



POW-MIA
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Chapter III New York
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Tony Schembri Memorial Scholarship **ROLLING THUNDER®, INC. CHAPTER 3 NEW YORK**

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Rolling Thunder Inc., is a nationwide all-volunteer veteran-support organization dedicated to keeping the issue of this country's military Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) from being marginalized and/or forgotten both by our government and our citizens. Over 100,00-members strong, with over 90 individual chapters in 31 states, Rolling Thunder Inc.'s purpose and focus is embodied in its organization's Mission Statement.

"Rolling Thunder Inc.'s major function is to publicize the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW-MIA) issue; to educate the public of the fact that many prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars; to help correct the past, and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War/Missing in Action." We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars."

Rolling Thunder 3 New York, serves the greater Mid-Hudson Valley. In honor of Tony Schembri, a co-founder of Chapter 3 and a veteran himself, a scholarship has been established in his name. Tony's passion was helping veterans. Additionally, Tony was an outreach educator who spoke at schools and community functions. His message was simple: understand and appreciate the service of the nation's soldiers and give them the respect they deserve.

The scholarship's value is \$750.00. We are asking prospective scholarship applicants to write an essay of approximately 500 words. The theme of your essay should center on: How and why the efforts and sacrifices of the American soldier/military veteran are so important. Your essay should be based on the ideas you have formed from either reading of history or from the veterans you know personally as family or friends.

The essay will be evaluated based upon content and the conventions of standard written English. Structure and grammatical syntax will be considered as part of the selection process.

Attention must be given to the written form of the essay. Paragraph structure must include an introduction, body paragraphs and conclusion. Submission should be 12-point font, double spaced. The winning recipient will be posted on the Rolling Thunder 3 website after the awardee is presented with the check at his/her Senior Awards night.

The DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION is **April 1, 2026**, and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee at the address below. For any questions regarding this scholarship, you can contact the committee at: Susan Orts suziq433@yahoo.com.

Mail application to: Rolling Thunder NY3
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 10991
Newburgh, NY 12552

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Name of Applicant (please print): _____

High School: _____

School phone #: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

School Address: _____

If awarded this scholarship I understand my name will be posted on the website of Rolling Thunder New York 3. Additionally, I hereby declare the attached submission is my work.

Applicant's signature: X _____