



Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Vocational Scholarship



John Dalhaus had no intention of enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He wanted to go to Ranken Technical College. However as his senior year neared at Litchfield High School, he realized there weren't scholarships for students wanting to attend a vocational school. Instead, he joined the Marines in the summer of 1985 on a delayed program, and upon graduation in 1986 he left for boot camp.

Dalhaus never had a chance to go to vocational school, as he died following a traffic accident in 1990 while serving in support of "Operation Desert Shield." In his memory, his mother Judy Keith Dalhaus, in consultation with his sister Lynda Preston, established this scholarship in his honor.

Criteria

- Graduating high school student from Litchfield High School or a high school in Montgomery and Macoupin Counties, participating in programs through the South-Central Illinois Regional Training and Innovation Center, and **pursuing a post-secondary degree in a vocational field**
- Have a 2.5 or above grade point average
- Has been involved with charitable community service and extracurricular school activities. Community activities and non-sports extracurricular school activities shall be given more consideration than sports activities
- Demonstrates financial need, through documentation requested by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. This criteria is to be used only when all else is equal, including an essay outlining their desire.
- Intends to attend school as a full-time student in the coming fall at an accredited community college, four-year college/university or vocational/technical school

Provisions

- Recommendation from one of applicant's teachers and from a member of the community who is not a teacher
- Must provide a copy of acceptance for the college the applicant plans to attend
- Must provide transcripts

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Application deadline: March 1, 2025

