

**FOR EXEMPLARY
COMMITMENT
TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND
SELF-IMPROVEMENT**

In honor of Paul K. Vestal, Jr., and in recognition of all that he gave to the Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) and to Maine Youth, the JJAG has established a scholarship fund for youth who have been involved in the Maine Juvenile Justice System and who demonstrate a willingness to measurably improve their life and the lives of others.

The fund is capped at \$10,000 annually. Individual awards can be up to \$5,000.



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Paul K. Vestal Jr.

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AWARD



*“If you don’t like something,
change it, don’t stand around
running your mouth.”*

Paul K. Vestal, Jr.



Paul K. Vestal, Jr Award

Who was

Paul K. Vestal, Jr?

Self described childhood outlaw; Military Intelligence Officer; College graduate; Outlaw biker and full-patch member of the Low-Riders MC; Prison Warden; Substance abuse counselor; developer of programming for kids with addictions; Chair of the Maine Human Rights Commission; President of United Bikers of Maine; President of the Motorcycle Rights Foundation; Inductee to the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame; and Chair of the Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

Criteria for receiving the Paul K.

Vestal, Jr. Award include but are not limited to:

1. A youth who is or has been involved in the juvenile justice system, and has demonstrated a desire to improve their life and a willingness to help others who face similar struggles.
2. A youth who has ambitions and plans for the future that will be enhanced by this award, and whose plan includes education, training, or a certificate program that leads to full time employment.
3. A youth who has demonstrated the willingness, motivation, and capacity to become a mentor or positive example for other youth either through serving on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group or a community organization.
4. A youth who may be willing to participate in public service announcements or other JJAG publications with consent of the award recipient and the recipient's parents or guardian (if the award recipient is under age 18 at the time of the publication).

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED?

Anyone can nominate a youth for the Award, but a nomination may only be submitted with the consent of the youth; if the youth is under the age of 18, the youth's parent or guardian must approve the nomination in writing. To nominate a youth, please contact the JJAG at linda.barry-potter@maine.gov. All completed application packages received by the published deadline will be reviewed

by the JJAG. The final, and non-appealable decision to grant or deny an award will be made by the full membership of the JJAG. All applications will become the

property of the JJAG. Applications can be downloaded at:

www.jjagmaine.com/funding

All applications must be accompanied by an authorization to allow disclosure of information to the JJAG review panel. The recipient must also agree to the disclosure of non-confidential information, as determined individually with the applicant, for the purpose of the award ceremony and subsequent media publication.

