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### **The Frank Darmofalski (W1FD) Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Meriden Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is pleased to announce its 2026 Frank Darmofalski Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created in 2006 to honor one of the club's founders, Frank Darmofalski (W1FD), and awards a deserving Meriden or Wallingford High School senior who will be attending an institution of higher learning upon graduation. The amount of the scholarship in 2026 is \$2,000.00.

MARC is a special service club of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) which is an organization that oversees amateur (ham) radio in the United States. MARC is made up of licensed amateur radio operators of all ages who enjoy the hobby of radio and who also volunteer their services for community and emergency events.

Applicants should be pursuing higher education in a STEM-related field with an emphasis on electronics and/or radio communications. We encourage ALL interested students to apply. Special consideration will be given to any student who holds an amateur radio license.

#### **2026 Applicant Requirements:**

- Must be graduating in 2026 from a high school in Meriden or Wallingford, CT and accepted or planning to attend an accredited institution in the Fall of 2026.
- Priority will be given to applicants enrolled in a STEM track or curriculum.
- Transcripts must be submitted.
- A written essay of 250 words (minimum) on why they selected their program of study and what they plan to do with it upon graduation/program completion.
- Open to all regardless of race, religion, sex, or national origin.

#### **Awards will be based upon the following criteria:**

- Academic grades
- Financial need
- Area of study
- Public service activities

- Electronic projects

The application, grade transcripts, and 250 (minimum) word essay should be submitted no later than April 17, 2026, to the P.O. Box above or via email to [Scholarship@w1nrg.com](mailto:Scholarship@w1nrg.com).

Sincerely,

James Savage, N1ZN  
MARC Scholarship Chair

David Tipping NZ1J  
MARC President