

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? (for example: What type of business will you have?)

In your opinion, what characteristics are essential for a successful entrepreneur?

Unusual circumstances or expenses:

What other financial aid have you applied for and received? Please list name, amount, and date applied.

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I certify that I have truthfully completed all of the information required of this award. All information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to LCCC to release information about my financial aid and academic record to the LCCC Foundation Office and the Scholarship Committee.

Signature

Date

About Robert C. Ross

Robert C. Ross was an innovator, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Mr. Ross was a pioneer in the hazardous waste management industry. At a time when the industry did not yet exist, Mr. Ross saw that manufacturers needed a way to safely dispose of their industrial waste materials. In 1949, many years before environmental regulations were enacted, Mr. Ross and his wife, Ada May, founded Robert Ross Industrial Disposal in Eaton Township. He later said that his inspiration for starting the business came from a local businessman who told him, "The way to be successful in business is to do something that no one else can do or that no one else wants to do."

He built one of the first commercial incineration systems in the nation in 1958 and throughout the years, continuously developed and integrated new technologies into the facility. He created new technologies and approaches that were models of innovation in the rapidly changing industry. That spirit of innovation has continued and the company he founded is now regarded as the one of the premier commercial hazardous waste incineration facilities in the nation.

Although Mr. Ross' involvement in day to day operations of the companies ceased in 1983, the Ross family's involvement has continued. Today, the Ross companies include Ross Environmental Services, Inc., Ross Incineration Services, Inc. and Ross Transportation Services, Inc. with approximately 200 employees at facilities in Eaton Township and Elyria. The companies are owned by Maureen (Ross) Cromling and her husband William E. Cromling. Members of the Ross family continue to be actively involved in the business.

In addition to his entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Ross is remembered for his generosity and community involvement, which inspired a legacy of philanthropy and community involvement that continues through the Ross companies today.

