



Commercial Truck Driver Scholarship Application 2023

The Shay Legacy Foundation (SLF) was formed in 2021 in part to support the Trucking Association of New York's workforce development initiatives. The Foundation issues scholarships to individuals who are interested in pursuing careers in transportation. From drivers and technicians to CEOs and business owners, there's a career opportunity for everyone in the trucking industry!

Professional truck drivers earn an average annual starting salary of \$60,000. Pursuing a profession as a truck driver can be the first step to a lifetime career in the transportation industry. Many of today's trucking industry managers and executives began their careers as professional truck drivers.

Start your career in trucking today and be part of an industry that quite literally keeps our nation moving!

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

One time award of \$2,000

- *Scholarship check will be mailed directly to the training school to support tuition or expenses related to educational purposes only.*

ELIGIBILITY:

- 18 years of age or older
- Resident of New York state
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Valid New York State driver's license, Class D or above
- No physical limitations that affect driving ability
- Adequate command of the English language to complete written exams and follow verbal instructions provided in English
- Proof of enrollment in a school listed in the Federal Training Provider Registry

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 1, 2023:

Shay Legacy Foundation
3 Corporate Drive, Suite 101
Clifton Park, NY 12065

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Training School Information:

Training School Attending: _____

Point of Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Class of License Sought: _____

The applicant must provide the following for consideration:

- A brief essay (minimum of 400 words) addressing why you are interested in pursuing a career as a professional truck driver.
- A brief essay (minimum of 250 words) on why you feel you should be selected for this scholarship
- A current copy of your motor vehicle record.

Submission Deadline:

May 1, 2023

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ABOUT THE SHAY FAMILY:

The Shay family of Dansville – Harold A. “Tim” Shay, and his sons Timothy and Jon – were well known in the New York trucking industry for their businesses and for their decades of involvement with TANY. The death of Jon, the last surviving member of the trio, in January 2021 marked the end of an era for the association.

The Shays’ trucking history dates to the 1920s, when Harold and his father Lloyd hauled crops and livestock for local farmers. In 1936, the pair founded Shay’s Service Trucking Co. in Danville, a local and short-haul motor freight carrier that eventually offered truck maintenance and repair as well. In 1972, Tim opened Main Tire Exchange, a truck tire retreading business.

He was a pioneer in the transportation industry, introducing the use of two-way radios and double-bottom trailers.

Timothy and Jon grew up in trucking and remained very involved in their father’s trucking businesses.

Although running all of these businesses demanded much of their energy, Harold, Tim and Jon always made time to give back to the trucking industry. One of Tim Shay’s biggest contributions to trucking was his founding role in the New York Motor Truck Association (now TANY). He served as the American Trucking Associations’ vice chair, and as a member of ATA’s regulatory policy commission and of a special committee on ERISA. Tim also received the Founders Award from the American Truck Historical Society.

Tim’s sons followed in their father’s footsteps at TANY. Timothy served as president of the association from 1982 to 1984, and Jon from 1990 to 1992.

Throughout their careers, the Shays remained aware of the problems that were of concern to the trucking industry and looked for practical ways to address them. Over the last 10 to 15 years, as the shortage of trained technicians and drivers became more acute, they worked with local schools and colleges to encourage more young people to seek skilled careers in trucking.

Through the Shay Legacy Foundation, TANY hopes to carry on the family’s tradition of making a difference.