

2025 CAN MAN TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP, IN MEMORY OF ROGER KLEIN (1938-2020)

History: For 40 years Roger Klein rode and pushed his tricycle to and throughout Hot Springs and beyond, up and down the steep hills, collecting cans to recycle, no matter the weather. By mid-day his tricycle would be heavily laden with bags of cans, yet he somehow managed to tie more and more to the load. Locals quickly learned to save their cans for Roger, who would collect them until he could haul them up to Rapid City for recycling.

Roger's work ethic was not unlike that of the dedicated ranchers whose land surrounds Hot Springs. Bitter cold, pouring rain and relentless heat never stopped a cattleman from caring for his herd and never stopped Roger from his daily work. Roger used his earnings for spending money, travel and charitable donations. Although most of us only saw him in his work coveralls or ragged shirts, Roger was a dapper dresser when he traveled or took his mother out for dinner at Maverick Junction, wearing one of his many elegant suits and ties, his patent leather shoes polished to a high shine. Roger never finished high school but would happily talk politics and current events with the many people who stopped to visit with him throughout his day—perhaps that is why his 'day' often stretched until well after dark.

Roger lived his entire life with his mother, Gweneth, until she passed in 2018, then continued to live in the family home until 2020, when he walked out to check his mail one day and stepped into the path of an oncoming car. Roger was 80 years old; his lanky body was bent to a 45-degree angle from 40 years of pushing his heavy loads.

The Scholarship: Community members, with the blessing of Roger's brother, Bob, created this scholarship to honor the memory of Roger Klein, Hot Springs' South Dakota's beloved 'Can Man', and further the pursuit of skilled trades as occupations that bring value and meaning to our nation's economy and culture of individual purpose and community strength.

Scholarship amounts are not pre-defined but vary based on funds available each year. The community has been incredibly generous and supportive in growing the fund. The Selection Committee will determine annual awards based on the amount of money available and the needs of the applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

These scholarships are intended to further the applicants' certification in vocational trades, rather than in baccalaureate or advanced degrees. While these trade certifications may be achieved by earning associate degrees, they may also be certifications of any sort that qualify one for a trade, whether that certification can be achieved in weeks, months or years.

- An applicant should be one or more of the following: 1. A resident of Fall River or Custer County in South Dakota. 2. A graduate of a high school in either county. ('High school' includes public, private and home-school). 3. The recipient of a high school equivalency certification earned while residing in one of those counties. (If applicant has not received a high-school diploma or equivalency but is accepted by the education program and has lived in either of these counties, his/her application may be considered.) 4. Has not lived in either county but has special ties to Roger Klein or to the Hot Springs community.
- There are no age restrictions. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant must attend/participate in a program that teaches a trade. Weight may be given to regional schools, but there are no geographical restrictions. Weight may be given to the particular program based on its benefit to the needs of the nation.
- Applicant must have been accepted to and scheduled to begin the program within 12 months of application deadline, or already be in the program; funds will be paid directly to the school for tuition or related expenses. Payout of the scholarship award will be made directly to the program.

CRITICAL APPLICATION DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15th 2025: E-mail to: canman@goldenwest.net OR U.S. mail to Can Man Trade Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 876, Hot Springs, SD 57747, postmarked NO LATER THAN March 15 2025.

(U.S. mail submissions not postmarked by March 15 2025 and received by March 20 2025 may be rejected.)

IF WE DO NOT CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR APPLICATION WITHIN ONE WEEK OF SUBMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY AT 605-890-1515 OR canman@goldenwest.net.

2025 APPLICATION FOR CAN MAN TRADE SCHOLARSHIP, IN MEMORY OF ROGER KLEIN

You may attach your answers on a separate sheet.

Applicant's Full Name _____ **Email Address:** _____

Telephone: Cell: (____) _____ **Other - optional:** (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Name of educational/training institutions(s) or program you are considering—you must have been accepted to be considered for scholarship:

What trade/occupation/certification are you pursuing _____

Total Cost of Program Tuition: \$ _____

Cost \$ _____ **per period (circle one):** semester year other: _____

Additional cost of books/tools/etc. required but not included in program cost (please explain): \$ _____

Community Involvement: Please summarize any community, church, extra-curricular activities, offices held, and/or awards received over the past five years. Please also include the year(s) in which you were involved in each effort.

Volunteer and/or Work Experience: Please summarize volunteer, self-employment or employment experience you have had in the past 5 years.

Special Circumstances: Are there any personal or family circumstances you would like to share with the Selection Committee?

Eligibility Certification: Please answer all that apply.

____ I graduated/will graduate from a high school/homeschool in Fall River or Custer County.

(please indicate name/city of school: _____ month and year of graduation: _____)

____ I completed my high school equivalency while living in Fall River or Custer County in _____ (year)

____ I currently reside in Fall River or Custer County.

____ I have not lived in Fall River or Custer County but have special ties to the Hot Springs Community or to Roger Klein. (Please explain):

____ I have been accepted to the program listed above and will begin training on (date): _____

____ I am already attending the program listed above and expect to complete that program by _____

2025 ESSAY QUESTIONS

**Maximum 250 words per question; Responses evaluated on content, grammar and spelling.
You may attach your answers on a separate sheet.**

Applicant's Full Name _____

What are your plans for your occupational future and why did you choose that occupation?

What life and work experiences have prepared you to succeed in your field?

Describe one or more strengths, skills or talents that make you well suited for your trade.

Describe one or more character traits that will contribute to success in your chosen field.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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