

CLAIRE M. LAPLANTE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Announcement and Initial Application Guidelines For Release to the WVU Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and All West Virginia High Schools

Welcome to the Claire M. LaPlante Engineering Scholarship (the “Scholarship”) – an award of \$20,000.00 to one (1) West Virginia resident completing high school and attending West Virginia University’s Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering (the “WVU College of Engineering”).

A. Background

I am Jon LaPlante, M.D., Claire's father and the President of the Elizabeth & Claire LaPlante Foundation, Inc., a West Virginia non-profit corporation (the “LaPlante Foundation”). The LaPlante Foundation shall award the Scholarship annually to one successful applicant.

Claire unfortunately died after completing her first semester at WVU from an overwhelming Adenovirus infection. After two months of fighting, she eventually succumbed to the virus. Her remarkable gift for learning, together with her enthusiasm for life and education, have inspired me to develop the Scholarship in her memory. I encourage you to access Claire's website at www.ClaireLaPlante.com to learn more about my remarkable daughter and her legacy.

Claire was a dual major Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering student and was planning on minoring in business as well. Given her drive and intelligence, I have little doubt she would have accomplished this lofty goal. ICU equipment, including ECMO (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation) advanced life support devices, kept Claire alive during her courageous battle. Because of this, qualified Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Aerospace Engineering students shall also be eligible to apply for the Scholarship. In either case, the LaPlante Foundation shall award only one (1) Scholarship each year - either to a dual major Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering student, or to a student majoring in Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Aerospace Engineering. After being awarded the Scholarship, the student must stay enrolled in one of these specific fields to be eligible for continued scholarship funds.

B. Application Requirements

The application requirements for consideration for the Scholarship and criteria for maintaining the Scholarship funding are as follows:

1. The Scholarship award amount is either: (i) \$4,000.00 per year for five (5) years for recipients dual majoring in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; or (ii) \$5,000.00 per year for four (4) years for recipients majoring in Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Aerospace Engineering – each constituting a total award of \$20,000.00.
2. Applicants must be residents of the State of West Virginia and must have completed all four (4) years of high school in West Virginia.
3. Applicants must submit documentation of acceptance into both WVU and the WVU Honors College contemporaneously with their Scholarship application.
4. Applicants must be enrolled in the WVU College of Engineering as a Track 1 student: (i) with a dual major in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; or (ii) majoring in Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Aerospace Engineering. The failure of a recipient of the Scholarship to remain on either: (i) the five (5) year Track 1 Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering dual major path; or (ii) the four (4) year Track 1 Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Aerospace Engineering major path, as applicable, disqualifies the student from receiving any additional Scholarship funding.
5. Applicants must have a minimum, cumulative high school GPA of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent GPA on a higher scale.
6. Applicants must have a minimum SAT score of 1400 or a minimum ACT score of 32.
7. This Scholarship is strictly merit-based and need-blind.
8. Applicants must maintain membership in the WVU Honors College and, as recipients of the Scholarship, must complete at least the first two years of the WVU Honors College Program, thereby remaining on track to graduate with the Honors designation. The failure of a recipient of the Scholarship to do so disqualifies the student from receiving any additional Scholarship funding. It is recommended that the student complete all four years of the Honors program, but completion of the final two years is not a requirement to receive the scholarship.
9. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater must be maintained in STEM courses with an overall GPA of 3.6 or higher to qualify for continued scholarship award monies for the upcoming academic year. Failure to do so disqualifies the student from

continued scholarship financial awards. Each year, by the end of the calendar month of May, the scholarship recipient is required to submit their current and cumulative WVU transcripts for the Scholarship Committee to review. The student should request WVU to provide a breakdown of their cumulative transcript GPA into STEM and non-STEM courses. If this cannot be obtained through the WVU office, the student may provide the cumulative STEM and non-STEM course GPA calculation on their own. In either case, this needs to be submitted annually and these cumulative GPA scores will be reviewed and verified by the Scholarship Committee. Failure to do so will be cause for immediate removal of the recipient from the scholarship and any further scholarship financial awards.

10. Recipients of the Scholarship must remain enrolled on a full-time basis in the WVU College of Engineering for all four (4) or five (5) consecutive years, as applicable pursuant to Item B(4) above. The failure of a recipient of the Scholarship to maintain such full-time enrollment may disqualify the student from receiving any additional Scholarship funding. As such, recipients are encouraged to take a leave of absence from their studies only in extreme circumstances, such as a chronic and unforeseeable health issue or a tragic family loss. Upon the occurrence of any such circumstance, the Scholarship Committee shall evaluate any discontinuity in the enrollment requirements as outlined above, and any potential disqualification of the recipient resulting therefrom, on a case-by-case basis.
11. Should a recipient of the Scholarship elect to change majors and leave the WVU College of Engineering or leave the requisite majors within said college as set forth in Item B(4) above, the student shall receive no further Scholarship funding.
12. Each year, in the month of May, the Scholarship Recipient will provide to the Scholarship Committee a signed document outlining their current and continued Honors program enrollment along with a current and cumulative student GPA transcript as detailed above. This document will be signed and submitted annually. Failure to do so will be cause for immediate removal of the recipient from the scholarship and any additional funding with no avenue for reinstatement.
13. Recipients of the WVU Foundation Scholarship and/or the Bucklew Scholarship are ineligible for the Scholarship.
14. An initial recipient of the Scholarship shall be eligible for consideration in any other year provided said recipient continues to meet the Scholarship requirements as outlined above.

15. In connection with the WVU Honors College described in Item B(8) above, each recipient shall complete a research project relating to ECMO or other life-saving devices. The Chairperson of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering within the WVU College of Engineering shall manage the projects and mentor the recipients during the completion thereof.
16. All recipients must agree to appear in a photo with Jon LaPlante, M.D. and permit its use for marketing and fund-raising purposes on the Scholarship's website.

Note: The LaPlante Foundation reserves the right to annually change the application requirements and the criteria for maintaining funding set forth above.

C. Selection Process

The Board of Directors of the LaPlante Foundation shall appoint a Scholarship Committee comprised of professionals in the medical and education fields to administer the selection process. The aforesaid Committee must receive all applications electronically through www.ClaireLaPlante.com no later than February 21st of each calendar year for the ensuing fall semester. The Committee shall evaluate the applicants and inform them of the results by April 21st. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of the Claire M. LaPlante Engineering Scholarship.