

The John O'Neill Scholarship Fund

Fact Sheet

Established by the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) board of directors in 2017, the John O'Neill Scholarship Fund assists outstanding local students who have demonstrated awareness of the social issues impacting older adults and are dedicated to working in that field.

Mission Statement

To honor John O'Neill on his retirement for his rigorous commitment to the mission of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), the Board of Directors has established the John O'Neill Scholarship Fund. The Fund will help meet the growing need for a well-trained network of motivated and committed advocates and leaders in the fields SCES serves.

The Fund will provide competitive support to two high school graduates requiring financial aid, one each from Cambridge and Somerville, who plan to pursue higher education in the areas of elder services, health care, advocacy or policy work. The first awards will be granted in 2018.

Investing in the Future

The John O'Neill Scholarship Fund will award two \$1,000 grants to graduating high school students, one each from Cambridge Rindge and Latin and Somerville High School.

O'Neill Scholars will be selected based on promise as critical thinkers, thoughtful citizens, potential leaders, and commitment to helping older people live healthy independent lives. Graduates with career goals in health care, social work, political science and allied areas are preferred. Scholars will also be afforded the opportunity to learn about activities and community programs offered by SCES.

For more information about the O'Neill Scholarship, contact:
SCES Development by calling 617-628-2601 or email development@eldercare.org.

Donations, payable to SCES, can be mailed to SCES, 61 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143, Attn: John O'Neill Scholarship Fund, or visit the donate page of eldercare.org.



About John O'Neill

John O'Neill was Executive Director of SCES for 38 years, before retiring in October of 2017. A tireless advocate for helping older adults maintain health and well-being in the setting of their choice, O'Neill was keenly aware of the future challenges facing elder services. "America is graying, with 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 each day, yet we already face a critical shortage of professionals and para-professionals trained to work with older adults and respectful of their autonomy and dignity."

O'Neill was known for collaborative and innovative leadership, and SCES is proud to build on that legacy through the John O'Neill Scholarship Fund.