

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP BOOKLET

TIPS FOR WINNING A SCHOLARSHIP!



- **APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!** Apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. You can't win if you don't apply!
- **PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE!** "Proper preparation prevents poor performance." Don't wait until the last minute to throw an essay or personal statement together!



- **GET ORGANIZED!** If you are organized, you are less likely to miss a deadline or forget to ask for a recommendation. Make good use of file folders and checklists.
- **DON'T MISS DEADLINES!** Again - use checklists!
- **READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!** No two applications are the same!
- **FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS!** Be sure to include any supplemental documentation that is requested.
- **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD!** Check for any spelling and grammar errors. Have someone else proofread - sometimes a fresh pair of eyes can catch something you missed.

INTRODUCTION

The 2023-2024 Scholarship Booklet contains valuable information about school, local, and area scholarships available to graduating seniors. **NOTE: All information is subject to change at any time by the sponsoring organizations!**

Scholarships are listed as follows:

Common Scholarships – Yellow Section

Other Local/Area Scholarship – Blue Section

Additional Scholarships – Pink Section

PLEASE REVIEW EACH SCHOLARSHIP for important information, instructions, and/or tips for applying. Pay close attention to eligibility requirements to help you determine which scholarships to pursue.

The following are general guidelines to follow as you proceed:

- **DEADLINES:** Pay close attention to scholarship deadlines – don't wait until the last minute to pick up the applications or write your essays! These dates are **actual, firm** deadlines and not just suggestions. Don't miss out on a scholarship because you missed a deadline.
- **ESSAYS:** If at all possible, save your essays to a computer file. Most scholarships require essays, and often much of the personal information can be used for several scholarships.
- **BE NEAT!** People reviewing your application can easily tell whether you put some effort into it, or if you just threw it together in 5 minutes. Take the time to print neatly and legibly and be sure to proofread for spelling and grammar errors. **DO NOT SUBMIT RUMPLED OR SMUDGED PAGES. NEATNESS COUNTS!**
- **APPLY!** Be sure to apply for every scholarship for which you are eligible. Don't skip an application because you don't think you have a chance to win. **Many times, scholarships do not get awarded simply because NOBODY applied!**
- **FOR PARENTS! DO NOT** fill out scholarship applications for your child! This is almost always obvious and does not reflect positively on the applicant. You will be hurting your child more than helping if you do the work for him or her.



THE ALL IMPORTANT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION!

Below is some advice to follow when requesting letters of recommendation:

- ✓ **Seek good letters of recommendation.** Pick people who cannot only write about you, but who can write well about you. If you ask someone who seems uncomfortable with the idea, ask him/her to suggest someone else who might be a better choice.
- ✓ **Pick letters that are relevant.** Choose people who are relevant to the sponsor's goals. For example, ask a science teacher to write a letter for a science scholarship, not your English teacher. However, all things being equal, it is better to ask someone who has known you longer.
- ✓ **Do NOT ask family members!** You should ask someone who knows you well (teacher, coach, employer, community service director), but never a family member.
- ✓ **Be courteous when asking.** Provide them with any required forms, as well as a summary of the purpose of the award. Do NOT ask at the last minute!!
- ✓ **Provide an accomplishments resume.** This is a list of your academic and extracurricular activities. Even people who have known you for a long time may not be familiar with all of your accomplishments, and this will help them incorporate details about you into their letters.
- ✓ **Send a thank you note!** This will give them a good impression and make them more willing to spend time writing additional letters in the future.

COMMON SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE FOR ALL COMMON APPLICATIONS IS MAY 1, 2024

Common Scholarships are available only to seniors at Cuba-Rushford Central School through the CRCS common scholarship application, which has two parts:

PART I – This must be completed first with Mrs. Swartwout, and consists of basic information about you (address, college, major, estimated costs, etc.) and must include a resume or list of honors, awards, extracurricular activities, etc. Part I will be copied and attached to each Part II essay you submit – you only need to complete this once.

PART II – This must be completed for EACH common scholarship you are applying for. This form, with your name NEATLY printed (BLACK ink please!) or typed, must include an essay, (attached or typed on the form). Essays should be kept to one page, one side! **Be sure to read the specific criteria listed for each scholarship and write your essay accordingly.** Part II forms are available through the Guidance Office in either paper or electronic format.

DO NOT STAPLE papers together when turning in your CRCS Common Applications! Also, please do not turn in rumped, crumpled, smudged, curled, or torn pages.

