This scholarship was established by the family of the late Vernon and Rose Alatary. This scholarship is intended to provide support to recent high school graduates, GED certificate holders or adult learners with some work experience who wish to pursue (2) two-year or less vocational/technical studies at an accredited community college **with preference given to the automotive technology field**. The program must result in an associate degree (A.A.S.), diploma or certificate and be no more than two years in length. Recipient will be a citizen of the United States. It is not intended for students who will be attending a four-year college.

Vernon had a life-long curiosity about how things worked and over the years he developed impressive skills in the trouble shooting and repair of all things mechanical. He had a particular passion for automobiles, having bought his first car from a junkyard for $5 when he was only in his early teens. Recognizing the technological complexity of today’s automobiles, the goal of this scholarship is to honor the legacy of Vernon and Rose Alatary by aiding talented young people who share Vernon’s love of automobiles, mechanics, machinery and technology to develop the skills necessary to succeed in a career that can provide them with opportunities for personal growth, long term employment, and great job satisfaction.

**Award Amount/Terms of Award:**

Number of awards and amounts will vary dependent upon program selection and demonstrated financial need. No award will exceed $2,500 per year. Award will be applied to tuition and other mandatory educational fees.

Annual scholarship will be divided between the fall and spring semesters and is made payable to the educational institution. *This scholarship is renewable for one (1) additional year* and is consecutive in nature, provided the recipient remains enrolled in his/her originally identified program, remains in good academic standing and continues to demonstrate financial need.

**Criteria:**

Evaluation criteria is based on financial need, career commitment/motivation, academic strength, extra-curricular activities, civic responsibility, employment history, and recommendations. *An essay portion is also required*.

* Candidate must be a U.S. citizen.
* Candidate is a recent high school graduate, GED certificate holder, or adult learner with some work experience who does not have already possess a Bachelor’s or other professional degree.
* Candidate must be accepted/enrolled in a vocational/technical educational program at an accredited New Jersey community college in pursuit of an A.A.S. degree, diploma or certificate. The program will be no more than two years in length to obtain credentials
* Preference will be given to an automotive technology field of study.
* Candidate may be enrolled on a part- (6 credit minimum) or full-time basis (12 credit minimum).
* Candidate must demonstrate financial need.
* Candidate must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

**Selection Committee:** Community Foundation Board Appointed Scholarship Committee.

\*\*Please email or mail all documentation to csmith@cfnj.org (973) 267-5502

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**Student Information**

Student’s Name:

Home Address:

City, State ZIP

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

How did you hear of the scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**School Information**

Name of College

Address:

City, State ZIP

Program Name

Student ID #

**FUTURE PLANS/CAREER GOALS ESSAY (Required)**

In no more than two double spaced pages, please answer the following three questions:

1. What do you want to do after you graduate?
2. Why did you select this career?
3. Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

Are you a US Citizen Yes or No

* Completed Application
* Essay
* Official High School Transcript or Equivalent
* Letter of recommendation/endorsement from someone who is not a family member or personal friend. It should be written by someone who knows you and your skills. This could be a current educator, guidance counselor, employer, former employer, case worker, faculty member or religious or community leader who will attest to the character, disposition, and general worthiness of the applicant. Letter should attest to the applicant’s ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity.
* Community college financial aid award letter or student bill

Applicant Signature: Date

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date

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