

January 1, 2016

To persons interested in the
John Rutherford Memorial Scholarships:

Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc. (the "Corporation"), is a not-for-profit corporation which is a New York State registered charity and which has been granted tax-exempt status by the Federal Government. It was organized to preserve, demonstrate and disseminate information about the historic and current ethnic, artistic, industrial and performance culture of the Erie Canal and the Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, primarily through its sponsorship of the annual Canal Fest of the Tonawandas. As part of its charter, the Corporation is also intended to foster charitable activities in the community, including the sponsorship of educational scholarships.

Enclosed with this letter are applications for the Fifteenth Annual John Rutherford Memorial Scholarship. John was one of the Corporation's initial Board Members and he was active in many community organizations. He passed away prior to Canal Fest 1996, but the lasting impressions he made were so strong that many people felt it was important to establish a continuing legacy to John's example of service to the community. In fact, it was John who first suggested that the Corporation should give a scholarship to an outstanding graduating high school senior. With the gracious consent of his family, the Members of the Corporation decided to establish and annually award John Rutherford Memorial Scholarships. The Corporation will be awarding four (4) \$750 scholarships. Two (2) scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the City of Tonawanda, and two (2) scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the City of North Tonawanda, who have demonstrated outstanding community service combined with outstanding academic performance.

The Members of the Corporation and its Board of Directors hope that you will make these applications available to outstanding graduating high school seniors who reside in the Cities of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, and encourage them **to return the completed forms, postmarked not later than April 1, 2016, to Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc., P.O. Box 1243, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.** The Rutherford Scholarship award winners be honored at the Canal Fest Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, July 17, 2016, and invited to ride in the Canal Fest Parade on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Applications for the John Rutherford Memorial scholarship are being sent to: the Guidance Departments at Cardinal O'Hara High School; Mount St. Mary's High School; St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; North Tonawanda Senior High School; Tonawanda High School; the City of Tonawanda Public Library; the North Tonawanda Public Library. If there are any questions about the John Rutherford Memorial Scholarships, or the application forms, please contact me at my home at 695-1486.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Delmar Graves
Chair, John Rutherford Scholarship Committee
Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, Inc.