IMPORTANT TIPS:

PART II ESSAY – Keep it short (one side, double spaced); make it personal and interesting. Look at specific scholarship criteria (are they looking for someone with specific personality traits, a particular field of study, future plans, etc.?) and be sure to write your essay accordingly!!

WRITE WITH BLACK INK ONLY – Copies are provided to various scholarship committees, and colored ink does not copy well.

DO NOT STAPLE PAPERS TOGETHER – We will only have to unstaple to make copies.

KEEP PAGES NEAT – Do not turn in pages that are crumpled, dirty, torn, etc. This reflects poorly on you, and also makes copying more difficult.

DEADLINE – All Common Scholarships are due ***May 1 – NO EXCEPTIONS!***

Common Scholarships (continued)

ANDREW BECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a CRCS graduating senior who will be attending college and who demonstrates the qualities that Andy possessed (community service, sense of humor).

BRENDA VELEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a graduating senior in good standing who plans to pursue a career in education and who ranks in the top 30% of the class.

CRTA EDUCATION AWARD

1 award – \$300

Criteria: Awarded to seniors planning to enter the field of education; essay must include what inspired you and what you hope to accomplish as a teacher.

CUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

4 awards – \$1,000 each

Criteria: Awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a two- or four-year degree or trade who demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit and outstanding service to Chamber-sponsored events; preference given to students who may not be receiving other significant awards.

CUBA LIONS CLUB AWARD

2 awards – \$500 each

Criteria: Awarded to financially-needy graduating seniors; one to a student pursuing a technical or vocational education, and one to a student entering a nursing program. If there are no nursing candidates, both awards will go to technical/vocational candidate

FFA MILK VENDING MACHINE SCHOLARSHIP

2 awards – \$500 each

Criteria: Awarded to an FFA member pursuing a degree in agriculture who holds the Empire Degree, is an FFA officer, and has participated in two leadership CDE's.

JEFFREY L. LINZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to an athlete going into a sports-related major, or to an athlete who gives 100% and is a team player. *PLEASE NOTE: Part 1 of the Common Scholarship Application is NOT required for this scholarship. To apply, submit an essay about how playing sports has impacted your life, OR about the most influential coach you have had.*

L. TED UTTER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Multiple awards – amounts will vary

Criteria: Awarded to college-bound seniors who RESIDE in the Cuba-Rushford School District.

(THE) LAWRENCE DYE & THE MARSHALL INSURANCE GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

1 or 2 awards – 1 for \$500, or 2 for \$250 each

Criteria: Awarded to any deserving graduate regardless of grade point average or future plans; any student entering the work force, military, or college will be considered.

LEE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award- \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to a senior continuing their education who has strived to do their best, served their community and always willing to lend a helping hand.

LINNAE M. GRANGER-NICHOLAS MEMORIAL AWARD

1 award– \$500 each

Criteria: Awarded to seniors who always strive to do their best and who demonstrate Linnae’s selfless trait of always putting the welfare of others first.

PTO SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a student attending a four-year college; preference is given to a student pursuing a teaching degree.

RICHARD L. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2 awards – \$500 each

Criteria: Awarded to students planning to pursue careers in the field of agriculture mechanics; must exhibit the traits of honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic.

RUSHFORD SCHOLARSHIP FUND ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

4 awards – \$500 each

Criteria: One application is used to apply for all three scholarships (1 Rushford Scholarship Fund Scholarships, 1 Albro Memorial Scholarship, 1 Rushford Chapter #545 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship, and 1 Jeff Gilbert Memorial Scholarship), which are awarded to students who reside in the Rushford voting district and exhibit scholarship, citizenship, sincerity of purpose, and a desire for an education. *Application must include evidence of admission to a college or university, as well as proof of college costs.*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

1 award – \$100

Criteria: Awarded to a student who exemplifies character, leadership, and moral standards; essay must include future plans as well as a description of family connection to any service organization or branch of the military.

CRCS Student Council Leadership Award

01-2 Awards-\$500,\$250

Criteria: Student must write a description of all Community Service Events and how you felt you lead the school.

OTHER LOCAL/AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

This section contains information on additional scholarships and awards available. The applications, deadlines, criteria, etc. are set by the sponsoring organizations and are subject to change. Applications for these scholarships are available at the sponsoring organization, online, or at the Guidance Office.

SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND . . .

