**988 - Be The Hero Scholarship – 2025**

This year we are offering one (1) $1000 scholarship and four (4) $500 scholarships to Chautauqua County residents. This scholarship is available to **ANY** Chautauqua County resident who is pursuing a degree in the mental health or medical field. **AGE is not** a requirement, **current college students** may apply, and **anyone** who is looking to get **certification or a degree** in either field will be considered. That includes certifications as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC), Substance Abuse Counselor, Paramedic, Certified Nursing Aide (CNA), and Personal Care Aide (PCA). Scholarships will be judged upon their own merit by a panel of people from throughout the county.

Student’ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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College or Course Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Currently attending (High School or College) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please **attach a statement** of approximately **500 words** about your future plans, the value of pursuing this certification or degree, and how this scholarship would help you reach your goals. Applications must be mailed to:

**John W. Dill American Legion Post 434**

**110 W. Main St. PO Bx J**

**Brocton, NY 14716**

**ATTN: Mattie McIntyre**

**Must be postmarked by April 1, 2025 and received NLT April 15, 2025.**

This scholarship is directed toward all individuals pursuing a degree or certification in the medical or mental health field to help lower suicide rates. “**988” is the National Crisis Hotline number**. The American Legion supported legislation through resolution No. 377 that designated **“988”** as the universal telephone number of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system. This scholarship (previously named the “Dwyer Scholarship) will help prepare Medical and mental health professionals to identify suicidal ideologies. As of August 2024, over 50 thousand Americans lost their life to suicide; and that number is on the rise. “Be the Hero”, learn the signs and stand up to suicide.