

First Sergeant Loyal E. Conard, United States Marine Corps, Leadership Scholarship

\$1,000 Award from The James N. McCutchen Detachment #603, Marine Corps League, Clarksville, Tennessee to a graduating High School Senior from Fort Campbell High School or any public or private high school in Montgomery or Stewart County, who will attend **Austin Peay State University**.

First Sergeant Loyal Conard served our country with over 20 years of active service in the USMC. During his Marine Corps career, he exercised outstanding **leadership** and occupational skill with the Marine Corps Air Wing. Rising to the grade of E-8, First Sergeant Conard continually demonstrated positive **leadership**, not only for those in his charge, but also for all he encountered.

After retiring from the Marines, Loyal worked on Fort Campbell, KY for Taylor Motors, which provided School Bus service for the Fort Campbell Schools. Expanding his woodworking hobby in 1999, Loyal opened **L.C. Woodcrafters** on Fort Campbell Boulevard. Specializing in custom shadow boxes, plaques, framing, trophies and other forms of recognition, Loyal was able to provide a meaningful service for those who deserved special recognition. He built his business and reputation by providing beautiful products for his many customers. He was a charter member of the James N. McCutchen Detachment of the Marine Corps League #603, Clarksville. He served as Detachment Commandant and a term as Department of Tennessee Commandant.

Following his passing in April 2018 at the age of 82, First Sergeant Conard bequeathed his business to the daughter of a fellow Marine to ensure that recognition for service could continue; not only for the military but for youth, church and community activities. He will be remembered for his **leadership** and service; as an American, Marine, Father, Grandfather and Businessman.

LEADERSHIP TRAITS

Leadership is critical for the success of any human endeavor. The **United States Marine Corps** requires Marines to seek out and strive for positions of **leadership**. To guide Marines in this endeavor, Fourteen **Leadership Traits** have been identified to help develop **leadership** skills. In alphabetical order they are:

Bearing, Courage, Decisiveness, Dependability, Endurance, Enthusiasm, Initiative, Integrity, Judgment, Justice, Knowledge, Loyalty, Tact, and Unselfishness

*Your task is to select what you believe to be the **most important Leadership Trait** from the list of 14 and compose an original essay justifying your belief.*

*(Your essay must be your own creation, but if you choose to research your choice, you **MUST** include any references.)*

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit your completed essay, resume and transcript under a cover letter signed and dated by you and a parent, on or before 15 April 2023. (Application available 1 March, due on or before 15 April 2023.)

Mail your completed package to: Adjutant Stephen Baird, 1776 Theresa Drive, Clarksville, TN 37043

The Winner will be chosen by a review committee of Detachment #603 and notified by 30 April 2023.

Recognition at School Awards Day Presentation; \$1,000 will be deposited in the winner's APSU Account

Email Adjutant Baird at stephenbaird7@gmail.com if necessary. **School Counselors** may call or text Mr. Baird at (931) 538-2093

APPLICANT INFORMATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AND TREATED AS SUCH. IT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THIRD PARTIES.