

Dimitrios “Jimmy the Hot Dog Man” Boulafentis Scholarship



Where my Dad is from, Kalymnos, Greece, most kids wrap up their formal education after the 5th grade or about the age of 12. At that age, he became a plumber’s assistant. At the age of 16, approximately 1967, he had a neighbor vouch for him, and he took a position on an oil tanker at which point he left Greece not to return again for more than thirty years. You are likely the same age or older than my dad when he left his country never to see his family again.

Since his arrival in the United States at the age of 18, he worked in a number of kitchens and hotels in Manhattan; opened a restaurant in Indiana, PA; worked as a street vendor in both Manhattan and Pennsylvania; and eventually settled here in Martinsburg, WV in about 1988. He was an incredible chef and could make any number of Greek and American delicacies, but a vast majority of his life was spent outside vending hot dogs, sausages, sodas and chips.

His business was founded on cleanliness, homemade food, and most importantly incredible customer service. He had a great personality and people patronized his business as much for his camaraderie and conversation as for his food. For most of his life, he worked 7 days a week. He was a kind man, who hustled and worked hard his whole life. He is sorely missed by his family and the Berkeley County Community. We are excited to offer this scholarship so you can further your education in a way that my Dad did not get a chance to.

The Essay Prompt for the Class of 2019:

(This essay should be between 500 and 750 words, Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1 inch margins.)

“If you were to open a business in Berkeley County, what product or service would you provide to our community?”

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This \$500 dollar scholarship will be awarded to a Berkeley County senior with good grades (3.0+), good behavior (0 referrals), good attendance (less than 10 absences and 10 tardies) and submits the best 500-750 word essay.

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Student Phone Number: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student Cumulative Weighted GPA as of the 7th Semester: _____

Best Cumulative Score on the SAT: Date: _____ Score: _____

Best Cumulative Score on the ACT: Date: _____ Score: _____

Number of Semesters of Honors Courses Completed During High School: _____

Number of Semesters of AP Courses Completed During High School: _____

Number of Semesters of College Courses Completed During High School: _____

Number of Total Absences this Year (Excused/Unexcused): _____

Number of Total Tardies this Year (Excused/Unexcused): _____

Please include a full transcript with grades, discipline, and attendance.

Please also include an up to date resume which reflects jobs you have worked with dates and hours worked, any volunteer experiences that you have had, sports/arts you have participated in, and anything else that would reflect positively or that the scholarship selection committee should know.

**ALL NECESSARY PARTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE BY:
3PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH.**