

# John G. Blakesley

## Mathematical Excellence Scholarship for High School Seniors



### About John G. Blakesley

John G. Blakesley was born in Goshen, Indiana on February 26, 1931 to Wayne and Thelma Blakesley and was raised in Syracuse, Indiana. Once old enough to work, he worked at a restaurant owned by his parents in Syracuse. He attended New Paris High School as a freshman, and won math awards while attending school there. John then moved to Ft. Wayne and graduated from Ft. Wayne Central High School in 1949, where he again won numerous awards in mathematics.

John graduated from Yale University in 1954, majoring in economics and political science. Most of his professional career was working for the J.C. Penney Company starting in the Chesapeake Bay area and Los Angeles. He later moved to New York and Brussels, Belgium where he was a Systems Consultant for the company.

While in New York, John had several sail boats and sailed Long Island Sound. He sailed many years before deciding to go on group trips with Elderhostel when he retired. John then returned to New Haven, Connecticut to become a docent for the Yale Center for British Arts, working with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

Deciding to finally settle in a new area, he chose Baltimore, Maryland in 2007. It was there that John passed away on April 30, 2011.

My Uncle John valued education, and he worked very hard to pay his way through college. The education he received help pave the way to enjoy the many things he was lucky to do in life. He wanted to make sure others had the same opportunity. Because of this, he asked me, his niece, to create two scholarship funds for the youth in the Elkhart County area. He chose Elkhart County because this is where I went to school, and I have chosen the Community Foundation of Elkhart County to implement this wonderful gift.

It is a great honor to personally be involved in my Uncle John's legacy.

- Cheryl Weaver

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Resident of Elkhart County
2. Graduating high school senior
3. Pursuing a degree in the field of mathematics or the sciences
4. Student having attained notable achievement in the ACT/SAT mathematics segment
5. Student having attained CORE 40
6. Student having successfully completed honors math coursework
7. Student planning to enroll in an accredited college or university in the United States
8. Student planning to pursue a 4-year college degree program
9. Home schooled students are welcome to apply

**Awards:** Annually, one new recipient will be selected to receive this 4-year award. This scholarship currently awards \$2,500 each of four years for a total of \$10,000. The amount of and number of scholarships from this fund may vary as the growth of this fund allows.

**To Apply:** Please complete the "Universal Scholarship" application on the Community Foundation of Elkhart County website.

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