

THE JOHN L. MERTZ SCHOLARSHIP

John L. Mertz (1939-2004) was born in Perryville and graduated in 1957 from St. Vincent de Paul High School. He attended Southeast Missouri State University and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Louis University. John worked as an accountant and controller for firms in St. Louis before becoming a real estate broker in 1983, the President of Vorhof-Duenke, Inc. (a developer and manager of real estate) in 1984, and a Certified Public Accountant in 1989. In 1999, John learned that he had colon cancer but continued working and living as normal for nearly five more years.

Before his death, John expressed an interest in establishing a scholarship for the benefit of students at his high school but he did not live long enough to organize it himself. Accordingly, we have created a fund from which we annually award a scholarship to a graduating senior of St. Vincent de Paul High School who has been accepted for full-time study at a four-year college or university. The value of the scholarship award will be \$1,000.

To apply for the scholarship, please prepare a brief report containing the following information:

1. Your name and address;
2. ACT and/or SAT scores;
3. Extra-curricular, community, or volunteer activities in which you have been involved;
4. Any paid work experience;
5. The college or university at which you will be a student in the fall;
6. Your career plans;
7. Whether you plan to work during college; and
8. Why you think that you are this year's strongest candidate for the John L. Mertz Scholarship and how you meet the standards for academic excellence that he would have sought in recipients of this scholarship.

We also request a copy of your high school transcript.

Please enclose one sealed letter of reference and forward all materials to:

Jeffrey B. Mertz
2325 Patton Avenue
Saint Louis, MO 63144

Upon confirming the recipient's registration, we will pay \$1,000 to the recipient's college or university for credit to his or her tuition account.