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Joel & Myrna Sherman Memorial Education Scholarships



As a national retail trade association, NATO's focus is to support retailers and work to protect the right to lawfully sell legal tobacco and nicotine products. As a part of this mission, NATO offers to its retail members, their retail employees, and immediate family members the Joel & Myrna Sherman Memorial Education Scholarship program to honor their memory and spirit. Myrna Sherman was the matriarch and "Mom" of the Sherman tobacco family and devoted supporter of the industry. As a wife, mother, grandmother and lifelong teacher, Myrna understood the importance of education. She was also one of the most loving and generous people you could ever hope to meet. Joel Sherman, longtime President and CEO of Nat Sherman passed away last year. Joel was an original NATO Board Member in the early 2000s. His work on the Board was critical to building NATO's foundation and success and served on the Board for almost 20 years.

The scholarship program will award five \$2,500.00 scholarships to qualified applicants and the recipients will be selected by a random draw. NATO invites applications for the Myrna B. Sherman Memorial Education Scholarship from all those individuals who meet the following criteria:

1. Be an owner, an employee, or an immediate family member (spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter) of an owner or employee of a current NATO **retail member** which has remitted its association membership dues for 2025.
2. Be accepted for admission to, or be enrolled as, a student for the 2025-2026 academic year at: (a) an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited four-year college or university, (b) an accredited law school or accredited medical school, (c) an accredited community college, or (d) a vocational technical/trade school.

Applicants should fully complete the attached scholarship application form, answer the two essay questions, and submit the completed form to NATO by June 13, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be accepted nor eligible for the scholarship program. Again, please note that this scholarship program is open to NATO retail members, their retail employees, and immediate family members.