- ◆ Each application is different – pay close attention to documentation that may be required (transcript, letters of recommendation, financial aid information, etc.).
- ◆ Deadlines are the dates due to the sponsoring organization, **NOT to CRCS!**
- ◆ We will mail a completed scholarship application for you, but be sure to bring it in early. If you bring it to us on the deadline date, IT WILL BE LATE! The only exception to this is a postmark deadline date.

OTHER LOCAL/AREA SCHOLARSHIP LISTING

Deadlines are dates due to sponsoring organizations, NOT to CRCS!

ALBERT M. BECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

1 award – \$1,000

DEADLINE: April 15

Criteria: Must be the child of a member of the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary of New York, OR a member of the Sons of the American Legion; must be entering a two- or four-year college pursuing a degree in the field of communications.

ALLEGANY COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS*Apply online***(Dollars for Scholars)**

DEADLINE: February 5

Many awards – amounts vary

Criteria: To apply, go to www.alleganycountyareafoundation.dollarsforscholars.org. On the top menu bar, select *Student and Parents*. Scroll down to the login button to continue. By completing ONE online application, you will be considered for approximately 20 scholarships open to Cuba-Rushford students (several of which are available ONLY to CRCS students).

ALLEGANY COUNTY COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP*Application in Guidance*

Several awards – amounts vary

DEADLINE: April 1

Criteria: Awarded to students planning to enter people-oriented careers; must rank in the top 10% of the class and have an overall high school average of 85% or higher.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION*Application in Guidance***ALFRED STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: April 1

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a student who plans to attend Alfred State College. The college will match the award with an additional \$500 toward the second semester.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION*Application in Guidance***ALFRED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: April 1

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a student who plans to attend Alfred University. The college will match the award with an additional \$500 toward the second semester.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION*Application in Guidance***HOUGHTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: April 1

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a student planning to attend Houghton College whose high school Guidance Counselor is an active member of the Allegany County Counselors' Association.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS*Application in Guidance*

7 awards – at least \$1,000 per award

DEADLINE: March 1

Criteria: Awarded to college-bound seniors who are direct descendants of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during one of the major conflicts (WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War). Some scholarships have additional criteria

ARVOS LUNGSTROM, LLC SCHOLARSHIP*Application available at Air Preheater*

Multiple awards – 1,000 each

DEADLINE: Varies (check at Air Preheater)

Criteria: Awarded to children or grandchildren of full-time employees; must be accepted or awaiting acceptance at a post-secondary educational institution.

ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES D. CONTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Athletic)

Application in Guidance

2 awards – \$2,500 each

DEADLINE: TBA (estimate – April 15)

Criteria: Applicant must have a GPA of 85 or higher, have good conduct and dedication to pursue and complete a college degree, be active in community service and extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need.

ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW YORK STATE TROOPERS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: May 23

1 award per county – \$500 each

Criteria: Awarded to graduating seniors planning to enter law enforcement.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY SHERIFF EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Application in Guidance

1 award – \$500

DEADLINE: May 2

Criteria: Awarded to a resident of Cattaraugus County who is planning to pursue a career in criminal justice or police science (does NOT include the legal profession).

CATTARAUGUS REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply online

Several awards (see below) – amounts vary

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: To apply, go to www.cattfoundation.org;

To apply visit the website and select “Scholarships” You can then apply and review eligibility for all scholarships.

CHARACTER EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

Several awards – \$1,000

DEADLINE: March 31

Criteria: Awarded to high school seniors residing in one of the 8 Western New York counties who exemplify character in their daily lives and who will be attending a college or trade school after graduation.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR GREATER BUFFALO SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply online

Several awards – \$1,000 to \$6,000 each

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Submit one application to be considered for multiple awards. Selection is based primarily on financial need; must be accepted for admission to any accredited, non-profit college or university. Apply at www.cfqb.org.

COUNTY SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

Application in Guidance

2 awards – \$250 each

DEADLINE: April 4

Criteria: Applicant must be a member of the Sons of the American Legion or the son/daughter of a member; must be a graduating senior in average to good standing who plans to attend classes in the fall.

CUBA ROD AND GUN CLUB TRAP TEAM SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

1 award – \$500

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a graduating member of the Cuba-Rushford Trap Team who has been a member of the Trap Team for at least their junior or senior year of high school.

