

Indian Prairie Educational Foundation- IPEF-Sgt. Caruso Scholarship Application

Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements

Indian Prairie Educational Foundation (IPEF): The Indian Prairie Educational will award the Sgt. David Mitchell Caruso USMC Freedom Award Scholarship again this year to one senior in District 204. This scholarship will be awarded in honor of Sgt. David Mitchell Caruso, who was killed in action on November 9, 2004 in Fallujah, Iraq. David was a lifelong Naperville resident and a 1998 graduate of Waubonsie Valley High School. David always lived life to the fullest and rose to every challenge. His life was full of adventure, courage, perseverance and service to others. During high school, David was a member of the National Honor Society and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with three additional palms. In 1999, David joined the Marines. In the Marines, David went on to graduate from USMC Amphibious Reconnaissance School, Army Ranger School, Jump School and Free-Fall School and ultimately became an Elite Force Recon Marine.

This scholarship will be awarded to one senior at Waubonsie Valley, Metea Valley or Neuqua Valley this year. Applicants will be judged based on characteristics, which personify David's legacy including their leadership qualities, history of service to the community and their personal drive for achievement.

Monetary awards will be given to students who have been accepted to any accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. They will be one-time awards and are not renewable. The scholarship is paid to the accredited college, university or vocational/technical school at which the student is enrolled in the fall following the award announcement. Proof of enrollment is required. Winners will be announced at the annual Senior Awards Assembly. The monetary award will be given after school acceptance and registration have been verified by the organization.

Scholarship Instructions

The following materials are required for the IPEF Sgt. Caruso scholarship application:

- I. The application form including:
 - A. An essay no more than 2 pages on the provided prompt
 - B. Two signed letters of recommendation
(At least one must come from a WVHS certified staff member)
- II. An official, seventh semester transcript
 - A. Financial need is not a consideration for these scholarships

DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2023!!!

IPEF Sgt. Caruso Scholarship Application---Please TYPE or use black ink.

I. PERSONAL DATA:

Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

II. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA:

7th Semester Class Rank: _____

7th Semester Cumulative GPA: _____

ACT Composite: _____ SAT Combined: _____

III. EXTRA-CURRICULAR DATA (High School Years)

Provide the following information. For Additional space, use the reverse side. You can also attach a resume.

Honors and Awards (national, state, local, academic, sports)

School Activities: List all clubs, teams, organizations and other activities. Include type of activity and length of involvement.

IV. POST SECONDARY PLANS

College, university or vocational/technical school where you plan to enroll: _____

Location: _____

Have you applied for admission? _____ YES _____ NO

Have you received your letter of acceptance? _____ YES _____ NO

Program of study in which you are interested in: _____

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Obtain two signed letters on your behalf. At least one must come from a NVHS certified staff member. Please include the letters in your application packet.

VI. ADDITIONAL DATA

A. Employment Information

Employer

Job Description

Dates/Years

B. Please include any other additional information you wish to provide in reference to your qualifications and/or need for this scholarship.

VII. STUDENT STATEMENT- Essay

Write an essay (no more than 2 pages) answering the following question, “What does freedom mean to me?”

I hereby affirm that I have prepared this application in its entirety and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: *The applicant is responsible for providing copies of the completed application for the scholarship he/she is applying for. A complete packet should be turned in.*

1. Completed application form.
2. Essay on provided prompt.
3. An official seventh semester transcript.
4. Two signed letters of recommendation (at least one from a certified staff member at your high school).

Mail application, essay and supporting materials **by March 20th** to:
Joe and Gloria Caruso 30 W 357 Bruce Lane, Naperville, IL 60563
If you have questions, please e-mail Dave Pojman at d.pojman@att.net

Applications will also be accepted in the Waubonsie Valley main office if submitted by March 20, 2023. Please submitted completed applications to Mr. VanKampen or Mrs. Collins.