New scholarship fund to benefit Terryville High School students

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PLYMOUTH – Upon his death in 2020 at the age of 76, resident Chester "Chet" Henry Ozga left the remainder of his estate to establish the C. Henry Ozga Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This fund, that is setup with the Main Street Community Foundation, will benefit students at Terryville High School.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship & program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation, said that Ozga was born and raised in Terryville and graduated from Terryville High School.

"He lived his life quietly but had a giving heart," she said. "When he passed away, he left a bequest to Main Street Community Foundation to establish a scholarship to assist students from his hometown."

This scholarship, in the amount of $3,000, will be awarded for the first time in 2022 to a graduating senior of Terryville High School who has financial need. The scholarship is also renewable for up to four years. Applications for this scholarship are being accepted through March 11.

"Chet Ozga recognized the importance of scholarships throughout the entirety of the student’s academic career," said Rajotte. "He understood that it is often harder to find scholarships after the first year of college, and that if a student finishes their second year of college they are more likely to complete their degree."

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the C. Henry Ozga Memorial Scholarship Fund may do so at any time by donating online at mainstreetfoundation.org or by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010.

To view all eligibility criteria and requirements, or to apply for the scholarship, visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

For more information and questions on applying for this and other scholarships, call Samantha Rajotte at 860-583-6363 or email her at samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org.

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