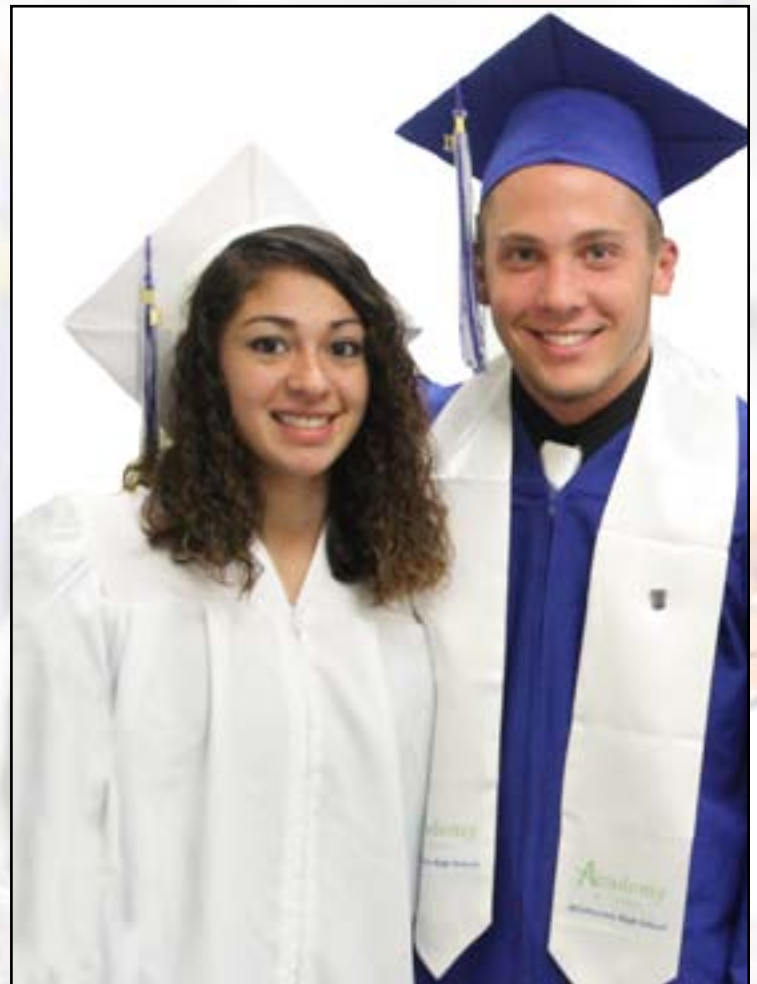




Middletown High School

Scholarship Guide 2011/2012



High Expectations

Rich Opportunities



Ann Hall

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

—Mark Twain

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A Message From Ann Hall

Dear Students,

Each year organizations award a large number of scholarships to graduating seniors of Middletown High School who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education. This guide describes the scholarships available to students and includes award amounts and scholarship deadlines. It also gives you suggestions and tips on how to get things done efficiently and effectively when it comes to applying for scholarships.

You may be eligible for one or more of the scholarships described in this guide, but you won’t be considered if you don’t apply. Please read the scholarship descriptions carefully and pay close attention to all deadline dates. See your guidance counselor if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ann Hall, Director of Guidance Services and Programs

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Your Scholarship Strategy

Although most student aid comes in the form of federal education loans and grants from colleges, scholarships—with their lure of free money—get a huge amount of attention from students and their parents. If you decide to invest your time in a search for scholarships, it's important to have an organized system to find, apply for, and win scholarship money.

Start With A Personal Inventory

Most of the information you will be asked for on a scholarship search questionnaire will be easy to come up with—years in school, citizenship, state of residence, religion, ethnic background, disability, military status, employer, membership organizations, and so forth. Beyond those questions, you will have to give some thought to your academic, extra-curricular, and career plans. You should ask yourself:

- Do I want to participate in a competition? If so, what are my talents and interests?
- What subject do I plan to major in?
- What career do I plan to pursue?
- Do I want to apply for all types of aid or only scholarships?

Your answers to these questions will help determine your scholarship eligibility. Take your time brainstorming and don't overlook anything—the more personal characteristics you discover, the more scholarships you could potentially apply for.

Research Local Scholarships First

The smaller the geographical area a scholarship covers, the better your chances of winning. Begin with your high school guidance office. Guidance counselors will know about scholarships for students graduating from your high school. They may also be aware of scholarships for residents of your town, county, and state.

Your next stop should be the college aid section of your school or public li-

brary. Most libraries will have a number of books about financial aid, including scholarship guides such as the *College Board's Scholarship Handbook*. They also may have information on local scholarships.

Check Membership Organizations & Employers

Organizations of all types and sizes sponsor scholarships—leave no stone unturned. Explore categories you might not have considered, such as religious, community service, fraternal, military, union, and professional.

And don't forget your parents. Many large companies offer scholarships or tuition programs for children of employees. If you are uncertain, ask your parent to check with his or her human resources department.

Make sure not to overlook student jobs. Employers like fast food chains, department stores, and supermarkets often give scholarships. Awards related to student employment can come from unexpected sources.

Contact Your State Department Of Higher Education

Almost every state has a scholarship program for residents—keep in mind, however, that awards are usually limited to students who attend college in-state. For more information, log on to www.collegescholarships.org/states/newyork.htm.

Search National Scholarships

After your local search is complete, it's time to start looking at large, national scholarships such as Gates Millennium, Coca Cola or Ronald McDonald House. See page 13 for a full list of area/national scholarships.

Institutional Scholarships: A Great Source for Funds

Since the vast majority of all scholarship money is disbursed by colleges, it makes sense to research what kinds of scholarships are available at the schools that interest you. Check out college Web sites, catalogs, and financial aid offices for this information. Institutional awards can be offered on a university-wide basis, or within a particular college or major. Eligibility for such awards can be based on merit, financial need, intended major, ethnicity or a variety of other factors. Here are some questions you might want to ask about these awards:

- Are scholarships awarded automatically if a student matches certain criteria (such as GPA or SAT score)?
- What is the application procedure?
- What materials are required?
- Is the award renewable?
- What are the requirements to maintain the award?

