



RULES FOR ANTHONY W. ROMANO & VERNON C. KELLEY MEMORIAL GRANTS

1. Applicants must be residents of an assisted housing program with a New Hampshire housing authority for a twelve-month period prior to the grant application deadline.
2. The Committee will not discriminate in any way based on sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap, socio-economic status or other protected classes.
3. Decisions made by the Committee will be based on information obtained in the application and will be final.
4. The award will be paid in a check made out to the financial aid program of a college and the winner jointly. No award will be made directly to the winner.
5. Eligible expenses are tuition, room, board, books and laboratory or approved activity fees.
6. If the winner fails to draw down funds within a year from award date, the unused portion of the funds will revert to the NHHAC grant fund.
7. Upon notification of winning, the winner must inform the Committee in writing of the school s/he will be attending, the exact address of the financial aid office, and the legal name under which the student will register. Any correspondence shall be directed to:

Grant Committee
c/o Tony Teixeira, Executive Director
Exeter Housing Authority
277 Water Street
Exeter, NH 03833
(603) 778-8110 x 2
8. The winner agrees by accepting the grant, to provide the Committee a photograph and releases use of his/her picture and name in publicity about the grant.

Anthony W. “Buddy” Romano was Executive Director of the Lebanon, NH Housing Authority for 23 and ½ years, retiring on January 31, 1996 shortly before his death. A dedicated public servant, he directed the reconstruction of downtown Lebanon after a major fire, and managed construction of 166 units of public housing. Buddy’s warm personality, ever-present humor and outgoing interest in others made him widely loved as a dear friend. Colleagues, clients, salesmen and employees alike enjoyed and looked forward to moments in his presence. Because he believed that housing assistance should be only a temporary steppingstone it is fitting that this college grant is offered in Buddy’s memory.

Vernon C. Kelley was Executive Director of the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority for 6 years prior to his death in January 2004. A compassionate champion of elderly and low-income tenants throughout the greater Derry community, Vernon was responsible for increasing the number of families that Derry Housing continues to assist even to this day. He was instrumental in obtaining from HUD a 15-unit quasi-assisted living facility in Derry that serves elderly and disabled individuals in a community-based setting. In his dedicated advocacy for persons of lower income and disabled persons, Vernon combined the pleasant manner of a southern gentleman (he came from Tennessee) with a passion reminiscent of the professional tennis player he was when younger. A believer in higher education, Vernon attained two Masters Degrees himself prior to his retirement.