Richard Lewis McHugh Memorial Scholarship Award

Richard Lewis McHugh was a Navy veteran from the Vietnam War time frame. He served on the USS Hornet and performed avionics maintenance on helicopters and airplanes. Rick was later stationed in Japan and then returned to the San Francisco Bay Area (where he grew up) after four years in the Navy and lived in San Francisco during the height of the Haight-Ashbury days. After a devastating house fire that nearly took his life, he spent the later years living with the effects of the fire. Unfortunately, Rick contracted Hepatitis C, which eventually led to liver failure and claimed his life. Before becoming too ill to attend classes, Rick took several creative writing and art classes at the College of Alameda which gave him hope and encouragement. The Richard Lewis McHugh Memorial Scholarship Award is a special way his memory can live on while helping others.

One $500 scholarship voucher will be awarded to a deserving College of Alameda student each semester. The recipient will be selected by the College of Alameda Scholarship Committee and approved by the McHugh Family.

Requirements:
1. US Veteran
2. Studying one of the following courses at the College of Alameda:
   • Electronics
   • Electrical Engineering
   • Creative Writing or Art
3. Demonstrate financial need by having completed the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and any other required forms through the College of Alameda Financial Aid Office.

For more information, contact Peralta Colleges Foundation, 333 East 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94606. Phone: (510) 466-7206

It is recommended that all applicants for this scholarship complete the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and any other required forms through the Financial Aid Office to provide the selection committee with the applicant’s financial needs assessment. However, under the California Dream Act (AB 130) students attending a Peralta college who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under AB 540 are eligible to receive scholarships funded by private donations and administered through the Peralta Colleges Foundation. See the Master Scholarship Application for other acceptable ways to demonstrate financial need.