



About The Foundation

In the early 1950s a ten year old Italian boy named Ernie Pallotta came to this country full of determination and pride. As with all immigrants, Ernie faced many adversities, not the least of which was a language barrier. Fortunately, though, Ernie was blessed with the attention of a compassionate and observant nun. With her sensitivity Ernie was able to gain the tools necessary to one day achieve his goals. It is with this sentiment that Ernie founded the Marc Ernest Pallotta Foundation in 1992 when his son Marc died in a car accident at just 23 years of age.

A graduate of Leicester High School, Marc was a remarkable young man who worked closely with his father to bring success to the family business, Ernie's Auto Wash. To this day the most common refrain used to describe Marc is, "He had a heart of gold."

Sadly, in 1997 after a two year battle with cancer Ernie Pallotta also passed away. He was 52. Before his death, the foundation's name was changed to the Marc & Ernest Pallotta Foundation to honor both he and his son.

The foundation awards scholarships to deserving local high school seniors. In addition, our Charity of the Month funds both local and global aid organizations such as Abby's House, Jeremiah's Inn, the Red Cross and countless others. As of this writing, the foundation has donated over \$250,000.

The foundation is funded by the profits of Ernie's Auto Wash.

About The Scholarship

We are offering a minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors located in the nearby towns that our car washes serve. Scholarships will be given in one payment before the start of the college year.

Who Qualifies

To apply, you must be a graduating high school senior living in one of the following towns: Worcester, Auburn, Spencer, West Boylston, Leicester, Millbury, Clinton and the Brookfields.

How Applications Are Evaluated

Your application will be evaluated based on the quality of your essay, financial need, strength of character and academic performance. Typically, we select students with difficult hardships or financial burdens along with a history of community service, a strong work ethic and excellent grades.

Deadline For Entries

Completed applications are due by April 30. Please submit to The Marc & Ernest Pallotta Foundation, c/o Ernie's Auto Wash, 579 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Do not include this page.



Scholarship Entry Form

Please fill out completely. Attach essay, letter of recommendation, transcript, page 1 of Student Aid Report (to show EFC), and college financial aid list showing COA and ALL gift aid. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Mail to the Marc & Ernest Pallotta Foundation, 579 Millbury St., Worcester, MA 01610.

The information on this form will be kept strictly confidential. This form is viewed only by the Foundation Director. Academic and financial information must be filled out completely and accurately.

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ City/Zip _____

High School _____ Class Rank/Total Students _____

GPA on a 5.0 scale (weighted) _____ Total SAT score _____

GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) _____ Reading/Math/Writing _____

Desired College _____ Major _____

Net Price (COA-Gift Aid) _____ Desired Career _____

EFC (from SAR) _____ Financial Need (Net price - EFC) _____

Terms: COA = Cost of Attendance. Gift Aid = all aid you don't have to pay back. Net Price = COA minus Gift Aid

EFC = Expected Family Contribution. SAR = Student Aid Report. More info: <https://studentaid.ed.gov>

Describe your family's financial situation and any issues that may affect their ability to help you:

Why did you choose this major and career? List your activities and achievements that led to this choice.

Employment History: Tell us where you've worked, the estimated hours you've worked per week during the school year, during summer, and estimate the total hours you've ever worked.

Total estimated number of hours of work experience for all jobs: _____

Total amount of college savings from working: _____

Volunteer Work: Tell us where you've volunteered the most and the total number of hours for each cause.

Why did you choose to volunteer for those particular charities?

Total estimated number of hours of volunteer experience for all charities: _____

Essay Instructions: Type a 1-2 page essay with 10-12 point text. Describe a significant hardship in your life.

Write from the heart. Choose the most difficult challenge you've experienced, such as a health, emotional or financial issue. How did you cope with it? Did the experience change you? What did you learn from it?

May we announce your name on our Facebook page if you are a winner? _____

Only scholarship winners will be notified. We will announce when we have chosen winners on Facebook.

Thank you for applying for our scholarship. We wish you the best of luck in college and your future career!