Applying For Scholarships

Before you start filling out scholarship applications, take a few minutes to read the instructions. You will find valuable information and answers to many questions you may have. Reading the instructions can save you time and energy.

Online Versus Paper Applications

When you're ready to fill out the application, you may have two different options: online or paper. Many scholarships today offer an online application that may include several pages. You will have the option of saving your information at several points throughout the process so you can finish it in several sittings. The advantage of applying online is that your application is entered into the system automatically, and you will receive confirmation that they have received it shortly after.

For some scholarships, like the Gates Millennium Scholarship, you can submit your essay online. Most of the time there will be an indicator for word or character count. It may be easier to type your essay in a Microsoft Word document, edit and revise it, and then copy and paste it directly into the application. Be sure to look over the application completely so you have no mistakes in your application. Before you press the "submit" button, take a moment to print your application so you have a copy for your records.

If you apply on paper, it is a good idea to print off a first draft for you to practice filling out the application with your information. You may find that you'll think of additional information to put on your application after you start filling it out.

Once you figure out the best way to report your information, transfer it to a final application using black or blue ink. If possible, type your information onto the application. Some applications are available as PDF files with fields that you can type in. Remember to make a photocopy of your paper application before submitting it. You may also want to scan it and save it on your computer.

Read The Fine Print

When applying for a scholarship, read the fine print. Make sure you know what types of application components you may need and look for important details like deadlines and requirements. Completing the requirements ahead of the deadline will allow you to perfect your work and give you enough time to copy your application and materials for your files. Ideally, you should submit your completed scholarship application a week before the deadline.

Requesting Letters of Recommendation

So you've viewed the list of scholarships. You find a scholarship that fits you perfectly; however, upon closer inspection, one of the requirements is a letter of recommendation. A question looms: from whom and how do you ask for a letter of recommendation?

The first step is to identify the purpose and goal of the scholarship and the sponsoring organization. If the organization is geared toward scientific developments, then you would probably want to ask your science teacher for a letter. For scholarships that focus on leadership, activities, and character, you would probably want to ask a club advisor, leadership teacher or community service leader for a letter. In some cases, scholarships will ask for multiple letters of recommendation; one academic letter from a teacher and another from a community service leader. Some candidates for writing your letters of recommendation include youth pastors, teachers, counselors, and mentors.

Once you have identified the central focus of the scholarship and have teachers in mind, the next step is to provide the teachers with a copy of your resume (see page 25 of the College Planner). Your resume provides an organized template for teachers to more effectively write you a letter of recommendation as well as provides you with a resource for filling out applications.

Once you have your resume prepared, write a cover letter or include a cover sheet that includes the name of the scholarship, a brief overview, the recommender's responsi-

bilities, the deadline for the scholarship, and the date by which you would like the letter. If the application requires a form to be filled out by your recommender, print it out and attach it along with any instructions for the recommender. Highlight any key parts on the instructions that your recommender needs to pay attention to.

Submit your cover letter, resume, and any additional documents to the teachers you want to write your letters of recommendation. Remember to give them at least three weeks to write your letter. Remember to check with your recommender at least a few days prior to the deadline to ensure that they have not forgotten about it. Once they've written your letter, you'll be able to use the same letter for other scholarships and college applications. After you've submitted your application, remember to handwrite a note of appreciation to the teachers who wrote your letters. It's also nice to keep them updated on the progress of your scholarships.

Strong letters of recommendation are essential to compiling a successful scholarship application (and college application). If you can show your recommender that you are well organized by simply submitting a neat cover letter and resume, they will be more likely to write a strong letter of recommendation for you. Make sure you give plenty of time to the people writing your letters and send them gentle reminders when scholarship deadlines are approaching. Don't procrastinate, be organized, and start earning your letters of recommendation today.

Transcript Requests

If the scholarship requires a transcript, find out if the scholarship provider wants an official or unofficial transcript. If either is accepted, request an unofficial transcript. A transcript request may take anywhere from one to three days, so give yourself time to request this.

Is There a Scholarship For Me?

Many people immediately write themselves off. "Oh, there aren't any scholarships out there for me," they tell themselves. Through comprehensive scholarship databases like FastWeb.com or the College Board Scholarship Web site, scholarship search engines can help every student find scholarships that match their personal profile.

However, if you're really ambitious, you can go beyond these scholarship search engines. How? One word: Google. That's right. Google.com, the premier Internet search engine, holds the key to plenty of scholarship opportunities. All you have to do is search for scholarships with a keyword that is specific to your profile.

Other opportunities can be found through your church, your employer or your volunteer organization. For example, employers like Safeway and Walgreens offer scholarships for students who are also employees, and volunteer organizations like the Red Cross offer scholarships for students who volunteer their time to help others. Whatever your activities and interests, there are scholarships for you. It's just a matter of exercising a little self-motivation and time to search for them.

Building A Scholarship Profile

Winning scholarships is not an easy task, but there are some ways to increase your chances of being awarded them. Take a look below at some of the ways to strengthen your personal profile.

Extra-curricular Activities

Involvement in extra-curricular activities is an important part of the scholarship process. By participating in different activities you can learn various skills like teamwork, collaboration, and public speaking while pursuing your passions. Scholarship judges look at your participation and commitment to extra-curricular activities as an indicator of who you are. Extra-curricular involvement infers a certain sense of responsibility and initiative. Scholarships are awarded for dedication and commitment to the programs available to you at school. If you don't enjoy the activities available, then start a club.

Leadership

Another determining factor is leadership in activities. It is one thing to follow; it is another to lead. Scholarship judges search out young leaders who are hungry to make a difference in their communities. Leadership can be in student government, community involvement, church groups or after-school clubs. Young leaders demonstrate a heightened sense of responsibility, organization, and dedication. Scholarship organizations many times award funds to candidates who exhibit the highest potential through their activities and leadership.

Community Service

Scholarship judges focus on a candidate's commitment to their communities as well. By volunteering, you can give back to your community and help others. Selection committees notice a student who has volunteered over a hundred hours at their local hospital and take into account their dedication and commitment in serving there.

