

The James E. Waters Memorial Scholarship

Career education is paramount for the success of young men and women wanting to prepare to work as a technician in a variety of trades or crafts. Richies Body Shop, LLC of Shelby, NC, working with Cleveland County Schools Educational Foundation and the Career Technical Education Program, is committed to recognizing and supporting future technicians and leaders that thrive in these programs and embody promising potential for the future.



The **James E. Waters Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2019 as a tribute to the life and memory of Jim Waters. A native of North Carolina he was an Auto Body Repair Technician for nearly 40 years. Jim was a U.S. Army Veteran, National Guard member for 15 years and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and employee. Found in Jim's legacy are the qualities promoted by this scholarship. As a general guide, recipients have demonstrated an understanding of excellence as a function of persistence and hard work which exemplifies the concept of success, the same characteristics exemplified by Jim Waters. Distributions are

awarded annually to a North Carolina student in support of his or her efforts to pursue a given aspiration in a technical trade.

Scholarship Program Description and Qualifications

Each school year the Educational Foundation, with the support of Richies Body Shop and the Career and Technical Education Department, will offer a minimum of two scholarships to graduating North Carolina seniors. The scholarships will be a minimum of \$500 each, up to a combined \$1,000 for any one student selected.

- The scholarship(s) will be available for students to use who are enrolled in an accredited technical, vocational or career education program for the cost of tuition, supplies and/or equipment needed in pursuit of the certification.
- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the accredited institution that the student is enrolled upon proper notification.
- Eligible students should plan to enter a post-graduate program in manufacturing, welding, machining, electronics, construction, mechanical trades, or other technical programs.
- Students who have completed CTE or a member of the CTE Honor Society will be given preference.
- If there are no eligible scholarship applicants available, the funds will be rolled into the next year.

Award Process

All CTE students are eligible for the scholarships who have met the requirements stated in the above section. The James E. Waters Memorial Scholarship is primarily funded by Richies Body Shop, LLC and administered by the staff of Richies Body Shop, Richard Kinmon and Jim Crowell representing.