CUTCO CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP

6 awards – \$8,000 each

Application at Cutco

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to children of Cutco (Alcas) Corporation employees.**DAR SCHOLARSHIPS***Applications Online***Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship**

1 award- \$2,500

DEADLINE: January 31

Criteria: Awarded for up to four years to two well-qualified, deserving sons and daughters of members of the NSDAR for four years of college. Renewal is conditional upon maintenance of a GPA of 3.25. Outstanding recipients pursuing graduate study may reapply each year for an additional period of up to four years of study. The DAR member number of the mother, who is a current-dues paying member, must be included with the application.

<https://dar.academicworks.com/>**Madeline Pickett (Halbert) Cogswell Nursing Scholarship**

2 awards- \$2,500 each

DEADLINE: January 31

Criteria: Awarded to two students who are accepted or enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. Applicants must be a DAR member, the child or descendant of member, or eligible for membership in DAR. The DAR national number must be included with the application.

<https://dar.academicworks.com/>**DUNBAR MUSIC AWARD**

1 award – \$500

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: May 15

Criteria: Applicant must be a high school senior participating in chorus, band, art or dance that is associated with and/or accepted by their high school music and arts director. Applicant must plan on pursuing a major or minor in music after graduation.

DAVID L. WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$1,000

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Applicant must have at least one parent who is an active member of an Allegany County Volunteer Fire Department and who has been for at least one year; applicant must expect to further his/her education by attending any college or vocational school in the fall (this need not be in New York State).

EDWARD W. BRIGGS MENTAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$700

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to a resident of Allegany County who plans to pursue education and/or training in a mental health field (psychology, social work, human services, gerontology, psychiatric nursing, counseling, etc.); preference is given to applicants who intend to work in Allegany County after completing post-secondary education.

EIGHTH DISTRICT FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to a student who plans to major in Forestry, Horticulture, Conservation, Environmental Science, Land Management, Landscape Design, Biology, Wildlife Science, or a related field.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: March 20

FREDERICK J. MORICCA III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2 awards – \$1,000 each

Criteria: Awarded to students who will be pursuing degrees in Engineering, with preference to those enrolled in a Civil Engineering or Land Surveying program.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: April 1

FRIENDS OF ALLEGANY ARC SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to a student planning to pursue a degree in a field related to working with people with disabilities (Occupational, Physical, or Speech Therapy, Special Education, Human Services, etc.); must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (75%).

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: May 1

GERARD J. BUCKENMEYER FASNYS VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP

25 awards – \$1,500 each

Criteria: Applicant must be a college-bound senior who demonstrates commitment to both volunteer emergency service and the community; must be a Junior Firefighter or Volunteer Firefighter. *Apply at www.fasny.com/scholarship.*

Apply online

DEADLINE: March 15

JOHN PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a student who is a member of the Alco Federal Credit Union.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: April 1

KATHI WARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to a senior who plans to enroll in a post-secondary school, majoring in a nursing program; must reside in Cattaraugus County OR within 30 miles of Olean; must have at least a B average (3.0 or 83%-86%) per an official high school transcript.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: June 1

LOIS MORGENFELD SCHOLARSHIP

1 award – \$250

Criteria: Awarded to a resident of Allegany County who plans to pursue education and/or training in one of the various mental health fields (psychology, social work, human services, psychiatric nursing, counseling, etc.); preference is given to applicants who plan to work in Allegany County.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: April 15

NED CARTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

4 awards – \$1,500 each

Criteria: Awarded to seniors who will be attending a two- or four-year college upon graduation; must be a firefighter or related to a firefighter in a fire district that is a member of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: February 23

NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance
DEADLINE: February 5

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Applicants must reside on a water system that is a member of the NYRWA; selection will be based on leadership, community service, school activities, grade point average, and financial need; preference will be given to (but not necessarily limited to) applicants who plan to enroll in a water-related program. Transcript must be submitted with application.

NEW YORK STATE ASSOC OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS/NEW YORK STATE SHOWPEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Download application
DEADLINE: April 10

10 awards – \$1,000 each

Criteria: Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school in New York State or be a New York State resident already attending college and planning to pursue or already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning. Additional consideration may be given to those pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management, or the outdoor amusement business. *Download the online application at www.nyfairs.org.*

NYCUA Scholarship application

Application in online
DEADLINE: January 5

Awards vary.

Criteria: To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a member of a participating New York credit union and a college bound attending for the first time in Fall 2024.

OLEAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance
DEADLINE: April 30

1 award – \$500

Criteria: Awarded to a resident of Cattaraugus or Allegany County who has been accepted to an AVMA accredited Vet or Vet Tech program, or who is pursuing a pet-related field of study.

