

## **ESEA Scholarship Fund**

The ESEA Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, supports the educational goals of students whose families are connected to the heating and energy industry in New York State. Each year, the Fund awards three \$1,500 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors pursuing full-time undergraduate study at accredited colleges, universities, or vocational-technical schools.

Scholarships Offered:

### **James R. Buhrmaster Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship honors the memory of James R. (Jim) Buhrmaster, a beloved colleague and respected industry leader who passed away in 2019. Jim dedicated more than 45 years to the energy sector, serving as a past president, chairman, and treasurer of ESEA. He was also a devoted public servant and advocate, known for his deep commitment to family, business, and mentoring future leaders. Through this scholarship, Jim's legacy of service, leadership, and generosity continues, supporting the next generation in their academic and professional pursuits.

### **Mirabito Scholarship Award**

Funded by Mirabito Energy Products, this scholarship was created in memory of Alan P. Savory, a young, dedicated ESPA leader who passed away unexpectedly in 1974 while on vacation with his family. Alan had just completed two terms as President and Board Chairman, leaving a lasting impact on the industry. This scholarship continues to honor his leadership and contributions to the energy industry.

### **Michael J. Manning Memorial Scholarship**

*To be awarded by the Fund beginning in 2026*

This scholarship was established by the Upstate New York Energy Association (UNYEA) in memory of Michael J. Manning, a respected and longtime member of the heating and energy industry who passed away unexpectedly in 2004. A resident of Troy, Mike enjoyed a distinguished career in the oil business. He had served as Terminal Sales Manager for Sprague since 1998, and previously held key positions as Albany Sales Manager for both Mirabito Energy Products and CIBRO Petroleum Products. Known for his professionalism, integrity, and dedication to the industry, Mike left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Following the 2026 merger of UNYEA into the Empire State Energy Association (ESEA), this scholarship will be awarded through the ESEA Scholarship Fund, ensuring Mike's legacy continues to support future generations.