

The Wright Museum is Honored to Offer the **David M. Wright Memorial Scholarship**

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Students graduating from Kingswood Regional High School or Brewster Academy intending to pursue a course of study in one of the following areas: History, American Studies, the Humanities, or Museum Studies. While preference will be given to college-bound students planning to major in one of these subjects, consideration may also be given to students embarking on other areas of pursuit.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2008

Date of Award: August 1, 2008

Application Process: Candidates for the scholarship should submit a one- to two-page essay describing how the award will help them achieve their academic goals and address the broader importance of an understanding of history. The essay should be accompanied by a cover letter including the student's name, address, and telephone number.

David Wright, 1931 – 2003

Museum founder David Wright was the son of a WWI veteran who himself served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. Since he was too young to serve in WWII, his recollections of the event were of his home front experiences growing up near Worcester, Mass. Wright was an avid collector of WWII vintage vehicles, which he collected and restored over many years. He continued until he had over 50 vehicles, all totally restored and fully operational. By 1983 the E. Stanley Wright Museum Foundation, Inc. was established in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Originally, the Museum was essentially a mobile exhibition, which Wright made available to communities around the Northeast for parades and military functions at venues such as the Roosevelt Museum and West Point.



While his collection was--and continues to be--impressive, Wright believed that it was imperative to tell the whole story of Americans' contribution to the war effort. As he began to develop plans for a permanent museum, Wright felt it necessary to document the great achievements of Americans on the home front, since it was their commitment to the war effort that played such a crucial role in the Allied victory.

In 1992 David Wright purchased an 8-acre parcel adjacent to Wolfeboro's Smith River, the former site of the Diamond National sawmill. On July 16, 1994 the doors opened to the museum's first visitors. Since then, over 100,000 people have toured the Home Front and military buildings. Some visit out of curiosity after having seen the M3A1 Stuart tank protruding from the building's facade. What they find inside conjures memories for visitors of a certain age. For families visiting the Wright Museum, its exhibits often spur conversations across the generations, allowing parents, grandparents, and children to contemplate the achievements of the Greatest Generation.

**Additional information may be obtained by calling 569-1212.
Applications should be postmarked no later than June 30 and be
directed to:**

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