



THE DUNCAN BUSH IRWA REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Funded by Kathryn Bush; Perdue Russell Matthies Real Estate Appraisal;
Carl Brandstetter; IRWA Chapter 57; and Friends of Duncan Bush*

Objective:

The Duncan Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to award a total of \$15,000 in scholarships to active IRWA professionals who exemplify Duncan's enthusiasm for real estate learning and his passion for the IRWA. The Duncan Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships, up to \$1,000 annually, earmarked for Real Estate appraisal-related educational courses sponsored by the IRWA.

Who Is Duncan Bush?

Duncan Bush was born on November 13, 1948, in Lansing, Michigan. In 1966, Duncan graduated from Millikan High School, where he was an active member of the water polo and swimming teams. Duncan was inducted into the Navy in 1967 and was stationed in Hawaii. In his free time, Duncan joined the State of Hawaii Water Polo Team. The team was invited to compete in the prestigious 1968 Pan American Games.

After completing active duty, Duncan continued his education, first at Chapman University in Orange, and later earned a bachelor's degree at Cal State University Long Beach. He spent several years in Michigan teaching high school and helping to manage his grandparents' farm.

Duncan returned to California, and for several years was the owner of Meridian Appraisals in Los Alamitos, California. Soon after moving to Moreno Valley in 1987, Duncan joined the California Department of Transportation as a Senior Right of Way Agent. He was later promoted to Chief Appraiser and remained with Caltrans until his retirement in 2014. He served as President of the IRWA Chapter 57 (Riverside and San Bernardino) and continued working as an appraiser in the private sector.

Duncan's contribution to Chapter 57 and the right of way profession was innumerable in many ways. Duncan's combined gentle personality, seemingly unlimited patience, and crazy good sense of humor made him an excellent co-worker and friend. It was his passion for education that led him to serve tirelessly as Chapter 57's Education Chair, sharing his professional experience

and wisdom with other right of way professionals, no matter how new or seasoned they were in the industry. Over the years, many right of way professionals benefited from his tutelage.

Duncan is survived by his wife, Kathryn Ann Sullivan Bush; stepson, Jeremy Scott Peterson; son, Daniel Tartan Bush and wife Brittany; daughter, Ashley Morgan Bush; and granddaughter, Hailey Bush.

Eligibility:

IRWA Inland Empire Chapter 57 welcomes and encourages members to apply for a Duncan Bush Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship applicants must be an active IRWA member in good standing. Scholarship funds can only be used toward the registration fee for eligible IRWA real estate appraisal courses. Courses must be completed within 2 years of presentation of the award (e.g., June 2024 awards must be used by May 31, 2026).

Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on a written essay, 1-2 pages in length, outlining how the Duncan Bush Memorial Scholarship will enable you to enhance your education, professional development, and contribute to your growth as described in the IRWA Purpose and Mission Statement.

Schedule:

The application period will open on January 1 annually. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30. Selections will be made by May 31, and grantees will be notified within one week. Recipients will be awarded in person at the IRWA Chapter 57 Officer Installation and Awards Luncheon in June (dates vary). Failure to use the scholarship funds within 2 years of receipt shall result in forfeiture of the award.