

What Matters “Star” Scholarship

Name of the scholarship: WHAT MATTERS "Star Scholarship" in memory of Ronald P. Rossie

Scholarship description:

A beloved annual tradition continues in Front Royal as a 93 year old's wish was granted last Friday night. Ronald P. Rossi had been lighting an enormous steel star from his home on Fox Drive for over 50 years and the star will continue to shine long after his death (in August of this year) thanks to Nathan Patterson and Royal Auto Works. Patterson closed on the late Mr. Rossi's property on Friday, 12/14, and invited family and friends for a lighting ceremony that honored the previous owner's memory and marked the beginning of new memories to be made on Fox Drive. According to Patterson, "We know the Star is important to the community and the community is important to us at Royal Auto Works. We are happy to be able to provide Christmas joy to Front Royal by keeping the tradition alive."

Watch this video see the ceremony and hear Mr. Rossi, in his own words (in a spring interview with Beth Medved Waller who was listing agent for the property), recount the origin of the star and his desire to have the annual tradition live on after his death.

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Eligibility requirements:

To a student entering a trade school or planning to work in a trade field

To apply: Applicant will write a short statement/essay about why they feel they are deserving of a scholarship in memory of Mr. Rossie (and ideally watch this to learn about him and the star prior to writing the essay)

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This scholarship is for:

- Skyline High School
- Warren County High School
- Blue Ridge Tech Center

Organization / individual giving scholarship:

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