About QCWA

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Incorporated is an organization founded to promote friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio operators who have been licensed for at least a quarter of a century.

Non-reimbursed QCWA members manage the Scholarship program, like all major QCWA programs, thus 100% of all contributions to the Scholarship Program are devoted to scholarships.

Non-reimbursed elected Directors supervise the management of the membership office. The Board of Directors provides guidance to the Office Manager and support staff that operates the day-to-day functions of the QCWA, which are separate from the Scholarship program. *The QCWA Journal* Editor and Office Manager are the only persons receiving compensation, and are compensated via funds that are not part of the endowments for scholarships.

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The Quarter Century Wireless Association offers a number of cash scholarships each year to worthy Amateur Radio operators enrolled in accredited colleges or universities pursuing courses leading to degrees. There are no restrictions as to class of amateur license, race, sex, residence or field of study.

Fifteen cash awards totalling $57,000 were awarded in the summer of 2024. Since 1978 scholarships have been awarded to over 624 students for a total of over $930,350.

The QCWA Scholarship Program is administered in partnership with the **ARRL Foundation**.

Applications should be requested by interested licensed radio amateurs on or after October 31st of each year from the ARRL Foundation Committee only. An active QCWA member must recommend each applicant, and applications must be received by ARRL before the first week in January each year.

ARRL Scholarship applications are available and completed on-line.

https://www.arrl.org/scholarship-descriptions

Scholarships are funded from earnings on the invested Scholarship Fund. The QCWA Board of Directors established the Scholarship Program in 1977, and an initial $500 scholarship was awarded in 1978. Over the years QCWA Chapters, members and others have contributed to the Fund, and each year QCWA has offered more cash and scholarships to radio amateurs.

Donations to the QCWA Scholarship Fund are Federal Income tax deductible as QCWA qualifies as an IRS Section 501(c)(3) charitable entity. Contributions to the Fund are frequently made in memory of Silent Keys. All contributions should be payable to the **QCWA Memorial Scholarship Fund** and mailed to:

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