

MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND

THIS YEAR marks the 43rd year the Buxton Family Association has awarded scholarships to the descendants of Anthony Buxton.

GERTRUDE ANGEL proposed the idea of a scholarship fund in 1966 at the Association's 61st Annual Reunion. Gertrude sought to honor the memory of her aunt, Mary Buxton Church, by establishing a fund in her aunt's name. The idea was embraced at the reunion and the "MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND" was born.

The Fund offers financial support to individuals who plan to pursue studies beyond the high school level. While some may assume this means going to a four-year college, it means much more than that.

Students planning to attend an accredited technical or trade school in addition to community colleges and four-year colleges and universities may apply. Individuals who pursue advanced degrees may apply again after having received a scholarship for a prior degree program.

To qualify applicants must demonstrate they are direct descendants of Anthony Buxton, The Pioneer by providing a summary tracing one's family line back to him. Sample genealogical charts are available through the Chairperson.

In addition, applicants must provide proof of acceptance by the college/technical or trade school—typically in the form of a letter of admission to the selected institution.

And finally, applicants are asked to provide a brief description of their career goals.

The deadline for applications is June 1st each year. Completed application materials are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee which then recommends action to the full Association membership at the August meeting. Applicants approved for a scholarship are notified in writing after that meeting.

Payment of the scholarship is made following completion of at least one semester of study which demonstrates the student earned a "C" or better grade point average.

All this information is provided on the application form.

Our successful applicants for the 2021 awards were:

- Ella Augustine, Biology, *Florida Atlantic University*
- Jack Augustine, Health Sciences, *Florida Atlantic University*
- Adam Keller, Financial Planning, *College for Financial Planning*

Each applicant received a \$1,500 scholarship which included \$100 to offset the potential impact of income taxes on the award.

With these three awards, the MARY BUXTON CHURCH EDUCATIONAL FUND has helped one hundred and thirty ancestors of Anthony Buxton.

Donations in any amount are appreciated and will help the Buxton Family Association continue its 43-year history of support for our scholars.

Please contact the Chairperson, **Donna Buxton Munroe** at 24 Pond View Road, Bolton, CT 06043. E-mail donna.munroe@att.net for an application or with any questions.