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## **LAMA Poconos Chapter**

### **Jovan X. Caraballo Memorial Scholarship**

*Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A.) is a family oriented organization that was founded in 1977 in Chicago's notorious Humboldt Park neighborhood. LAMA was intended as a touring club with democratic ideals. In 1999 LAMA became an international association with chapters in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, and the USA. Recently chapters have been added in 23 countries around the world.*

*The Latin American Motorcycle Association is a humanist association that does not distinguish between race, color, nationality, ethnic origins, religion, gender, age, social class, and motorcycle brands, etc. LAMA members share a passion for motorcycles that unites us in brotherhood of democratic ideals. LAMA is a non-profit organization.*

*Jovan X. Caraballo, was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma January 6th, 2013 when doctors discovered a malignant tumor in his left femur bone. He underwent chemotherapy from February thru October. Jovan had been thru numerous procedures and major surgery. On April 24, 2013, Jovan had the entire left femur resected, along with his knee and a portion of the bone under his knee. Jovan spent 6 weeks at a rehab center where he had to relearn basic motor skills like the ones you teach a toddler how to stand, how to walk, how to put on his socks and sneakers. Things you do daily without even thinking about it he had to relearn. He beat cancer in 2013 but later relapsed in February 2014. Jovan lost his battle January 24, 2015*

*Jovan was the youngest of 3 children; he was 15 years old when he passed. He was the first LAMA Poconos Youth Member. Jovan was very fortunate and had a strong circle of family and friends who are now known as **Team Jovi!!!**.*

*It is our goal to continue to work for and with the community. For this reason, our Poconos Chapter has established a scholarship to acknowledge and assist the students in our community with their future goals.*

**Scholarship Amount:    \$1,000.00**

#### **Who can apply?**

Any student from The Monroe County Area High Schools, who has intentions in attending a 2 year or 4 year higher education institution or a Trade School. (acceptance letter from institution will be required to receive funds).

**Disbursement:**    Funds will be made out to the students directly.

**Deadline:**    For Receipt of Applications **March 15, 2025**



**LAMA Poconos Requirements:**

1. Attend a Poconos LAMA Chapter Meeting to read the winning essay and meet the members.
2. Attend a LAMA Poconos event in 2025 for recognition and update.

**Required with application:**

1. Two letters of recommendation from community members or school officials.
2. Verification letter from Guidance department of graduating status.

**Application for L.A.M.A. Poconos Annual Jovan X. Caraballo Memorial Scholarship**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institution planning to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Course of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type and Attach a 500 Word essay (12 font double spaced)**

**Topic: L.A.M.A. is an organization which values community service and promotes respect and trust. What are your accomplishments in community service? Describe how your college education will help enhance your community service.**

**Mail application, essay, and recommendation and verification letters to:**

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**LAMA Poconos**

**Attn: Mrs. Adriana Viruet, Scholarship Chair**

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