To: Cornwall High School Seniors

From: Cornwall Historical Society

Re: William E. Fulton Memorial Scholarship

Date: January 31, 2022

William Fulton was born July 8, 1929 and raised in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. He grew up watching boats on the Hudson River and train traffic at Cornwall Landing. He graduated from Cornwall-on-Hudson High School in 1947 and went onto receive a teaching degree from Oswego. He taught at Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. Bill was instrumental in the building of the Village Bandstand after discovering two posts from the original bandstand built by Mead and Taft in the 1880’s. Bill and his wife Colette lived in Cornwall-on-Hudson where they raised their four children.

There was a connection in Bill’s ancestry to that of Robert Fulton. For one July 4th parade he helped to build a float and replica of the steamboat Clermont. He enjoyed taking photos of older houses and buildings and recorded many historic events in the area. He was a member of the 3rd N.Y. Revolutionary War group and one of the founders of the Cornwall Continentals. Bill served a long time as a trustee of the Cornwall Historical Society.

The William E. Fulton Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship presented by the Cornwall Historical Society to seniors with an interest in local history, specifically Cornwall, Cornwall on Hudson or Mountainville.

A Scholarship of $1,000.00 will be awarded to an eligible student who will be continuing his/her education. The furthering of his/her education **does not** have to include following a path in **history**.

Late/incomplete applications or essays displaying plagiarism will be disqualified.