OLEAN TEACHERS' AND POSTAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

Application at Credit Union
DEADLINE: May 1

3 awards – \$400 each

Criteria: Awarded to children of Credit Union members in good standing; consideration is given to the well-rounded student regardless of financial need.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance
DEADLINE: May 1

2 awards – \$1,500 each

Criteria: Awarded to college-bound students who are veterans or related to a veteran; selection is based on veteran status (including family members), financial need, scholastic ability, realistic goals, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

REGINALD & MILDRED SOOTHERAN MENTAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance
DEADLINE: April 15

1 award – \$700

Criteria: Awarded to a resident of Allegany County who is a past or present consumer of mental health services; must have experience in the mental health field (paid or volunteer); area of intended study does NOT have to be mental health.

SANDY COCHRAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance
DEADLINE: April 1

1-4 awards- \$250-1,000

Criteria: Awarded to college-bound students and current college students who are studying forestry, natural resource management and/or environmental science. Recipient will be based on quality of essay, alignment with the Cochran vision, two or more letters of reference and a current high school or college transcript.

SENATOR JOHN J. MARCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Athletic)

Application in Guidance

2 awards – \$2,500 each

DEADLINE: TBA (Estimate April 15)

Criteria: Applicant must have a GPA of 85 or higher, have good conduct and dedication to pursue and complete a college degree, be active in community service and extracurricular activities, and demonstrate financial need; must also be involved in an organized sport.

TYLER J. ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEATRE ARTS

Application in Guidance

2 awards – \$500 each

DEADLINE: May 1

Criteria: Awarded to students planning to enroll in theatre-related programs, with preference given to those pursuing movie special effects.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Application at Cuba Fire Hall/Guidance

1 award – \$500

DEADLINE: April 1

Criteria: Awarded to a student enrolled in an undergraduate program at an institution within 50 miles of Cuba; must have been a New York State resident for at least one year; must have applied for financial aid.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: April 12

2 awards – \$1,500 each

Criteria: Awarded to seniors planning to major in one of the following areas: Forestry, Conservation, Environmental Science, Veterinary Medicine, or Fish and Wildlife.

WESTERN NEW YORK WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance Office

DEADLINE: March 22

Multiple awards – \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to Western New York high school seniors enrolled in an environmental related curriculum (such as, but not limited to, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, and water/wastewater treatment). Awards will be distributed based on academic, extracurricular, community activities, references and persona goals.

**WESTERN NEW YORK SAFETY CONFERENCE, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP**

Application in Guidance Office

DEADLINE: January 28

Multiple awards – \$1,500 each

Criteria: Awarded to Western New York residents who plan to attend college in the fall; required essay must reflect understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health; financial need is taken into consideration.

WILLIAM P. O'CONNELL MEM VETERANS REHAB SCHOLARSHIP

Application in Guidance

DEADLINE: April 30

1 award – \$1,000

Criteria: Awarded to a member in good standing of the New York Detachment Sons of the American Legion; selection is based on the following (25% each): Veterans Rehabilitation, Character, Community Service, and Scholarship.

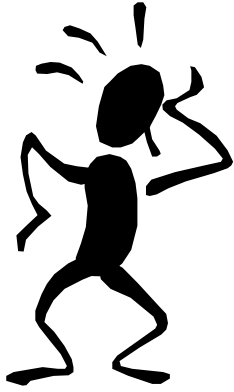
ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Application in Guidance

1 award – \$1,500

DEADLINE: February 16

Criteria: Awarded to female high school seniors, age 16-19 who demonstrates an active commitment to volunteerism, has experience in local/student government or workplace leadership, and demonstrates knowledge and support of Zonta International and its programs.



TYPICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MISTAKES

- Missing deadlines.
- Failing to proofread the application.
- Failing to follow directions (especially regarding essay length and the number of recommendations required).
- Omitting required information.
- Applying for an award when you don't qualify.
- Failing to apply for an award for which you are eligible.
- Failing to tailor the application to the sponsor.
- Writing an essay that may not consider the audience it is being written to.
- Not being truthful of your accomplishments and future goals.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS – NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

These are additional scholarships that will be awarded at graduation, and are listed for your information only. The recipients are chosen by committee/group decision, or are based on a specific achievement or accomplishment. *No application is required for these scholarships!*

Allegheny County Pomona Grange #45 Inspiration Award

Awarded to a student receiving a CDOS diploma who has successfully overcome obstacles in the pursuit of an education.

