Carl A. Bongiovanni was a lifelong resident of Allegheny County, and continuously involved with his community in a number of capacities. He was the owner and president of Bon Tool Company, presently in Gibsonia, PA, from 1994 until his sudden passing on January 26, 2017.

Bon Tool Co. has been a family owned and run business for over 60 years, providing the highest quality tools to professional construction tradesmen. Carl’s dedication to the business was matched by his lifelong belief that there is, and always will be, an urgent need to support the many young men and women who choose a career in the technical and labor trades. He was a founding committee member of the VICA/Skills USA’s masonry competition.

The Carl A. Bongiovanni Scholarship was made possible by the outpouring of love and donations from his friends and family with the guidance and support of the Pittsburgh North Optimist Foundation (PNOF). The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an individual with funding assistance for continuing their education in the building/construction trades at a post-secondary institution. The scholarship is valued at $2,000 per year, applied directly to the educational institution, for as long as the student is enrolled and in good standing in his or her program, with a maximum of three years.

The Trades: Individuals looking to further their education in one of the trades listed below are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Other construction related trades may be considered. Carpentry, Construction Management, Construction trades (or similar program), Drywall/Lathing, Electrician, Horticulture, HVAC, Ironworking, Masonry, Plumbing, Welding

Eligibility: The applicant must be a Pennsylvania resident who is looking to continue their education in a post-secondary institution in one of the trades noted above.

Scholarship Selection Process: A review board will evaluate all applications and finalists will be selected for an interview prior to the final selection process. The scholarship will be awarded during the PNOF’s award ceremony or some other relevant/function.
The Carl A. Bongiovanni Vo-Tech Scholarship Application
(please type or print clearly)

Part 1:

Personal Information:

Last Name ___________________________  First Name ___________________  Middle Initial ______

Date of Birth: __________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________  County _________________  State _____  Zip ________

Phone ________________________   Email _____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) __________________________________________________________

Educational Information:

High School ________________________________________________________________________

Career/Tech School __________________________________________________________________

Director/Counselor __________________________________________________________________

CTE Program Title ___________________________________ Instructor ________________________

Expected Graduation Date _____________________________________________________________

Technical Institution You Plan to Attend _________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________   County _________________   State_____ Zip __________

Major/Program __________________________________________ Enrollment Date _______________

Admission Status (check one): Applied _____   Pending _____ Admitted _____

Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript.
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Work Experience
List your most recent work experience first. Include unpaid “shadowing” experiences, internships, coop education/work experience, military or community service. Please attach any additional pages as needed.

Dates of Employment: ________________________________________________________________
Business Name, Address, Phone, Contact: ________________________________________________
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Position & Brief Description of Duties: ____________________________________________________
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Dates of Employment: ________________________________________________________________
Business Name, Address, Phone, Contact: ________________________________________________
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Part 2:
For the two questions below, please attach your response on one page. Both questions may be answered on the same page – with a suggested 250 word maximum.

Question #1:
Please describe your involvement in career and technical student organizations, competitions and extra-curricular activities. You may include community service, church youth groups, volunteer work, and any awards or honors you have received.

Question #2:
What does your trade mean to you? What impact has it had on your life?
Part 3:
Assurances/Signatures:
Please sign below to indicate your agreement with the following statements:

• I understand that I may be asked to participate in an interview as part of the selection process.

• My name and/or information may be included in articles, videos, conference materials, association websites, press releases, etc. regarding the scholarship.

• I understand that the scholarship is paid directly to the institution upon enrollment at the beginning of each year if I am a student in good standing. If I choose not to re-enroll, the funds will be forfeited.

• All information in this application package is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature ___________________________________   Date ____________

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________   Date ____________
(Required if student is under 18 years old at the time of signing)

Parent/Guardian Name _______________________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number __________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________________

All applications must be submitted by April 16th, 2021 and mailed to:
Bon Tool Company
Attention: John Bongiovanni
4430 Gibsonia, PA  15044

You may email your application and direct any questions to cjb@bontool.com