

Dear Applicant,

The Gene Bridges Memorial Scholarship is in honor of the late Gene Bridges, whom was a titan in the industry for almost 40 years.

His career spanned from Wilson Tree to Forestry Equipment of Virginia to Woodchuck and finally spending his last 15 years or so working at the Director of National Account for Bandit Industries.

Gene's tremendous passion was for training and educating operators how to always run the machines properly.

Scholarship award amount will be in the single award amount of \$5,000. (The Gene Bridges Memorial Scholarship has already raised over \$50,000 to date; We are looking to expand to more than one single award in the near future). The award is non-renewable. All awards will be paid directly to the educational institution attended by the recipient after required documentation has been received. Awards may only be applied to tuition expense, and applicants may not request scholarships greater than the anticipated amount of their tuition expense for the academic year in which the grants will be paid.

**Information/Instructions for Submitter:**

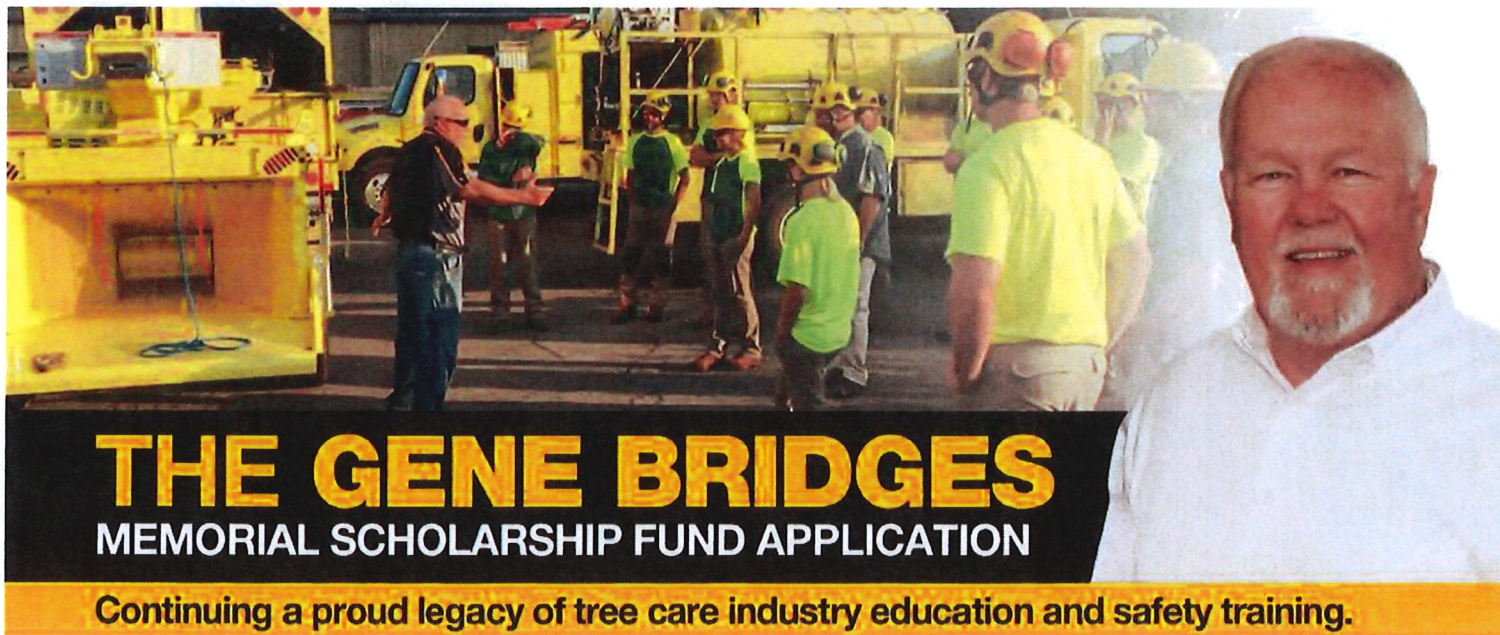
- One (1) \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2023
- The deadline for scholarship application is September 1, 2023
- Type or print the application legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to the submitter.
- Please review application thoroughly and complete all sections
- All application questions should be directed to: **GeneBridgesScholarship@gmail.com**

**Additional Requirements for High School Applicants:**

- Applications will only be considered for the year of graduation (e.g. Graduate in 2024 – application submitted in 2024)
- Applicants official high school transcripts include a minimum 3.5 years (e.g. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior)

Enclosed is the application.

Thank you,  
The Gene Bridges Memorial Scholarship Committee



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## Section 1 - Personal Information

### Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (m/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent(s) or Legal Guardian Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address/PO Box (Check if same as applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

## Section 2 - Education Information

In the fall of 2023, I will be attending:

☐ High School ☐ Trade School ☐ Applying for CEU's (continuing education units)

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**List the names of any college or trade schools attended**

College/Trade School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Ended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Degree Achieved (if applicable) eg. License, Associate, Bachelor, Master, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3 - Safety, Trade, and Interests**

Gene Bridges passionately believed in promoting safety and safety education. In a short paragraph, describe how you intend to use this scholarship if awarded to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your educational goal(s) pertaining to college/trade school or pursuing a trade: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any community service activities, hobbies, outside interests and extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide the name of the tree care employer you work for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4 - Statement of Accuracy**

I hereby affirm and attest all information provided within the submitted application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5 - Returning Application Submission**

Mail completed application to:

**Gene Bridges Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
**PO Box 547**  
**Shepherd, MI 48883**