Allegheny County Pomona Grange #45 Perseverance Award

Awarded to a student who has struggled to get through high school but has persevered and succeeded; recipient does NOT need to be college bound.

American Legion Citizenship Awards

Voted on by fellow seniors and faculty members; based on citizenship, not grades.

AMVETS Auxiliary History Award

Awarded to a student planning to attend college with a history major.

Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation Kaleigh Wilday Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Awarded to a deserving senior athlete who is a member of scholar athlete teams during his/her senior year.

Charles & Cecil Arzberger Memorial Award-

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to community.

Chet Swier Memorial Visual Arts Award

Awarded to a student who plans to attend college and who demonstrates outstanding artistic ability; preference is given to a student entering an art major.

CRCS Ideal Student Award

Awarded to two graduates - one male and one female - who are chosen by the entire Cuba-Rushford School District faculty and staff as well-rounded individuals and outstanding representatives of their graduating class and of CRCS.

Cuba American Legion Auxiliary English 12 Award

Awarded to the student with the highest four-year average in English.

Cuba Grange #799 Agriculture Awards-

Awarded to students with the top three averages in Agriculture.

Cuba Historical Society Florence Wills Memorial History Award

Awarded to two students who display genuine interest in history and who have shown the most improvement and/or effort in Social Studies classes (Global Studies, US History & Government, and Economics/Government).

Cuba-Rushford PTO Madelene A. Brown Award

Awarded to the student with the highest four-year average in Math.

Cuba-Friendship Masonic Lodge #306 Math 12 Awards

Awarded to students with the top three Math SAT scores.

Dale McGinnis Scholarship

Awarded to athletes who have the biggest hearts, as follows: 2 male basketball players, 1 female basketball player, and 1 bowler.

Devere Sweet Memorial Award

Awarded to a remedial reading or special education student who demonstrates Devere Sweet's traits of honesty, citizenship, and responsibility.

Diane Winchell Borden Memorial Award

Awarded to the student with the highest four-year average in Business.

Jessica Karst-Cauley Memorial Award

Awarded to a nonjudgmental student who cares for others.

Ralph Harbeck Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a graduating senior who plans to play a sport in college and who has a reputation for exhibiting good sportsmanship.

Renée Wolbert Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a deserving student pursuing a career in special education or humanities.

Robert Hull Memorial Music Award

Awarded to the student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in music.

Sidney and Janice Gene Bump Industrial Arts Award

Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated achievement in technology for three years, and who is pursuing an Industrial Arts/Technology major

Sons of the AMVETS Award

Awarded to two deserving students who are entering any branch of military (active, full time service; not ROTC, National Guard, etc.).

Steven Holmes & Jeanette Holmes Redeye Memorial Ag Award

Awarded to an outstanding agriculture student.

Town of Cuba Memorial Post 2721 Auxiliary History 12 Awards

Awarded to students with the top two four-year averages in History.

IDEAS FOR ORGANIZING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Ever feel like this?

As we head into scholarship season, it is easy to feel overwhelmed! Fortunately, there are ways to streamline the process so that it is easier for you to complete multiple applications at a time (and keep your sanity intact!).

- ✓ **Find your scholarships!** Start by deciding which scholarships to apply for first. In addition to the Scholarship Booklet, check with the college you plan to attend for scholarships available to incoming freshmen.
- ✓ **Make checklists of scholarship requirements.** Take time to read through all the eligibility requirements and scholarship application instructions. Take note of deadlines and make a checklist of everything that is required for each scholarship application. Keep these checklists handy!
- ✓ **Make a Scholarship Calendar.** Make a calendar and mark all due dates (and times, if applicable) for each scholarship. Note submission instructions (where and how to submit each application) so you don't make silly mistakes that could cost you. Next, mark dates to get transcripts, dates to ask for letters of recommendation, dates to collect those letters, dates to write essays, etc. If you write it all down in advanced and stick to the schedule, you'll never be scrambling to finish your applications at the last minute.
- ✓ **Set aside regular "Scholarship Time."** Completing several scholarship applications at a time can seem overwhelming, but if you work on them a little at a time it won't be as stressful. Set aside an hour a couple times a week to work on scholarships, and be mindful of ways that you can reduce the amount of work that you need to do. For example, save every essay that you write so you can reuse some ideas when possible. However, be sure to write a new essay every time - scholarship review committees will notice if your essay was written for another application, or if it is a "cookie cutter" essay.