

Justin Drljaca Automation and Trade Scholarship

Scholarship History:

In 2018 I decided to start the Justin Drljaca Automation and Trade Scholarship. My main goal is to help students of my Alma Matter pursue a higher education. Upon graduating from PHS in 1996 I went on to earn a degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After college I began a career in finance. Unfortunately, like many others I was not immune to the most recent economic recession. The turmoil of the financial world led to me losing everything including my business. I decided it was time to explore new career opportunities that were better suited to weather future economic downturns. A nine-month long journey led me to manufacturing automation. Automation is a fantastic career path for those that choose to pursue it. It has been a blessing for myself and my family. I am still close with many friends from PHS of which numerous went into the trades. Automation as well as the trades are continuously seeking talent and provide a great opportunity for growth and income stability. My goal with this scholarship is to not only help someone pursue their dreams but to help guide them in a career choice that will lead to prosperity. I will personally make myself available to each recipient for advice and mentoring.

Scholarship Description:

-One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Phillips High School in the amount of \$2,500. Any graduating senior who attends an accredited college, university, or technical school seeking a degree in automation or pursuing a trade (electrician, plumber, HVAC, lineman, etc) is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

-The awarded recipient will receive \$1,250 per year for a period of two years. The first installment will be paid at the beginning of the second semester of the first year of enrollment. The second installment at the beginning of the second year of enrollment.

-To be eligible student must be enrolled as a full-time student seeking at least 12 credits per semester.

Application/Selection Requirements:

-Complete the following information. Complete list of extracurricular activities, and employment experience.

-Attach a typed essay, no more than 750 words in double spaced format highlighting the following: Chosen career path, why you choose this career, your life goals, how you feel this career will help you attain those goals, and why this scholarship is important to you.

-Provide a copy of his/her high school transcripts. (GPA will not discredit you from being awarded this scholarship)

-Provide a copy of his/her ACT results.

-Return complete application to the Guidance Office on or before _____

