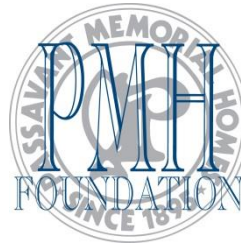


2016—2017

The Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship

Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation



Student Packet Includes:

- History and Background of the Award
- Eligibility and Application Process
- Essay Discussion Questions
- Application (5 Pages)

Application Deadline: April 21, 2017 by 4:00PM.

Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation
JAMIE ELLENBERGER SCHOLARSHIP
History and Background



The Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship was established in honor of a young man who clearly demonstrated the achievements that are possible for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Jamie successfully transitioned from living at home to becoming a member of his new residential community. During the time he resided in the Passavant Memorial Homes community residential program (1990—1997), Jamie was an active and contributing member, both in community-based activities and in Passavant’s vocational training program. His untimely death in 1997 saddened all who knew him, but through the establishment of the Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship Award, he will be remembered as a unique individual who lived a fulfilling and productive life with the advocacy and support of his community.

The scholarship fund in honor of Jamie was created in 1997. It was established to encourage local students to pursue post high school education, as well as a means to establish communication links between area youth and individuals with disabilities that will encourage continuing acceptance and friendships.

Passavant Memorial Homes is a non-profit service organization that provides residential living and vocational training supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is Passavant’s objective that these individuals become viable community members, actively participating in both employment and recreational activities. Throughout this transitional process, area school districts, as well as the local communities, have demonstrated outstanding support and concern for individuals with disabilities. These partnerships have been and will continue to be instrumental in helping Passavant attain its goal, assisting individuals with disabilities to live in the community as independently and productively as possible.

The Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship Committee will determine the amount and number of scholarships to be awarded to students from participating school districts. Awards will be sent directly to an accredited post high school education program in the student’s name.

It is the mission of Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation to support Passavant Memorial Homes and Subsidiaries’ commitment to provide the highest quality supports to enrich the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a comprehensive development function. Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation upholds the contention that all people have the right to lead full, productive and independent lives. The Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation is a public charity under section 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also classified as an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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 Eligibility and Application Process

✓ Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- The candidate must be graduating high school in 2017, and in good academic standing, as verified by the signature of their guidance counselor or principal.
- The candidate must be qualified and planning to attend an accredited two or four—year post high school education program.
- The candidate must complete the application form and have it signed by their guidance counselor or principal.
- The candidate must complete an essay in response to the Essay Discussion Question that is included in this packet.

If requested, the candidate must participate in an interview with the Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation’s Scholarship Review Committee.

Application Submission Timetable	
February 2, 2017	Applications distributed to the guidance offices of the identified school districts.
April 21, 2017	Application deadline: All applications must be received by 4:00 PM in order to be considered for scholarship funds.
May 5, 2017	Review of all applications by the Scholarship Review Committee completed.
May 12, 2017	Selection of scholarship recipients. Award recipients will be contacted.
TBD	Awards luncheon at the Passavant Memorial Homes Corporate Office (Warrendale, PA) for all scholarship recipients. Each student will receive a certificate of accomplishment along with a \$1,000 scholarship made out to the school/college of their choice.

✓ Criteria for the Selection of Winning Candidates

- School Activities and/or Sports Involvement (10 Points)
- Community Service and/or Volunteer Activities (10 Points)
- Academic Honors and Additional Awards (10 Points)
- 300—500 word essay in response to the Essay Discussion Question (20 Points)
- Three Letter References: Academic, Professional, Character (3 Points)

Total Possible Points: 53 Points

✓ Candidates must submit the following materials by April 21, 2017 for eligibility:

- Completed application (Sections 1—6)
- Please be sure the application is signed by a guidance counselor or principal (unsigned applications will not be considered).
- Include reference letters/narratives from the three (3) references identified on the application.
- A typed essay responding to the Essay Discussion Question.

✓ All application materials should be submitted to:

Jamie Ellenberger Scholarship Committee
Attention: Colleen Perry
Passavant Memorial Homes Foundation
163 Thorn Hill Road
Warrendale, PA 15086

OR

Scanned & Emailed to: cperry@passavant.org

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW CAREFULLY

- ✓ **Mail:** All applications that are mailed should be printed one-sided, not stapled and not placed into a binder or folder.
- ✓ **Email:** All applications that are sent via email should be sent in ONE document in a PDF format.
- ✓ **Reference Letters:** Please do not mail or email your reference letters separately; rather, please mail or email with your application materials.

Thank you very kindly in advance!

Essay Discussion Question

Please choose only one of the following questions as the focus of your writing. The essay should be no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words:

- A. If you were Mayor of your town, what policies, projects, and/or ideas would you put in place to help support your community members with disabilities?

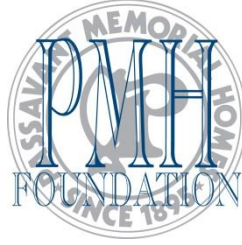
OR

- B. Technology can open doors or break down barriers for children, youth and adults from the classroom to the workplace. For example, an iPad has allowed individuals to communicate with others while seamlessly participating within their community. What future innovations or ideas would you develop to benefit and/or support persons with disabilities?

OR

- C. How will your future education and career path impact and support persons with disabilities?

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Applicant must be a graduating High School Senior in the 2016—2017 school year, who will be attending an accredited two or four—year post high school education program.

1. Please clearly print or type the information requested below:

Name:		
Address:		
Telephone (Home):	(Cell):	
High School:		
QPA:	Class Rank:	Class Size:

2. Please clearly print or type the information requested below:

School/College Attending:
Financial Aid Office Address (Of School/College Attending):
Field of Study:

4. Guidance Counselor/Principal Signature:

Print Name and Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. Please attach the 300—500 word response to the **Essay Discussion Question** (20 Points)

6. Please clearly print or type three references and attach their respective reference letters to your application. **Must have all three references.** (3 Points)

Academic

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Professional

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Character

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Application Deadline: April 21, 2017

✓ Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact:

- Colleen Perry: (412) 820—1015 ext. 521
- cperry@passavant.org

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