering the following questions:
 - What are your career objectives and how will this training help meet those goals?
 - How did you become interested in the career you selected?
 - Describe how your prospective education is tied to the trucking industry and why it is important?
- Candidates must submit two letters of recommendation from non-family sources, such as a teacher, counselor, supervisor or local trucking company.
- Scholarships are for one year only.
- Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion.
- Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, community involvement, and information included in the application submission.
- If selected to receive a scholarship, individuals must provide their first semester transcripts and proof of enrollment in the second semester prior to March 1st in order for the scholarship to be paid.

A committee will meet after the May 1st application submission deadline to select recipients. All efforts will be made to notify applicants prior to their graduation ceremonies.

For more information and to fill out an online application, visit us at www.mmta.com/jwa.

We thank you for your interest in the John W. Austin Memorial Scholarship Fund. We can't think of a better way to honor the memory of our good friend John Austin than being able to deliver educational opportunities to kids who might not otherwise be able to afford it.

Sincerely,

Brian Parke
MMTA President and CEO