Some scholarships base their criteria around community service. Regardless of where you volunteer, the opportunity gives you experience in a working environment as well—which essentially adds to your work resume.

Sports

There are many scholarships that are awarded to student-athletes. In addition to maintaining stellar grades, these students excel at their respective sports. Participation in a sport reflects commitment, dedication, and effort.

Obstacles and Adversities

Some scholarships are awarded for overcoming adversities and persevering through hardships. While this situation may not be something you can develop, it is an important story to relate to the scholarship judges. Many times, people do not disclose unusual circumstances that have limited them from fully engaging in the opportunities around them. Judges don't know about them unless it is included in the application. If you have an opportunity, by all means, use it. In the world of scholarships, every detail counts.

These are just some of the factors that are considered when determining scholarship winners. Some of the best advice about choosing what to participate in came from Doris K. Christopher, CEO of the Pampered Chef. She said, "Find what you love and pursue it with a passion. Take advantage of the opportunities you have to find your passions and use those experiences to make a difference." Your involvement and dedication to your passions will influence your scholarship profile so take advantage of opportunities and get involved.

Common Essay Questions

Scholarships are an organization's financial investment in students. They expect you to do well in school, represent them positively, and give back to your community. However with so many applicants, how do they choose the winners? Often times it boils down to the essay portion. Many scholarships have similar essay questions. Here are a few detailed suggestions for some common essay questions:

Why I need this scholarship?

The point of this question (and any scholarship essay) is to market yourself and tell the judges why you would be a worthwhile investment. Instead of making a laundry list of activities, describe your achievements specifically and relate them to the essay question.

Try brainstorming ideas that convey your story most effectively. This question can be answered by using an experience from the past or by thinking ahead to the future. Find a method that you feel paints the strongest picture.

Who Am I?

This question is very broad and can be answered in many different ways. Again, don't give them a laundry list of your activities and achievements. Pick a few and write in detail about them. Some suggestions and ideas to write about include:

- Heritage/Culture
- Family
- Goals/Ambitions
- Obstacles overcome

Make sure to tie your theme back into the scholarship guidelines. You can use words listed in their description to strengthen your claims. Each scholarship is different, so tailor your application to the goals and values of the scholarship organization.

How will this scholarship help you meet your educational and career goals?

This essay question asks you to write about your future. Scholarship organizations like to see students with focused goals in their lives. Make sure you:

- Describe your plans for college (anticipated major, courses of interest, activities, personal goals)
- Emphasize how the scholarship allows you to meet or work towards those goals

- Expand your plans beyond college

- Include your goals outside of just your career and remember to describe and connect them with how the scholarship helps you meet that goal

These are just a few common scholarship essay questions. As you are brainstorming and writing, remember to write with a specific theme in mind. The key to writing strong scholarship essays is to weave your past achievements with your future goals in a way that reflect the values of the scholarship organization. Find what works for you, and before long, you'll have a strong portfolio of scholarship essays.

Free Search Services

Check out free scholarship search services such as Fastweb, the College Board Scholarship Search Web site, and Sallie Mae's Scholarship Website. Note, that you should never have to pay for scholarship information. If you're asked to pay a fee for "exclusive scholarship leads," there's a good chance that the scholarship service is really just a scam.

How To Write An Autobiographical Essay

Many scholarship applications, like most college applications, require an autobiographical essay—a personal statement that describes who you are. It gives the judges an idea of your background, your personality, your character—details about you that only you can describe in an essay. To write a powerful and effective autobiographical essay, there are several key ideas to keep in mind.

Choose A Convincing Experience & Focus On A Theme

When you choose an experience to write about, think of unique experiences that make you who you are. If you're thinking of writing about your short-term mission trip to Mexico or how you became your school's student body president, keep in mind that students from all around the United States will be submitting unique and individual stories. Instead of writing about topics that are cliché, think deeply into your experiences—what events in your life have made you who you are today. Ask yourself, "If there's something about you that others would not know through your academics, extra-curricular activities and/or resume, what would that be?" Choose an aspect of your life that you want to focus on and shape your essay to reflect that theme.

Capture the Reader's Attention

The first step in writing the essay is to begin with a creative way of capturing the reader's attention. Write in a style that you are most comfortable with. Some ways of writing your introduction are by narrating a specific event from a first person point of view that reflects the theme of your essay or by describing a certain scenario from a third person point of view. Regardless of your approach, remember to end your intro with a sentence that leaves the reader excited to continue reading and learning more about you.

Strengthening the Body

After a strong introduction, the body of the essay continues to tell the story of your experiences. It takes the snapshot you present in the intro and supports it with necessary and specific details. Don't overwrite or include information that is irrelevant or wordy. Keep it simple and straightforward.

The body of the essay should show the story, not tell—meaning you should show specifically your own personal growth and development through relevant examples. As you write, make sure to share how you felt so the reader can really see your character development. Keep organization and logical sequence in mind as well. Judges take notice of your conventions and organization. As you move toward your conclusion, the tone of your writing should become more positive and optimistic. It should lead right into your conclusion.

Conclusions That Circle Back

The beginning of your conclusion should put the cap on the story portion of your essay. It should emphasize a sense of hope in the context of your writing and demonstrate a positive change that continues into today. Following that, you want to restate that it was "through this specific experience" that you learned a particular lesson. To complete the essay, tie back to the intro to create a more cohesive and well-rounded essay. Your last sentence should reflect and state the most profound lesson you have learned throughout your experience and give the reader a sense of empowerment and awe. It should leave them thinking and pondering about their own lives, experiences, and struggles; yet, provide them with hope and optimism.

Tips To Keep In Mind

It is natural to want to use large vocabulary words to flex your intellectual muscles; but, when you're writing a personal statement about your life, it's best to stay simple and straightforward. Avoid using five words where three will do.

Your personal statement is an autobiography that speaks about your life, your experiences, and your reflections, so remember to tell the truth. You don't have to make up situations or add fluff to tell a poignant story. Remember, the essay is a marketing piece that tells judges why the scholarship organization should invest their money in you.

In addition, make sure to maintain a certain level of sophistication in your writing so that the judges recognize your skills. Don't fall into a casual conversational tone, but keep in mind that your writing should reflect your voice.

