

Elbert Shaw

Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Shaw Industries and United Way of Northwest Georgia

About the Scholarship

A man described as a lifelong community servant with the highest integrity will be commemorated through two scholarships for local youth volunteers. In honor of the legacy of Elbert Shaw's commitment to volunteer service and youth development, Shaw Industries is partnering with United Way of Northwest Georgia to offer two \$5,000 scholarships for high school students.

The Elbert Shaw Memorial Scholarship seeks to recognize young people who are active, empowered members of our community. The award recipients will be youth who work in cooperation with their peers and community leaders to create positive change in society, including identifying problems and implementing solutions.

"This scholarship program is a testament to Elbert Shaw, a man that freely gave of his time and resources to make a difference in the lives of others," said Vance Bell, CEO of Shaw Industries. "Elbert embodied honesty, integrity and a passionate caring for others in his volunteer pursuits. I believe that Elbert would be proud to recognize motivated youths that are driven to create a better future through volunteerism."

The scholarship(s) will be given out annually at the United Way Volunteer Banquet held every Spring. Students are only eligible to receive the award once in a lifetime.

Amanda Burt, President of United Way of Northwest Georgia, confirms value in youth service, "When young people volunteer, they help to solve problems that face their communities like hunger, homelessness, a high drop-out rate, vandalism and many more. They also grow on a personal, social and intellectual level. Studies show that teens who reported having positive role models—particularly among their peers—were nearly twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not."

Becoming an active volunteer plays a pivotal role in character development. According to a Search Institute Study, young people who engage in two hours of service per week are half as likely to engage in high risk behavior such as fights, truancy, smoking, drinking and drug use. Just two hours of service a week bolsters resiliency, improves self-esteem, increases personal responsibility, and connects young people to others. Elbert Shaw was very passionate about helping troubled youth and creating paths to better opportunities.

Elbert Shaw worked tirelessly to have a positive impact on our community's youth. The Elbert Shaw Memorial Scholarship will honor his life by perpetuating his goals of youth development by sowing the seeds for future volunteers in Northwest Georgia.



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Elbert Shaw Memorial Scholarship Application Package

Applicant's Full Legal Name: _____

Applicant's School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Home Phone: _____ Applicant's Email: _____

How many hours of volunteer service have been given by the applicant during 2023? _____

Required Attachments:

- A photograph of the applicant (an action shot while volunteering and looking at the camera).
- A letter from the applicant's school stating that they are a current Junior or Senior in high school and the grade point average of the student. Students must hold a current high school GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- If the student attends school outside of Whitfield or Murray counties, but lives in one of the two counties, please submit proof of residency, such as a copy of a driver license of the student.
- Two letters of recommendation from non- relatives, preferably from teachers or the staff of an organization where the student volunteers.
- A letter of verification must be submitted from each non-profit, school, or government agency where the individual has served, stating the dates of service and the total number of hours. The applicant must have completed at least 150 hours of volunteer service in 2023.
- The attached volunteer log must be completed, totaling 150 hours or more.
- Please complete the online application pertaining to your volunteer service at <https://forms.gle/DArscQUGBcZdVmZN9>
(You can also find the online application at <https://www.ourunitedway.org/volunteer-awards>)

Important Dates

- Completed application packets should be hand delivered to United Way of Northwest Georgia, 816 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia by **Thursday, January 18th, 2024**.
- Scholarships will be presented at your school's awards ceremony and the United Way Volunteer Awards Banquet.

About Shaw Industries

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About United Way of Northwest Georgia

United Way of Northwest Georgia is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that brings together human service agencies, faith-based organizations, corporations, governmental bodies, and private donors to improve education, basic needs, and health for those in Northwest Georgia. Through giving, advocating, and volunteering, we can all LIVE UNITED. To get involved with United Way visit:

<http://www.ourunitedway.org>.



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VOLUNTEER LOG 2023

Name:		Address:			
Phone:		Email:			
Date	Activity	Location (School, non-profit, or government agency), City, State	Name of Staff Person Who Supervised You	Did you receive school credit for this volunteer activity?	Total Hours
	EXAMPLE:				
1/15/2023	packed food boxes	Salvation Army, Dalton, GA	Leah Spuhler	No	3.50
Total Hours					

To connect with over 50 local volunteer opportunities and to find out more information about Youth United visit <https://www.ourunitedway.org/youth-united> or call 706.CAN.HELP