



Pearl River Gun Club

Joseph V. Caccamo, Jr. Memorial Award

10 March 2026

You are invited to apply for the **Joseph V. Caccamo, Jr. Memorial Award**. The award is available to any Rockland County High School Senior. Please note, this is a NON-ACADEMIC, non-scholarship award and it will be granted solely based on the submission of an essay as described in the instructions section.

College enrollment 'IS NOT' a criterion for this award and it is open to all Rockland County High School Seniors.

The **Joseph V. Caccamo, Jr. Memorial Award** was created by the Pearl River Gun Club in honor of one of the club's founders and a beloved member. Joe was a wonderful husband and family man, an avid outdoorsman, an accomplished target shooter and hunter, a member of the Clarkstown Auxiliary Police, a volunteer who gave back to the community, a veteran and member of the James H. Anderson American Legion Post 1199, an NRA instructor, a success in business and a person who left behind many friends and family due to his untimely passing.

Joe's philosophy was "*Live life to the fullest, enjoy every day because you don't know when it will end*". He provided the inspiration for this award which celebrates the importance of the Second Amendment to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Please take the time to carefully prepare the enclosed application. Submissions that do not address all questions will not be considered.

The Pearl River Gun Club sets the guidelines and criteria for these awards. The essays will be judged by the **Joseph V. Caccamo Jr. Memorial Award** Committee.

A single award of up to one thousand dollars may be given to the winning submission.

Once again, the award is NON-ACADEMIC, applicants DO NOT have to be attending college..

Recipients of the 2026 award will be notified by phone.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Scherer
Committee Chairman

Instructions

1. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
2. Do not include your academic achievements, transcripts or grades as this will disqualify your application.
3. All applications MUST be typewritten.
4. When your application is complete, please return it via USPS mail, to Pearl River Gun Club, PO Box 48, Pearl River, N.Y, 10965.
Entries must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Saturday 11 April 2026.
5. The award will be presented to the winner on 16 June 2026, 7:00 PM at the Pearl River Gun Club Annual BBQ which will be held at the Blauvelt FireHouse on Western Highway in Blauvelt.

NOTE: The winner MUST be present at the BBQ otherwise the award will be forfeited.

6. Choose one of the following three choices and write an essay of at least 1500 words on the subject.
 - a. In June 2022, the Supreme Court ruled NY State's pistol license restrictions were deemed unconstitutional giving all NY state pistol license holders the right to unrestricted concealed carry. Write your essay on why this is important to law abiding citizens and their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.
 - b. Write your essay on the importance of the Second Amendment as it was intended when written and how it has evolved today.
 - c. Over 16 million Americans served during World War II and only approximately 100,000 survive today. Write an essay discussing the importance and immense contributions of the men and women from what is known as "The Greatest Generation".
7. Do you or anyone in your family hunt, fish or target shoot for recreation?
8. Briefly describe outside activities in which you have participated during your High School years including summers. Please include family activities, hobbies, and personal interests and major accomplishments.

9. If you have any employment or internship experience, please give a brief description and supply references.

10. Do you have any conservation interests or experience? Please describe.

11. Please provide your information below.

Name _____

Address _____

Parent(s)/guardian(s) Name: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail address: _____

High School Attending: _____

Graduation year _____

12. Please provide three references below that we may contact.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Phone Number: (W) _____

(H) _____

E-mail address: _____

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Phone Number: (W) _____

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E-mail address: _____

Name: _____

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