

# JOHN A. CAVANAGH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## ***2026 Rules and Application***

### **The Scholarship Fund**

In 2001, the Contractors' Association of Greater New York, Inc. (CAGNY) created a college scholarship fund to enhance educational opportunities for tomorrow's construction industry leaders. The fund was named the John A. Cavanagh Scholarship Fund (the JAC Scholarship Fund or the Fund) in honor of John A. Cavanagh, a founding member of CAGNY, its past Chairman for over 20 years, and a Chairman Emeritus. Sadly, John passed away in 2012; a great loss for CAGNY and the New York City construction industry at large that is still felt today.

Each year, the Fund presents a scholarship award to several worthy high school seniors, nine of whom this year shall be children of persons employed by an eligible CAGNY member company. (Eligible CAGNY member companies are those which have been a member of CAGNY for at least six months.)

### **The Scholarship Awards**

Each of the nine scholarship awards shall be in the amount of \$3,000 per year, for up to four years of undergraduate-level study. Recipients may attend any accredited two or four-year college, university, or approved trade school.

Application packets must be received by the Contractors' Association of Greater New York to: 810 Seventh Avenue, 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10019, or via email to: [zanichelli@kmm.com](mailto:zanichelli@kmm.com), Attn: Dawn Zanichelli (best method), or via fax (212-954-5197), by no later than April 17, 2026.

A selection committee will evaluate applications between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>. The following criteria shall be utilized in making each award: financial need, high school academic record, extracurricular activities, honors and awards, and school recommendations. In the event that the Committee is presented with several well-deserving

applicants, it may request to meet with those applicants for a personal interview. The Committee shall announce its selection in or about the last week of April 2026. Students must remain in good academic standing at the undergraduate-level institution to continue to receive the award throughout the four-year period.

## **Honorable Mentions**

In 2004, the JAC Scholarship Fund added the category of "Honorable Mention" to its CAGNY Family Scholarship program. Nine Honorable Mentions shall be awarded to recipients of eligible members, all of whom are deemed by the Selection Committee as academically worthy of this award. Each student shall receive a one-time \$1,500 college stipend award payable to the student.

## **Eligibility**

### ***CAGNY Family Scholarship Award***

To qualify for the CAGNY Family Scholarship Award, the applicant must be the child (whether adopted or natural) of a person who is an employee of one of this year's eligible member companies: Cauldwell Wingate Company; Hunter Roberts Construction Group; LF Driscoll Healthcare, Liberty Construction, Pavarini McGovern; Plaza Construction LLC; Riggs Construction, Suffolk Construction, and Turner Construction Company. The applicant must be a secondary school senior who will graduate during the current year and who will be admitted to an accredited two or four-year college, university or trade school in the 2026-2027 academic year.

## **The Selection Committee**

Each eligible Member shall select one management-level employee and one alternate to serve as a Selection Committee member. Each eligible member shall be granted one vote towards the selection process.

## **Payment of Scholarship and Honorable Mention Awards**

Each scholarship award and honorable mention award will become effective when the student is enrolled in the undergraduate-level school to which they have been admitted; they shall be paid directly to the recipient upon presentation to the Fund of proof of enrollment.

## **Scholarship for Successive Years**

A scholarship recipient who maintains satisfactory progress towards their undergraduate-level degree or certification shall receive their yearly scholarship award in each of the succeeding three years of their enrollment in the undergraduate-level school. The award shall be paid directly to the recipient upon presentation to the Fund of proof of enrollment for that successive academic year and proof of academic good standing (see below), but in no event earlier than May 15<sup>th</sup> preceding that academic year.

Satisfactory progress shall be judged by whether the scholarship recipient remains in "academic good standing" by standards set by the undergraduate-level school. For proof of academic good standing, a scholarship recipient must submit to the Fund either their school transcript or a letter from an appropriate school official that the recipient remains in academic good standing.

In the event that the scholarship recipient is not in academic good standing at the time that a scholarship award payment becomes due (for example, the student has been placed on "academic probation" or similar status), the scholarship payment shall be withheld until such time as the recipient regains academic good standing. In the event that the scholarship recipient fails to regain academic good standing by the conclusion of the second full semester after being placed on academic probation or similar status, the scholarship recipient shall forfeit future scholarship payments.

Unless the Committee determines that a special circumstance exists, a scholarship recipient who withdraws from their undergraduate-level school for more than one semester will thereby forfeit their future scholarship payments.

With respect to the Family Scholarship Award, if the scholarship recipient's parent does not remain in the employ of the eligible member company through which the scholarship award was originally received, the Committee shall have the discretion to continue or discontinue the recipient's award in successive years.

## **Application Procedure**

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Your application packet **MUST** contain the following:

- 1) A completed JAC Scholarship Application Form attached hereto;
- 2) Your high school transcript through the first seven semesters of your high school attendance (student can submit their most recent transcript);
- 3) A written recommendation from your high school principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor or teacher (can be emailed separately by teacher, counselor, etc. or submitted along with student's application);
- 4) A personal statement (not to exceed two (2) typed pages) that discusses any topic that will enhance the Committee's assessment of your application, including the reason(s) for which you seek this scholarship, your interest in pursuing a career of your choice, or any special life circumstances that the Committee should consider; and
- 5) The official report of your SAT or ACT scores or, if an official report is not available, a printed copy will be accepted as long as the student's name is printed on the form (the name cannot be handwritten onto the form); it can be a screenshot as long as the student's name is printed within the screenshot; or a brief statement (typewritten or legibly written in pen) if the student was exempt from taking the SAT or ACT test due to other circumstances.

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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

(Please type or print neatly)

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APPLICANT'S NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

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ADDRESS Street Apt# City State Zip Code

(  ) TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

(  ) CELLPHONE NUMBER PRINCIPAL'S NAME

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HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING DATE OF GRADUATION

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ADDRESS Street City State Zip Code

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CAGNY COMPANY THAT EMPLOYS PARENT PARENT'S NAME

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(For CAGNY purposes only - information will be kept confidential even from the Committee)

AMOUNT OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID (OTHER THAN LOANS) YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM ANY SOURCE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Please list all major student activities in which you have engaged (and offices held, if any) while attending high school: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2) Please list any honors or award you received while attending high school: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(3) High School Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Class Rank (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Name and address of college/university/trade school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

(5) What course of study do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The JAC Scholarship Award is an equal opportunity not-for-profit scholarship fund. The decision to grant an award will not be based on any characteristic protected by law, including race, color, age, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender orientation, or citizenship status.

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