Revision

After you've written your autobiographical essay, remember to edit and revise your essay several times. Have your teachers, peers, and family read it over and give you feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Did you know?

A total of 110 scholarships were awarded to members of the Class of 2011 and students received more than \$55,000 in scholarship money.

What To Do After You've Won A Scholarship

Thank You Letters

The first step you can take is to write a thank you letter. Who exactly are you thanking? Well, you can thank a number of people—the organization sponsoring the award, the scholarship selection committee, even the program director who sent you your award notification letter. It doesn't have to be like a speech at the Oscars, but at least thank the judges who spent countless hours reading over thousands of applications. Take some time to find out who the major sponsors are for that particular scholarship and address the letter to them. Perhaps write two or three thank you letters if there are multiple sponsors.

Requesting Funds

If you receive an award notification letter in the mail, it will probably include an instruction sheet on how to request your funds for the upcoming school year. There may be a form that you need to fill out with the contact information of the scholarship office at your school and your student information. You may want to double check with your school to find out where scholarship checks should be sent. Keep in mind that most universities have a financial aid office and a separate scholarship award office (sometimes known as student fiscal services). The financial aid office determines your financial aid award package, and the scholarship award office actually handles the money. You can find the appropriate information by visiting the school's Web site or calling the scholarship office.

Once you've sent in your form, checks will either be mailed directly to the school or sent to you to take to the scholarship office. In some cases, the checks may be co-written to you and the school with the task of submitting the funds to the school as your responsibility. More than likely, the checks will be sent directly to the school and deposited into your account.

If for some reason you do not receive any money, even after submitting your information back to the organization by the requested date, you will want to call the organization and check on your award status. Sometimes they do not have sufficient information like where to send the check. Do not assume that they just decided not to award you your funds. As the scholarship recipient, it is your responsibility to make sure they have the correct information in order to give you the correct award amount.

Keeping In Touch

Finally, an important aspect of winning scholarships is that you now have an entire network that is willing to support you. This

network, which comprises of organization members, community leaders, and others affiliated with the scholarship program, can offer you a rich pool of opportunities like jobs, internships, mentors, and more. Scholarship organizations like to know how their scholars do in school, what their hobbies are, and any updates about their lives. It's a nice reminder for them of why they contribute to scholarships for students to attend college.

One of the best ways of keeping organizations up-to-date on your college experience is to create a quarterly newsletter, or even simpler, a nice e-mail. Send it to the different organizations and anyone you might have met at an awards banquet or even your friends and family. By keeping in touch and remaining visible, you can show the organization that you appreciate their generosity and that you're thankful for their support.



***Need help applying
for scholarships? Make
an appointment with
Mrs. Parker or Mrs. Brissing
at the College
and Career Center.***

Middletown High School Local Scholarships 2011/2012

HAROLD ABRAMSON AWARD

Amount: \$200

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to a deserving MHS Senior. MHS application.

PAULA AMADITZ ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND-MAPLE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Any college-bound senior who has completed four years at Maple Hill Elementary School. Money is for bookstore of college the winning student will be attending. Student essay of 500 words highlighting your experience as a student at Maple Hill Elementary School and how this has contributed to your successful education through high school and your future goals is required. Include academic achievement, community/extra-curricular involvement, leadership, awards and recognition and personal attributes in essay. Return essay and MHS application to counselor.

SUSAN BOYD/KATHY BURRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS Senior who is pursuing a career in environmental science or science. Attending SUNY Orange preferred, but not necessary. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

JOHN BRIGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500, \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Applications are available from your counselor. Greg Bennett, MHS Music Department Chair makes selection.

ROBERT G. BRIGHT - CLASSIC 10K MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$750 each

Due Date: 6/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to two graduating MHS seniors who have been members of the MHS Cross-Country or Indoor Track Teams;

one male and one female, who plan to attend college and have a passion for running as a lifetime activity. Applicant should also describe how running has helped him/her to contribute to the community. MHS Application w/ essay. Return application to counselor.

ALEXANDER K. CLAUDIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered in memory of Alexander K. Claudio, a former MHS student who was tragically killed in a car accident in July of 2011. Alex was attending SUNY IT, studying computer science. He also had played the trumpet for many years and was on the MHS swim team. The recipient of this scholarship should be a high school senior who plans on studying computer science at a SUNY or community college, and should also be a member of either the band/orchestra or swim team. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

NEW!

VIVIAN E. CORBACIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is in memory of a beloved former Guidance secretary who worked for the Middletown school district for 29 years. It is offered to a high school senior who is pursuing a career in the field of nursing. A student attending SUNY Orange is preferred, but not necessary. MHS Application. Return application to counselor.

SHAWN EDWARDS AWARD

Amount: \$200

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Most-improved senior. MHS application. Return application to counselor

CONNIE FOSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$100

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Student pursuing the study of photography or media arts. Selection by MHS Art Department.

BETTY & CARLTON FREDERICKS MEMORIAL AWARD

Amount: 2 @ \$100 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Given to a Special Education student.

LEONARD GUNNING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Deserving MHS student who lives in Summitfield or David Moore Heights. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

ETHEL S. HASBROUCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Worthy Orange County student attending SUNY at Albany. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

HOFFMAN MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$400 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS senior who is continuing on to college and has great financial need. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Student with a vision or hearing disability. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

JAMES MCGOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$750

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS senior who is academically worthy, participates in athletics and has a financial need. Scholarship makes selection. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

Middletown High School Local Scholarships 2011/2012

BETTY "EBY" MCNEIL ART AWARD BY THE CLASS OF 1952

Amount: \$300

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Graduating MHS senior who has shown outstanding promise and work in the field of Art or Fine Arts. This is an award and recipient does not have to be going on to college. MHS application. Return application to counselor. Fine Arts Department Chair selects candidates to be considered for scholarship.

MCQUOID ENGINE & LADDER COMPANY "AMERICANISM AWARD"

Due Date: 5/1/12

Amount: \$150

Criteria: Graduating senior showing greatest interest, aptitude and accomplishment in the problems of American democracy. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

WILLIAM A. CARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. ELAINE HALAHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 1 @ \$500 or 2 @ \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Former William A. Carter school student with strong leadership qualities in school and community activities. Submit a brief description of present and past contributions to the Middletown community and school and discuss future profession and growth. Attach to MHS application. Return application to counselor.

