



Leonard H. White Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

David White and the R. H. White Companies created this scholarship in 2011 to honor David's father, Leonard, the President of R. H. White Companies from 1960-1989. It is awarded to college students who are relatives of current company employees, with preference to students majoring in engineering, construction and business.

Leonard White (1919-2014) was born in New London, CT. He grew up in Auburn, MA and graduated from Auburn High School, then earned a mechanical engineering degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In 1942, he married Anna Temple White, with whom he shared life for 65 years and raised four children.

Leonard began his career in New Jersey, working for the state's largest utility. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he moved his family to Worcester and joined his father at R. H. White Construction Co. as a project engineer. In 1960, he succeeded his father as company President and grew the firm from 50 to 500 employees during his tenure.

Leonard was a devoted family man and was also involved in many local organizations, including the Auburn Rotary Club, All Saints Church, and WPI (where he was a Trustee from 1977-1992). A passionate philanthropist, he established two scholarships and a professorship at WPI in his parents' honor. His commitment to community service remains at the heart of the R. H. White Companies, which give generously to local organizations.

When Leonard retired as Chairman of the Board in 2010, the R. H. White Companies endowed this scholarship to benefit employees' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Though he passed away in 2014, at age 94, his generous spirit lives on in this award.

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