

25th Anniversary
Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.
Bassett Ah-Wa-Ga Center
34 ½ Lake Street
Owego, New York 13827

The Roger Westgate Family Creative Arts Scholarship Application

“ Recognizing Success in Academics and in Creative Arts including sculpting, ceramics, carving, quilting, jewelry making, design technology arts and other fine arts, good character and a respect for other people, a good reputation at school and in the community, a broad range of interests, and kindness to all in a Candor Central School Graduating Senior. ”

Scholarship Background

This \$ 500 educational award recognizes the life and creative arts legacy of Roger Westgate, a Candor educator, community leader and wood carving artist who has been carving or more than 40 years. He has been a major influence on the Candor and Tioga County Art community for more than 30 years through instruction in and creation and painting of wood carvings depicting many species of wildlife, rural settings, buildings, and individuals. Mr. Westgate was born in Union, New York and attended a small country school in his early years at Ross Corners, a small village about 3 miles west of Vestal. He attended Vestal High School, was active in athletics and served as class president. His parents were hard working people who raised four children and worked in small businesses including the local Drive-In Restaurant. Living in the country, Roger enjoyed the woods and meadows surrounding his home and hunting and fishing were his favorite pastimes. In high school he enjoyed participating in the Industrial Arts Program and this influenced his decision to attend Oswego State Teachers College and graduate with a major in Industrial Arts teaching. Roger Served in the United States Navy for four years on a destroyer and upon discharge he worked in sales before joining IBM(International Business Machines) in 1960 working in testing, manufacturing and education. He served in management and eventually became Human Resource Manager for Employee Relations. Upon retirement, Roger has enjoyed teaching carving and sculpting at BOES in Binghamton, teaching classes in his own studio, and starting the ‘Catatunk Valley Woodcarvers’ Club. Beginning in his own living room, the Club has grown from a just few to over 60 members in its 29 years in Candor. Roger and his lovely wife Georgia met in 8th grade and have been married for 65 years raising 3 boys ‘who have never given us any issues’. The Westgate family includes 7 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Student Application (Due No Later Than April 1 to the School Counseling Office)

1. Student Name _____

2. Address _____

3. Contact Phone Number _____

4. Email Address _____

5. School _____ Grade _____

6. Grade Point Average _____

7. Class Rank _____

A. Record of School and Community Creative Art Work and Art Activities:

B. Record of Volunteer Community Service, Character and Kindness:

C. Employment Record:

D. Record of Awards, Recognition, and Honors:

E. Future Plans, Goals and Aspirations :

F. If selected for this Scholarship, are you willing to perform 2-3 hours of volunteer service as A Senior Give Back to your community ? Yes No

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please attach additional information if necessary(no art work please).