2. DEBBIE MATOREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 4 @ \$100 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Former William A. Carter school student with good grades and financial need. Scholarship makes selection. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

3. NICHOLAS SYLVESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 1 @ \$500 or 2 @ \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Former William A. Carter school student with an 80 or higher

average, who has participated in extra-curricular activities and has teacher recommendations. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

4. WILLIAM A. CARTER GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Former William A. Carter school student. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

MIDDLETOWN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 6 @ \$1,200 each

Due Date: 4/17/12

Criteria: Graduating female MHS senior. Scholarship is given based on need. See counselor for application.

MIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior pursuing a career in the medical field. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

MIDDLETOWN EDUCATIONAL CLERICAL ASSOCIATION (MECA)

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Application is provided by MECA. Scholarship is awarded to a graduating MHS senior on the basis of character, extra-curricular activities and perseverance. 80+ average and a written essay required. Applications will be available in 2012.

MIDDLETOWN FIRE POLICE:

WILLIAM "BUD" FAIRWEATHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

RUSS DENTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$150 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Scholarship is awarded to a MHS senior who is planning on continuing his/her education in fire science or criminology. Student must have demonstrated financial need. MHS application. Return application to counselors.

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS SCHOLARSHIP

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Graduating MHS senior. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$200

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Graduating MHS senior who will be attending a two or four year college/university or a trade/technical school. Brief essay of 250 words describing involvement and commitment to the MHS school community is required. MHS application must accompany essay. Return to counselors.

MIDDLETOWN PBA SCHOLARSHIPS:

WILLIAM KUMMER MEMORIAL AWARD

RICHARD LAWRENCE MEMORIAL AWARD

Amount: \$1,000 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Student with plans of pursuing a career in Criminal Justice or Police Science. They make selection. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

MIDDLETOWN ROTARY GOLDEN GEAR SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$250 - \$1,500

Due Date: 5/1/2012

Criteria: Scholarship is given to an MHS graduating senior to reward a student who has shown improvement during their high school years. Student can be going on to college, work, vocational school or military bound. Teacher referrals required. Middletown Rotary provides applications. See your Counselor for an application and details.

Middletown High School Local Scholarships 2011/2012

MIDDLETOWN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (MTA)

Due Date: 3/2012

Amount: Varies

Criteria: Graduating MHS seniors who are dependents of current or deceased employees of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown (exclusive of substitutes). Applications will be available in February, 2011 and must be mailed by the established deadline.

HARRIET RACENSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Amount: 2 @ \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior who is a well-rounded student who is planning to attend a four-year college. Student must have an average of 95 or better. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

JAMES F. RITTER SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$200

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior who is an English major. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

CHARLESA.SCHUPP,III SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$250

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior who is financially deserving and has shown outstanding school spirit, "Middie Pride," and social awareness. Student shall have contributed in some way to the betterment and social improvement of the environment of his or her community. Although not a binding requirement, consideration will be given to the son or daughter of a volunteer fireman. The recipient shall use the funds to further his/her education in the field of public education or firematic services. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

PATRICIA TRUEX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior wishing to either pursue a career in Special Education or a classified student planning on continuing their education. A one-page essay is required in addition to the MHS application. The essay either should explain why you wish to pursue a career as a Special Education teacher or for a classified student, what your career goals and/or educational goals are for the future. Return MHS application, plus essay, to counselor.

CHARLES TRUMAN ART AWARD

Amount: \$100

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior who is an Art student. Scholarship is in memory of Charles Truman who was an art teacher in the Middletown School District. He enjoyed helping his students develop their artistic talents. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

NEAL TURFLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 6/1/12

Criteria: MHS graduating senior who has been on a varsity team at MHS; soccer, basketball, baseball/softball. Candidates should provide information about themselves, i.e. academic and athletic honors, and it is recommended to provide letters of reference from many/all of the following: coaches, teachers, employers and volunteer agency supervisors. See counselor for application.

DR. HANNAH & JOHN R. VUOLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$100

Due Date: 5/1/112

Criteria: Graduating MHS senior who is deserving. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

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AFA TEENS FOR ALZHEIMERS AWARENESS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$5,000

Due Date: 2/15/12

Criteria: College-bound high school seniors. Scholarship provides an opportunity for students to give thoughtful consideration to the impact Alzheimer's disease has on their own lives and others in their family and community. Students are required to submit an autobiography and write a 1,200 to 1,500 word essay. Information is posted online at http://www.afateens.org/about_new.html. Apply online.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

1 for 2011 due 12/1/11

1 for 2012 due 2/1/12

Amount: Various amounts

Criteria: An AXA Achiever must demonstrate the following: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, ability to succeed in college. Apply online at www.axaachievement.com.

ABBOTT & FENNER BUSINESS CONSULTANTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 6/15/2012

Criteria: This scholarship is available to all high school juniors and seniors. Student must write an essay on topic listed with application information. Essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words. Download information at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>.

MARY ABDOO FASHION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is available to any Hudson Valley resident who is pursuing a career in fashion at Marist College. See website www.cfocny.org for application.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Amount: \$2,500

Due Date: 3/1/12

Criteria: Scholarship is offered to encourage the best and brightest African-American, Hispanic and Native American students to pursue full-time study in a chemically related field. Information online at www.acs.org/scholars. Apply online.

AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: 1st place \$18,000, 2nd place \$16,000, 3rd place \$14,000, plus other varying amounts.

Due Date: Ongoing

Criteria: This contest is of long-standing across this great nation. Competition is encouraged for students in Grades 9-12. There is no fee for participation. Small cash prizes are awarded to winners at beginning levels and graduate through County, District, Zone, State and finally the National competition with the awards listed above. Students who accept this as a personal challenge should contact the local American Legion Post to enter and receive details: American Legion Post 151, 185 Wawayanda Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940 (845) 343-6542. Participation in the past has been minimal in Orange County. Students are encouraged to come forth and participate and seek the help of teachers, administrators and other education leaders and professionals to coach them and refine their work. The subject of the contest is The Constitution. See www.legion.org for more information. Apply online at www.legion.org/oratorical.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS MOHAWK-HUDSON SECTION REGION 1

Amount: \$1,000 per year for 4 years

Due Date:

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who intend to enroll in an educational institution majoring in a curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. See counselor for details and application.

