



## HEMPFIELD FOUNDATION

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# The George Rakoczy Memorial Scholarship for Graduating Entrepreneurs

**Scholarship Purpose:** The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the memory of George Rakoczy by providing financial support to a graduating Hempfield student with an entrepreneurial spirit who is pursuing postsecondary education or training other than a four-year college degree.

**About George Rakoczy:** George Rakoczy was an owner and CEO of Warfel Construction in Lancaster.

Despite being born in communist Hungary, George never allowed the communist perspective to quash his entrepreneurial spirit. In 1956, during the Hungarian Uprising, he bravely fled his homeland to begin a new life in the United States. He got his first job in construction after serving in the United States Army and while studying civil engineering. George was incredibly appreciative of the freedoms and opportunities found in this country, and he was always determined to succeed. George passed away in 1995.

**Annual Scholarship Amount to be awarded:** \$5,000

**Key Recipient Criteria:** The scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating Hempfield High School senior pursuing postsecondary education or training other than a four-year college degree. Consideration of financial need (as indicated by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/EFC#) will be taken into account. In addition, the recipient must:

- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average
- Have a strong portfolio of elective classes taught by the Technology and Engineering and/or Business, Computer and Information Technology Departments
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a work, internship, or co-op supervisor
- Demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit through a short written essay (500 words or less) or video (two minutes or less)
- Provide a screenshot or any other proof of the applicant's FAFSA score/SAI#

**Use of the Scholarship:** The scholarship may be used for tuition/credit fees, books/materials, computers/technology, room and board or any other costs directly related to the recipient's course of education or training.

**The completed application for this scholarship along with any attachments must be emailed as a SINGLE PDF to the Hempfield Foundation at [hempfieldfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:hempfieldfoundation@gmail.com) by March 27, 2026. If you choose to do the optional video, please include a link/attachment when you submit your PDF.**



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Application**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Postsecondary Education Institution Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Course of education/training being pursued: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Elective classes (CTC, Technology and Engineering, Business, Computer and Information Technology) completed/will be completed in grades 9 through 12 (you may write them below or attach a list):

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4. In 500 words or less, explain how your entrepreneurial spirit has led you to choose the school and/or pursue the course of study identified above. (NOTE: You may also do a two-minute or less video answering this question)

5. Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

6. FAFSA Score/SAI#: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a screenshot, or any other verifying documentation of your score/#. NOTE: You may also include a brief narrative (100 words or less) detailing your financial need)

7. Please include a letter of recommendation from a work, internship or co-op supervisor

***The above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If needed, I agree to provide transcripts upon request.***

**Applicant's Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_