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The Robert L. Zukowski Community Service Scholarship

Robert L. Zukowski was a well-respected member of the French River Education Center's Board of Directors for nearly twenty-five (25) years. Retiring from the Board in June of 2015, Dr. Zukowski left an indelible mark on the Center and his contributions to the various programs and services offered by the French River, particularly in the area of continuing education and computer applications training, are still in place today. Dr. Zukowski continues his community involvement as Chairperson of the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School Committee where he has served as a board member since October 2005. He also serves as the School Building Chair at Bay Path, overseeing a \$73 million dollar renovation project that has, under his watch, come in on time and on budget.

In his youth, Dr. Zukowski was a Boy Scout and reached the highest advancement rank in Scouting when he became an Eagle Scout, a rank achieved by only 4% of all scouts. Through scouting, he first learned the value of giving back to the community through a variety of service projects. He witnessed his parents involvement in various community service organizations which also shape his direction. Over the years, his board memberships, as well as leadership positions of note, include not only French River and Bay Path, but *Oak Hill Community Development Corporation; Mohegan Council BSA; Merit Badge Counselor and Troop Committee Chairperson; and St. Mary's Boosters Club*. Community service, then, has been, and continues to be, an integral part of his life.

The French River Education Center is pleased to offer a **\$1,000 scholarship**, in the name of **Robert L. Zukowski**, to a deserving Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School senior for *outstanding service to the community*.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- *have participated in community service work or volunteer activities throughout high school;*
- *have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5;*
- *plans to enroll full-time at a college, university or technical school; and*
- *major in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) area, including health sciences.*

A completed application with an accompanying essay must be mailed to:

The Robert L. Zukowski Community Service Scholarship
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Attention: Michael Fields, Director
PO Box 476
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The application deadline is May 1 of the current academic year. Late entries will not be considered.



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2. Kindly attach a one page essay (*typed and spaced*) in which you highlight the community service project or activity from your high school years that made you the most proud.

- *Explain the motivation or circumstances that led to your involvement;*
- *What you accomplished;*
- *The impact it had on others or the community;*
- *What the experience meant to you; and*
- *How it shaped you as a person.*

In the concluding paragraph, comment on whether or not, in your opinion, community service should be a requirement for high school graduation and why.