

CHUCK DEWILDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The “Chuck Dewilde Memorial Scholarship” is named after Charles Dewilde an amateur radio operator with the callsign, K8LYY. He was born, raised, and spent his entire life in the Monroe area. Prior to his death, he wished to assist young adults with their future education in the field of electronics, electrical engineering, or computer science fields. He donated the basic funding to provide a scholarship and asked that the Monroe County Radio Communications Association continue to fund this program after his passing. Through a unanimous vote of the club membership, it was decided to name the scholarship fund after Chuck.

Chuck had been an avid amateur radio operator for over 40 years. He was a pioneer in Very High Frequency (VHF) radio operation, always having the latest equipment and the biggest, highest antenna system in the county. During that time he was always available to help the younger radio hams solve their equipment problems and also helped them to advance through the amateur radio ranks.

Professionally, he was a photographer. For over 25 years, Chuck owned and operated Hollywood Studios and was responsible for taking the photographs of most of the high school aged students in Monroe County for many years. This brought him into close contact with the graduating teens. Working with the high school, he also donated his time to help teach photography to many of the students.

CHUCK DEWILDE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Since the purpose of the Monroe County Radio Communications Association (**M.C.R.C.A.**) is to further the cause and advancement of amateur radio, the Association has approved providing scholarships to Monroe County high school seniors, who are pursuing a career in the electronics, electrical engineering and computer fields. These seniors must meet and fulfill the requirements listed below. The scholarship is \$500 and will be given in full to one person. The membership has the final authority on the dispersing of the scholarship.

Requirements are:

1. The applicants must be a graduating senior in a Monroe County high school whether public, private, or alternative education.
2. The applicants must be taking classes related to electronics, electrical engineering or computer science.
3. The applicants must write an essay of at least one hundred words indicating why they should receive this scholarship and what their aspirations are with regards to the electronics, electrical engineering or computer science.
4. The applicants must include one letter of recommendation. This can be from an instructor, counselor or principal.
5. The applicants must include a current transcript of their grades.
6. These items must be provided to the address below.
The application must be received by April 30, 2026
7. Please include a method to contact you. Email, phone, or address.

The M.C.R.C.A. officers and directors, along with the scholarship chairman will review all Candidate applications. The recommendation(s) will be brought before the membership at a regular meeting. The membership will then vote to decide who is awarded the scholarship.

All scholarship information should be sent to:

M.C.R.C.A. (Monroe County Radio Communications Association)
4 Carl Drive
Monroe, MI 48162-9319

Scholarship questions:

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