



The Eric Fernandes Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund
147 Nellie Road New Bedford, MA 02740

EIN 45-4403425

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic History:

High School: _____

College (if already enrolled): _____

Name of parent currently employed at NBFD: _____

Essay:

Artificial intelligence tools are increasingly available to support learning, writing, and problem-solving. While these tools can be helpful, over-reliance on AI may weaken critical thinking, originality, and personal voice.

Describe a time when you had to rely on your own thinking, effort, and judgment—without technological shortcuts—to overcome a challenge or develop an idea. What did the process teach you about learning, problem-solving, or yourself?

In your response, focus on:

- Your thought process, including missteps or revisions
- How sustained effort or uncertainty contributed to growth
- Why this experience matters to how you approach learning today



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Enclosures:

- Completed and signed application
- Essay
- Most recent high school/college transcript showing a 2.5 or higher GPA

Terms of Application:

- The award winner(s) will be notified by mail. A check will be made payable to and presented to the scholarship winner(s).
- All applications, essays, and any other documents submitted become the property of the Eric Fernandes Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund and will not be returned.

- I have completed the application myself and verify to the best of my ability that the information contained in this application is accurate and correct.
- I agree to the terms and conditions of The Eric Fernandes Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund scholarship program as defined in this application. I authorize The Eric Fernandes Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund to verify all aspects of this application with my high school/college and with the New Bedford Fire Department for proof of eligibility.
- Scholarship winners will be notified by mail and at that time will have to provide proof of enrollment in a post-secondary school to receive the scholarship prize.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is under 18

Date

*Application Period: January 15th - March 31st

*Application and all accompanying documents must be postmarked no later than March 31st and sent by certified mail. No exceptions will be made for applications not received or not sent by certified mail.

*Please send completed application and all supporting documents to:

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