



## The Party Source “Gives Back” Frank Benke Memorial Scholarship

The “Gives Back” program was created by The Party Source employees as a way of giving back to the community and customers that make us a success. One of our main focuses was to have a yearly scholarship for local schools.

Frank Benke was a highly respected member of this community and loved his hometown of Bellevue, Kentucky. Frank graduated from Bellevue High School in 1942 and was drafted into the Navy. While in the Navy, Frank attended Purdue University and earned a degree in mechanical engineering. Frank began a career with General Electric and eventually retired after 28 years of service as an Aeronautical Engineer.

As a community leader Frank served on the Bellevue School Board from 1960-1968 and served on the Bellevue City Council from 1970-1996. During his time on the city council he was credited for bringing The Party Source to Bellevue as well as many other commercial developments. After The Party Source opened in 1993, Frank worked as a greeter until 2005 and was the first friendly face you saw when you walked in the store. In 2001, the City of Bellevue renamed a section of Eden Avenue Frank Benke Way in honor of his years of service to the city. Upon his death in 2005 he was credited with 35 years of public service and civic leadership to the city of Bellevue. We are so grateful for the role Frank played in helping us start what is now not only the biggest liquor store in the country, but also 100% employee owned.

In honor of Frank and his love of his community we will be offering four scholarships for Bellevue High School. The first two will be a \$1,000 scholarship to a student attending a four-year university. The second two will be a \$500 scholarship to a student attending a trade school or two-year community college.

All applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA, and all applications must be submitted by May 11, 2022. We need the attached application, and at least **two written letters of recommendation** from someone other than family members or friends. The recipients of the scholarships will be chosen by the “Gives Back” committee. The scholarship recipients will receive their money at the end of the first completed semester. They must show proof that they have maintained a minimum of a 2.5 GPA and will be attending the second semester.

**Personal Information:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the two scholarships are you applying for, and what College or University are you attending?

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**Academic Awards and Extracurricular Activities:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**List any recent acts of community service and/or non-school volunteer work:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Essay:**

Please choose one of the three essay topics below and respond in no more than 500 words. **Please attach essay to application.**

- Describe a difficult situation you have faced and how you overcame that obstacle.
- Describe an experience in your life that helped influence who you are today.
- Describe someone that has influenced you, or has been a role model and why.