

The Joseph and Yvonne LeClair Scholarship was established by Boy Scout Troop 52 to honor two people who devoted their lives to Boy Scouting. It is funded through contributions from people who believe in the program. Scholarships are awarded annually. Any Scout who is a resident of Watertown-Oakville or is a member of a Watertown-Oakville troop may apply.

Joseph LeClair joined Boy Scout Troop 1 (now 52) Oakville in 1935. He attended the first National Jamboree in Washington, DC in 1937, and was a leader at the 1950, 1960, and 1969 National Jamborees. After working as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 14 years, and serving in the army, he became Scoutmaster in 1955 and held that position until 1976.

Mr. LeClair was a dedicated volunteer at Camp Mattatuck for many years and served in almost every role at the troop and district level. In 1960 he was awarded the highest honor bestowed by a local Scout council, the Silver Beaver Award. He was a member of the Troop Committee from 1976 until his death in 2017.

One of the founding members of Troop 52's Mothers' Auxiliary in 1957, Mrs. LeClair has supported her husband and Troop 52 with enthusiasm. She served the auxiliary in several capacities, including as president. Through the years the Mothers' Auxiliary has raised thousands of dollars to help make Scouting affordable for all boys.

Scholarship applications are sent to Scoutmasters in January each year.

Tax deductible donations, made out to "**National Financial Services**", with a memo note on the check "**LeClair Scholarship**". may be sent to:

**Boy Scout Troop 52**  
**c/o Union Congregational Church**  
**167 Buckingham Street**  
**Oakville, CT 06779**