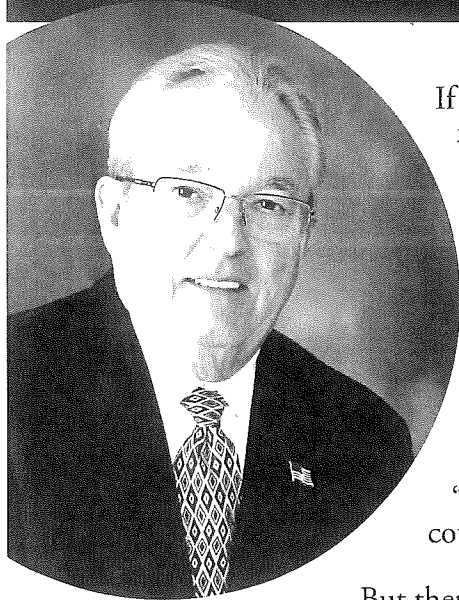


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# EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

## WE CAN BE HEROES



If you could change someone's life, and it wouldn't cost you any money or even much of your time to do it, would you?

When he was a junior in college, just a couple of weeks before he was scheduled to continue a family tradition by joining the Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Zellen lost his father.

"When I turned 21, my dad sponsored me," GER Zellen says. "I was still grieving, but I went forward with my initiation in his honor."

The GER wasn't as certain that he could go forward with his education.

"I was a junior at Suffolk University in Boston," GER Zellen recalls. "My mother couldn't pay for it. So I decided that I wouldn't return for the spring semester."

But then he got a call from Judge John E. Fenton, the president of the university, a family friend, and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

"He called me into his office," GER Zellen says. "Of course I went. You didn't say No to Judge Fenton. And when I met with him, he told me that the Elks could help me finish school through the Emergency Educational Grant program."

That call—from an Elk who cared enough to look out for the family of a departed brother—changed the GER's life.

"I graduated with a debt of gratitude to the Elks," GER Zellen says.

Since 1944, the Elks National Foundation has been helping the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks go to college through the Emergency Educational Grant program. But there are still Elks children out there who qualify but don't know that the program exists. A phone call could change their lives, too.

### ELIGIBILITY

Children of deceased or totally disabled Elks members are eligible to apply. The Elks member must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of death or disability. The applicant must be unmarried, under the age of 23, and attending an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning as a full-time student.

### APPLICATIONS

Emergency Educational Grant applications are available by request from the ENF Scholarship Office. If someone you know qualifies for an Emergency Educational Grant, please call 773/755-4732 or email [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org) to request an application. Applications are available starting May 1, and must be submitted to the Elks National Foundation by October 31.

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