

Michael H. Prestia

SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the Estate of Michael H. Prestia, this scholarship is named in honor and memory of Michael Prestia, a Connellsville native who served his country well in World War II as a 1st Lieutenant of the U.S. Eighth Air Force and a navigator on a B-17 bomber. He completed thirty-five missions over enemy territory and earned several combat awards. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Prestia was an active volunteer in helping maintain the Yough River Trail; he participated in many fundraising activities at St. Rita Church; he assisted with serving holiday dinners sponsored by the Salvation Army; and, he was proudest of his contribution of thirty-five gallons of blood to the American Red Cross during his lifetime.

Applicants for this scholarship must demonstrate financial need by completing the financial aid application (FACTS). Preference will be given to students who exhibit academic promise, have a good attendance record, and submit evidence of community service.

For more information contact the Geibel Catholic Business Office by calling the school office at 724-628-5600.