ART INSTITUTES SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: Various

Due Date: Various

Criteria: The Art Institute offers various scholarship opportunities in the areas of Art and Writing, Fashion, Photography and Culinary. See website www.aiadvantage.com or counselor for details.

ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - NED CARTER SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 4 @ \$1,500 each

Due Date: Must be postmarked by Saturday, March 3rd, 2012

Criteria: This scholarship is available to high school seniors who reside in New York State and will be graduating in June of 2011. The student must be continuing on to further their education in either a two- or four-year school. Awards will be made to young people who will be entering a career of service to the community, eg. Fire Service or related major, nursing, social work, health services, teaching, librarian, etc. See counselor for application.

IAN BENNETT/SITUATION CARES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/2012

Criteria: Applicants must submit three examples of their art, which may be in the form of design, music and/or performing arts, along with an essay of no greater than three pages, explaining how they have demonstrated a desire for success in both their personal and academic life. Apply online at application@situationcares.org.

BEST BUY @ 15

Amount: \$1,500

Due Date: Opens 12/26/11 and Deadline is 2/15/12

Criteria: 1,000 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded. Students in grades 9-12, living in the U.S. and Puerto Rico are eligible to apply. Students need solid grades, involvement in volunteer community service or work experience. Apply online at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships or www.at15.com.

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THE BIG DIG SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$3,000

Due Date: 6/1/12

Criteria: Must be in Grade 12 currently and entering your first year of college in the fall of 2012. Students must submit an essay. See website for further information at <http://www.applicaition@antiquetrader.tv>. Application must be submitted electronically.

BIG SUN ATHLETICS-BIG SUN SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 6/22/2012

Criteria: Deserving student athlete. All student athletes are eligible to apply, regardless of the sport they are engaged in. Short essay answering two questions is required. See website www.bigsunathletics.com for application and information.

BLOOMINGBURG FIRE COMPANY AND LADIES AUXILIARY

Amount: 4 @ \$1,000 each

Due Date: 3/22/12

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a high school senior who resides in the Bloomingburg Fire District or is the child of an active Bloomingburg Firefighter or Auxiliary member. Good academics are required, as well as, community volunteer service that is beyond volunteer hours required by school curriculum or activities. See counselor for application.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE OF ORANGE COUNTY EMILY AKER SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000 per year for four years

Due Date:

Criteria: This scholarship concerns itself with the well-being of foster children, children of welfare and children in extreme need. Please see your counselor for an application and details.

COCA COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Amount: 200 @ \$10,000 each

Due Date: 10/31/11

Criteria: Must be a current high

school senior attending school in the US anticipating completion of high school diploma at time of application, planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institute. Must have carried a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of junior year.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: Various

Criteria: The Community Foundation offers 62 different scholarships that students can apply for. See their website www.cfcny.org to search through the scholarships offered.

JENNIFER COUDREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Established by WRRV Radio, this scholarship will be awarded to a young woman in the Hudson Valley who shares Jen's positive attitude, desire to help others and determination to work hard pursuing a career in physical therapy. See website www.cfcny.org for application.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY MID HUDSON VALLEY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Amount: Various

Due Date: 3/2/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered to African American female high school seniors in the Mid-Hudson Valley area. Awards are given on the basis of academic achievement and community and school involvement. The minimum grade average is 85 as of the mid-term point (2nd marking period). See counselor for application.

NEW !

DOROTHEA DEITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

Amount: \$6,500, \$5,500, \$4,500

Due Date: See College website.

Criteria: This scholarship is now offered by the following colleges/universities: Adelphi, Hofstra, SUNY Cortland and Brockport. The Women in Physical Education in New York State offer the Dorothea Deitz Memorial Scholarship to provide finan-

cial assistance to selected women students who are planning to major in Physical Education Teacher Education. This scholarship is a memorial to Dorothea Deitz, an outstanding teacher, supervisor and director of physical education for many years in Schenectady and Long Island.

COSIMO DIBRIZZI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000-\$2,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is available to any resident of the Hudson Valley who is pursuing a career at the Culinary Institute of America. Several scholarships will be awarded. See the website www.cfcny.org to apply.

EASTERN NEW YORK FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Amount: Various at \$1,000 and \$500

Due Date: 1/20/12

Criteria: Students must be college-bound high school seniors at the time of application, attending college for the first time in the fall of 2012. Students must also be members of the Eastern New York Federal Credit Union. Applicants will be judged on academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities and the quality of their written essay. See counselor for application. Return application to counselor.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION - LEGACY AWARDS

Amount: 10 @ \$4,000 available for New York State students

Due Date: 2/1/12

Criteria: Must be child, grandchild, step-child, step-grandchild or legal ward of a living Elk who joined prior to 4/1/07. High school senior with qualities of knowledge, charity, community and integrity. Apply through the local Elks Chapter, Elks Lodge 1097, 48 Prospect Street, Middletown, NY 10940.

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FASNY - GERARD J. BUCKEN-MEYER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: 10 @ \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered to a high school senior who is graduating this year and is enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher learning. Student can be a current, individual member of FASNY or the son or daughter of a current or deceased FASNY member who was active at the time of passing OR an active junior firefighter and active member of volunteer fire department explorer posts, whether FASNY affiliated or not. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's volunteer service to his or her community and proof of his or her character. See website www.fasny.com for scholarship application.

FELLENER ENGINEERING LLP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Amount: \$250

Deadline: 5/1/12

Criteria: Graduating MHS senior with interest in the field of Science or Engineering. Scholarship makes selection. See counselor for application.

GIRLS GOING PLACES- ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000

Due Date: 2/28/12

Criteria: Cash prizes for girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; taking the first steps toward financial independence and making a difference in their schools and communities. See website www.girlsgoingplaces.com to apply online.

