

Reliable Transportation Scholarship

".....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:35-40



James B. Connors, "Didge" and his wife, Paula, began their transportation business some 14 years ago in 2004. Didge and Paula were developing their transportation business while Didge worked two full time jobs which included delivering 300 Times Leader newspapers in the early mornings for 13 years. They started out with one van with Paula doing the billing and driving. This number has grown to over 50 vans presently. They provide transportation for schools, LIU (Luzerne Intermediate Unit) and the county MHDS. Being grateful to the community for their support and the success of their service, they and their family are offering a total of \$1000.00

through this scholarship program. Applicants should be graduating Wyoming Area seniors who have shown a strong work ethic by holding a part time job and also finding the time to be involved in community service as well as maintaining a successful academic record throughout high school. A strong character which should be addressed in letters of recommendation is also a criteria for selection for this award. Didge is a self-made man whose strongest attitude is: "If I can do it, you can too!"



Didge and his wife, Paula continue to be involved in community service spending time and offering numerous donations to several local church and community service organizations. Always looking out for those less fortunate, they continue to dedicate themselves to helping others. Both are Wyoming Area graduates; Didge graduated in 1969 and Paula graduated in 1978 and want to express their deepest appreciation for the education they both received at Wyoming Area. Paying it forward with this generous scholarship program is one of the ways they are expressing that appreciation.

2019 is the first year for this scholarship and it will be offered yearly. All seniors who feel they possess the qualities listed here are encouraged to apply for this award. The Reliable Transportation selection committee will make the final decision about the recipients of these awards. There will be two awards: one for a Wyoming Area graduating senior who receives Special Services and one for a graduating Wyoming Area senior who plans on working with special needs people in any capacity. The selection committee will decide who will receive the awards, depending on the strength of the pool.

CRITERIA: The applicant must be a Wyoming Area graduating senior who plans on attending a certificate program, a trade or technical school, a community college or a 2 or 4 year college or university.

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1. One award for a Wyoming Area graduating senior who is receiving Special Services while a WA student. All Majors will be considered.
2. One for a graduating Wyoming Area senior who plans on working with special needs people in any capacity, to include but not limited to teaching, social work, therapist, nursing, etc. will be considered.

ESSAY: Each applicant must submit a solid essay of at least 500 words based on one of the prompts below:

1. Didge is a self-made man whose strongest attitude is: "If I can do it, you can too!" How does this quote fit into your life?
2. What has been a challenge or obstacle that you have met head on? How did you deal with it? What was the positive outcome for you?