The Erie Canal Chapter Scholarships are awarded to assist deserving students in furthering their educational objectives. Their program of study must lead to a degree in any one of the various disciplines or specializations in Science, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

AFCEA is a member-based, non-profit association that focuses on cyber, command, control, communications, computers and intelligence to address national and international security challenges. Candidates for Erie Canal Scholarships need to be engaging in a course of study that will result in a degree in: science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines focused on information technology, cybersecurity, telecommunications and electronics supporting the defense, homeland security and intelligence communities. In the event of extenuating circumstances, it may be necessary for Erie Canal Chapter, to request an applicant to provide the curriculum list for their major in order to determine if the major meets the AFCEA STEM criteria.

In 2018, the Erie Canal Chapter will award scholarships for full-time undergraduate or graduate study with individual awards from $500 to $3000. Scholarships will be awarded to both college students and high school seniors.

Awards are based upon the relationship cited in paragraph one, demonstrated academic performance, potential, honors, community service, work history, and extracurricular activities. All awards are made on the basis of merit. Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Requirements to be considered:

-- Applicants must be candidates for a degree.
-- Applicants must be US Citizens.
-- Applicants must be from the Central NY region which stretches from Albany to Buffalo.
-- Applicants must NOT have previously received two or more such awards from this chapter.

The scholarships will be paid directly to the winners. A one-year AFCEA membership and free subscription to Signal Magazine will be included. Application forms are available from the AFCEA Erie Canal Chapter Secretary or can be downloaded from our web site at: www.afceaeriecanal.com

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Applications, including letters of recommendation (must be signed and dated), must be typed or computer generated, and received by the AFCEA Secretary by close of business 9 Mar 2018, to be considered. Scholarships will be announced and awards made at the AFCEA Scholarship Luncheon in May 2018.

Mr. Rick Lockridge
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