JAMES T. HAMMOND ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$2,000 per year for four years

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Established by the Hudson Valley Region Empire State

Games organizing committee and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, this scholarship is available to a graduating senior in Dutchess, Orange or Ulster counties in the Hudson Valley who is pursuing a degree at a college located in New York State. See website www.cfocny.org for application.

HAZ LA U "MAKE THE U" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: 1 @ \$15,000

10 @ \$ 2,500

Due Date: 12/31/11

Criteria: This scholarship encourages young Hispanics to "Make the U" and get on the path to higher education. Students will need to log on to www.colgate.com/hazlau and follow the application process to submit 3 short essays of 500 words or less on a selection of topics.

EILEEN HICKEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Several at \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Scholarship is available to any resident of the Hudson Valley who is pursuing a career in nursing at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY. See website www.cfocny.org to apply.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

Amount: 10 @ \$5,000 - \$2,500, 20 @ \$500 - \$250

Due Date: 4/19/2012

Criteria: Students 19 and under who meet scholarship requirements. Essay of no more than 1,200 words is required. See counselor for details and application. See website <http://holocaust.hklaw.com/2010/index.asp>.

HOWELLS FIRE COMPANY AND AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 3 @ \$500

Due Date:

Criteria: This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who is either a resident of the Howells Fire District or the dependent, child or grandchild of a member of the Howells Fire Company #1 or its auxiliary. See counselor for details and application.

HUDSON VALLEY LEISURE SERVICES ASSOCIATION (HVLSA)

Amount: 1 @ \$1,000, 6 @ \$250 (1 per county)

Due Date:

Criteria: The Hudson Valley Leisure Services Association recognizes that the future success of the recreation and parks field demands properly prepared leaders. The HVLSA, therefore, provides financial assistance to selected students pursuing a major in recreation and parks, leisure studies or therapeutic recreation for general studies. Applicant must be a high school senior in one of the following counties: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland or Ulster. Please see your counselor for an application.

HUDSON VALLEY MAGAZINE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Due Date:

Amount: \$1,500

Criteria: Hudson Valley Magazine is offering this scholarship to one local high school senior that plans to pursue a career in nursing. Applicants must be a high school senior in one of the following counties: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland or Ulster. Please see your counselor for an application.

HUDSON VALLEY POLONAISE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$1,000 each

Due Date:

Criteria: High school seniors of Polish descent are eligible to apply for this scholarship. See counselor for application and details.

HUDSON VALLEY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS

STEVEN E. PINELLI

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$500

Due Date:

Criteria: This scholarship shall be awarded to an individual who is planning to attend an institution of higher education. This may be a 2 or 4 year college, technical school or a 1-year program (not BOCES), with the expressed intent of prepar-

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ing for a career in food service. This may include food preparation, hotel management, school food service, institutional food service or dietetics, etc. Selection will be made on the basis of motivation, good character and financial need. Although high academic achievement shall not be a primary criteria, a reasonable expectation of success of the student at the college level shall be part of the consideration. See counselor for application.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ORANGE COUNTY

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date:

(Must be postmarked by this date-applications must be mailed.)

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered to a female student who is graduating from high school and a current resident of Orange County, who is entering an accredited college in the Fall on a full-time basis. Applicant must be involved in women's/children's issues as a volunteer. See counselor for application and details.

KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Amount: \$5,000 per year and up to \$20,000 for 4 years

Due Date: Opens 12/1/11

Closes on 2/8/12

Criteria: High school graduates between 12/1/11 and 8/31/12 are eligible to apply. Student must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75, with plans to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university with a start date no later than 9/30/12. Also must be a U.S. citizen with demonstrated financial need. Go to www.kfcscholars.org to apply or see counselor for details.

LINCOLN TECH SCHOLARSHIP by the Mendez Family

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to one MHS Senior who is planning on attending Lincoln Tech. Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Student

involvement in BOCES preferred, but not necessary. Community involvement and/or participation in student government. MHS application. Return application to counselor.

MARIST COLLEGE-NSF SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 12 - Full tuition, room and board

Due Date:

Criteria: For academically talented students who wish to major in computer science or informational technology systems. See website www.marist.edu/nsfgrant for details.

MID-HUDSON AREA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Amount: 3 @ \$2,500

Due Date:

Criteria: Scholarship is offered to high school seniors who rank in the top 25% of their class, are accepted by a college for 2010-2011 school year and plan on a teaching career. Student must be in need of funds, but ineligible for significant federal or state aid. See counselor for application and details

MID-HUDSON CHAPTER OF NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS

Amount: \$500

Due Date: 2/24/12

Criteria: The scholarship is awarded to a graduating student from a school district in Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Dutchess counties who is in pursuit of a degree in Business, Finance and/or Education. See counselor for details and application.

MILES OF HOPE BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

Amount: 8 @ \$1,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Students who have been affected by breast cancer in some way are eligible to apply. Essay required. See website www.milesofhopebcf.org or counselor for details.

MONSANTO COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Various

Due Date: Various

Criteria: High school seniors pursuing a career in an agriculture-related field. See counselor for details or visit web-

site http://www.ffa.org/documents/sch_guidebook.pdf.

NCLR BEST BUY EMERGING LATINO LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: 1 @ \$15,000, 1 @ \$5,000, 2 @ \$2,500

Due Date:

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to graduating Hispanic high school seniors. Essay required. Apply online at <http://lideres.nclr.org/section/opportunities/bestbuyscholarship1>.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Due Date: Various

Criteria: Various opportunities are available for Academy students. See website www.naf.org/scholarships or counselor for details.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION (NCCE)

Amount: 170 @ \$6,000 each

Due Date: 2/15/12

Criteria: Merit co-op scholarships awarded to high school seniors who plan to participate in college cooperative education at a NCCE Partner College and University, attending one of the following:
Drexel University
Johnson & Wales University
Kettering University
Rochester Inst. of Tech.
University of Cincinnati
University of Toledo
Wentworth Inst. of Tech.
Early submission of applications is recommended. See website www.co-op.edu or counselor for details.

