



## KAMC 'Past Presidents \$CHOLAR\$HIP' 2025/2026 School Year Policies and Procedures

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 13, 2025**

### **Background**

Originally 'The Good Life' scholarship program was in honor and memory of Mark Barsotti, longtime owner/operator of Vendfresh Food Service. Mark was a visionary and industry leader, an active member, avid supporter and honored board member of the Kentucky Automatic Merchandising Council (KAMC). The KAMC board established this scholarship for the KAMC members, member companies and their families to advance education opportunities for college age students and adults continuing their education.

*The day Mark died, he looked clearly into the eyes of his friends and loved ones and said, "I've had a good life." Living a good life defined the very essence of Mark Barsotti.*  
*Mary Ellen Barsotti*

In 2025 the KAMC Board voted to change the name of the Scholarship Program to "The Past Presidents Scholarship Program" to honor not only Mark Barsotti, but the many other dedicated leaders of the KAMC and to honor Jim Jordan and Gary Elliot, both past presidents who passed away in 2024.

KAMC has developed a scholarship fund of up to \$5000, to be awarded for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be up to five (5) Scholarships awarded based on the essays submitted.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- ❖ Previous scholarship winners ARE eligible to apply for the 2025/2026 scholarship.
- ❖ Applicant must be someone employed or the immediate family member of an employee of a KAMC member company.
- ❖ The company must be a KAMC member in good standing for the current and past two consecutive years.
- ❖ The applicant must be a full-time student accepted or currently enrolled in a two-or four-year undergraduate or graduate college degree program; or accepted, currently enrolled in a vocational or trade school; or an adult enrolled in a continuing education program in a Kentucky college, or NAMA education program.
- ❖ Each scholarship applicant must submit an essay and in 500 words or less describe how Covid changed your life.
- ❖ Application submission dates: March 10, 2025 – June 13, 2025
- ❖ **Any applications postmarked or submitted after June 13, 2025 will not be eligible for a scholarship.**
- ❖ All eligible applicant essays will be blindly reviewed by an independent and unbiased selection committee.
- ❖ Scholarship awards are limited to 2 per company depending upon the number of applications received.
- ❖ The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the Annual Meeting in July 2025, - recipients need not be present to win.



❖ The awarded scholarship(s) will be made in one payment payable to the recipient's school Bursar's office or NAMA.

**Please mail applications to: KAMC  
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