

Applicants Sought for 2020 Mel Douglass Scholarships

Edgewood's own Mel Douglass Scholarships, available to our high school seniors for outstanding volunteer service, will be awarded again this spring. One senior from Edgewood will win the Mel Douglass Scholarship. The value of this scholarship is \$10,000. Several \$1,000 honorable mention scholarships will also likely be presented. This unique scholarship program, exclusive to Edgewood, is a tradition that helps make our Borough a special place.

The program's goal is to honor and sustain the considerable legacy of Mel Douglass while benefitting Edgewood students. Mel grew up here, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1970 and the University of Pittsburgh. He married his high school sweetheart, raised two wonderful children, and established a successful career in business. Before he passed in a 1994 airplane accident, Mel served Edgewood in multiple leadership roles ranging from volunteer fireman to Little League coach to church deacon. Mel will always be remembered for the wide circle of lives he enriched with his larger-than-life personality, his unquenchable spirit, and his deep commitment to community service.

The Mel Douglass Fund has awarded multiple scholarships every year since 2008. During that time, Edgewood students have earned twelve Mel Douglass Scholarships and fifty honorable mention scholarships. Jenna Hebert, one of our 2012 winners, was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2016. Many other scholarship recipients have graduated from college and are leading successful lives and continuing to serve others.

The 2020 scholarships will be announced and presented at the annual Edgewood Foundation Senior Brunch on May 17. All college-bound seniors living in Edgewood are eligible and encouraged to apply. To apply for a scholarship, please send the following information by April 18 to Dallas Frey at 193 West Hutchinson Avenue, Edgewood PA, 15218 or to freydk@gmail.com:

- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Your high school plus the college or university you plan to attend.
- A summary of your volunteer community service achievements and your perspective on why you should be considered for a Mel Douglass Scholarship (please target 200 to 600 words). Your community service does not need to take place in Edgewood.
- The names and telephone numbers of two references who can verify at least some of your community service experience.

Please do not miss the opportunity to apply. You can also find an application form at meldouglassfund.org. If you have questions, please contact Dallas Frey at (412) 371-0278 or freydk@gmail.com.