

The Thomas G. Cantine, Jr. W2TQF Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established after the untimely death of Thomas G. Cantine Jr, who was an active amateur radio operator for over 50 years. Obtaining his license at the age of 13 in 1957, Tom held the call sign: W2TQF. Tom's hobby of amateur radio led to a career as a sales engineer and engineering consultant. Tom taught amateur radio classes, was a volunteer examiner, active in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) and was a charter member of the Fulton Amateur Radio Club and served as the president of the radio club for several terms. This scholarship has been set up in memory of Tom and his passion for amateur radio.

The purpose of amateur (ham) radio is to foster the art of wireless communications, and to encourage goodwill, cooperation, education, and emergency preparedness among licensees at local, national, and global levels. Licensed amateurs agree to abide by license class rules outlined by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) after passing a written examination. A wide variety of activities and interests are available to the amateur radio operator. The Fulton Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1957, offers forums for discussion of relevant topics, instructions for amateur licensing, FCC license testing, and training for volunteer operators who provide wireless communications during special community events and emergencies.

This annual college scholarship, in the amount of \$500, may be awarded to one or more licensed amateur radio operator(s) in the following New York state counties: Oswego, Onondaga, Cayuga and Jefferson. Competition is open to undergraduate students pursuing a career in electronics, engineering, communications, broadcasting, computer science, medical, or business-related fields. Selection is based on significant prior involvement in amateur radio, evidence of outstanding leadership and community service. The student must meet and fulfill the requirements listed below.

The \$500 award will be paid in full to the student after successful completion of one full semester with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. The selection committee will comprise of members of the Fulton Amateur Radio Club and members of the Cantine family. The Cantine family will have final authority on dispersing the award.

Requirements are:

1. The applicant must hold an active amateur radio license (any class). Proof of license is required; a copy must be enclosed with the application.
2. The applicant must live in one of the following Central New York counties: Oswego, Onondaga, Cayuga or Jefferson. Copy of license will verify address of applicant.
3. The applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or technical school. The applicant may be a graduating high school senior or a current undergraduate college student.
4. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in electronics, engineering, communications, broadcasting, computer science, medical, or business-related field.
5. The applicant must submit a completed scholarship application and include at least two (2) letters of recommendation from any combination of the following: employer, teacher, clergy, neighbor, or friend. Persons serving as references cannot be related to the applicant.
6. The completed application must be received by May 2, 2014.

All scholarship information should be sent to:

The Thomas Cantine Jr W2TQF Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 496, Fulton, New York 13069

Scholarship questions to Pamela Cantine: pcantine@gmail.com or phone 315-592-9305.

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1. Personal data:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____
Birth Date (mm/dd/yy): _____ Email: _____
Home Address: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____ Month/Year First Licensed: _____

2. Copy of current amateur radio license is attached with this application ☐ Yes

3. Scholastic profile:

High School: _____
Current high school GPA, if applicable: _____
- OR -
College/University you currently attend: _____
Current college GPA, if applicable: _____

4. List any student honors, awards, distinctions or other scholarships and date received:

Why have you applied for this particular scholarship?

How did you find out about the Thomas G. Cantine W2TQF Memorial Scholarship?

5. Community and extracurricular activities:

List all community, extracurricular or volunteer activities during last four years. Include dates and/or period of the activity. Include any leadership positions held and dates:

6. Amateur radio activities:

List all amateur radio related organizations with which you are or have been associated during the past four (4) years. Include dates and any leadership positions held and dates:

Are you or any other member of your household a member of the ARRL? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe your current amateur radio activities, preferences, modes, and bands:

What role has amateur radio played in your life? (attach additional pages if necessary):

7. Field of study and career intentions:

Major field of study: _____

Career intentions: _____

Please explain why you have made these choices (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

8. College or university to which you have been accepted:

Name: _____

Address: _____

9. Your current employment (enter None, if applicable):

Employer: _____

Type of work: _____

Date started: _____ Number of Hours per Week: _____

10. References:

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Testimony and signature:

I hereby certify that all information on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I authorize the Fulton Amateur Radio Club to use my name/photo in media releases.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Checklist:

Completed and signed application

Copy of amateur radio license

Letters of recommendation

Additional pages (if necessary)

Send completed application to:

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The Fulton Amateur Radio Club would like to thank you for applying for the Thomas G. Cantine Jr W2TQF Memorial Scholarship. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by June 13, 2014.