NY BEST AGENCY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$1,000 each

Due Date: 3/30/12

Criteria: Scholarship I - Financial: This scholarship is to assist a student in good academic standing that has a financial need, in order to pursue a post-secondary education or college. See counselor for application.
Scholarship II - Academic: This scholarship is to give a student who is in good academic standing and is interested in a career in business, health or education an opportunity to pursue these paths in college. See counselor for application.

NEW!

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NY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC.

Amount: 2 @ \$1,500 and 1 @ \$10,000

Due Date: 1/19/12

Criteria: The 2 @ \$1,500 scholarships are being offered to high school seniors in good standing who are pursuing an environmental career. The 1 @ \$10,000 scholarship is being offered to a senior who is enrolling in a BS or BE full-time program with a focus on environmental issues, such as Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering with an environmental minor, Chemical Engineering with an environmental minor, Hydrogeology with an environmental emphasis or Biology or Microbiology with an environmental emphasis. See counselor for application.

NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Amount: 5 @ \$500

Due Date: 3/13/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being awarded to 5 high school seniors who will be selected on the basis of leadership responsibilities in school and community activities, awards, honors, academic record, career goals and financial need. See website <http://www.nyruralwater.org> to apply online or see counselor for application.

NYS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

Amount: \$1,000 per year for 4 years

Due Date:

Criteria: High school senior who is seriously intent on a career in civil engineering, preferably in a transportation related capacity. Applicant must be a full-time student at a fully accredited college or university, beginning in the fall of 2010. See counselor for details and application.

JENNIFER NEWTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,500

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is awarded to one graduating senior from Middletown High School. Student must

have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in creative writing and have been accepted as a full or part time student at an accredited college or university in the U.S. Essay, writing samples and recommendations are required. See your counselor for an application and information.

ORANGE COUNTY COUNSELOR'S ASSOCIATION

Amount: 3 @ \$750

Due Date:

Criteria: Two Academic Scholarships and one CTEC Scholarship are awarded to high school seniors.

Academic Scholarship criteria: graduating seniors who rank in the top half of their class, planning a major and a career in a counseling or human services related area. Consideration will be given to involvement in community service, positive qualities of character, strength of academic program and level of academic achievement. Candidates do not have to demonstrate financial need.

CTEC Scholarship criteria: graduating seniors planning to continue their education directly after high school in a college, trade school or tech school program. Candidates must be recommended by their guidance counselor in consultation with their CTEC counselor and teacher. Consideration will be given to level of achievement and attendance in the CTEC program, overall school record and positive qualities of character. Candidates do not have to demonstrate financial need. A letter of recommendation is required. See your counselor for an application.

ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Amount: \$500

Due Date:

Criteria: Graduating high school senior who displays understanding and acceptance of cultural differences or participates in programs fostering human rights and equality. This scholarship is for leadership in human relations and a specific GPA is not required. Please see counselor for application and details.

ORANGE COUNTY PAROCHIAL SCHOOL LEAGUE

Amount: 3 @ \$1,000

Due Date: 2/15/12

Criteria: Scholarships are awarded to students who have previously attended parochial school and had participated in:

1. Boys Basketball
2. Girls Basketball
3. Cheerleading

and will be graduating from high school this year and attending college in the fall. See counselor for application.

ORANGE COUNTY TAVERN & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 4 @ \$450

Due Date:

Criteria: Award is offered to graduating seniors who plan to attend an accredited college as a full time student in the food and beverage industry. The purpose of the award is to assist a deserving student in receiving food service, vocational or management training beyond the high school level. See counselor for application and details.

ORANGE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER—HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Amount: \$500

Due Date:

Criteria: Graduating high school senior who has volunteered a minimum of 100 hours at one of the ORMC campuses, as part of the Junior Volunteer Program and will be continuing their education after high school. Student must complete an application, write an essay, submit a copy of their junior and senior grades and a reference.

PHI DELTA KAPPA-PROSPECTIVE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Various

Due Date: 3/1/12

Criteria: The PDK Educational Foundation annually awards scholarships to prospective educators who meet their established criteria. See counselor for application and details.

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POUGHKEEPSIE ALUMNI KAPPA ALPHA PSI FOUNDATION, INC.

Amount: Various

Due Date: 3/19/12

Criteria: African-American male students graduating from high schools in the Mid-Hudson and Danbury, CT areas are eligible to apply. Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to be eligible to apply. See counselor for application.

PRICE CHOPPER'S GOLUB FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: Various

Due Date: 3/15/12

Criteria: Graduating seniors who plan to attend college. Various scholarships are available. Applications are available online at www.pricechopper.com.

PROVIDENT BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Amount: \$2,000

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: High school seniors who live in Orange County are eligible to apply. Plan to attend a college in Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Putnam, Dutchess or Westchester County in New York or Bergen County in New Jersey. Minimum requirement of 40 hours of community service over the past two years. See website <http://www.providentbanking.com/comfoundation.cfm> or counselor for details.

AYN RAND INSTITUTE – ESSAY CONTESTS

Amount: \$50 - \$10,000

Due Date: Various

Criteria: Must read the book you choose and write essay answering questions. See website www.essay@aynrand.org to apply.

R & M PROMOTIONS - LATINO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: not stated

Due Date: 4/6/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered to Hispanic high school seniors. Applicants will be evalu-

ated on academic achievements, community service, essay, GPA and letter of recommendation. See counselor for application.

RENT-A-CENTER "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 60 @ \$1,000

Due Date: 2/1/2012

Criteria: Current customers or dependents of customers are eligible to apply. Must be high school seniors who plan to enroll in a two or four year college. See website <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/makeadifference/> or counselor for details. Application must be submitted electronically.

GORDON A. RICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (GAR)

Amount: \$5,000

Due Date: Opens 11/1/11

Closes: 2/10/12

Criteria: High school seniors who are in pursuit of a four-year Bachelor's Degree. Parents/legal guardians must have or have had a career in the financial services industry. Students must have financial need and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and rank in the top 20 percent of their class. See website www.gordonrich.org to apply.

JACKIE ROBINSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Various, up to \$7,500

Due Date: 3/30/12

Criteria: Graduating minority high school senior who is planning on attending an accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States. Student must show leadership potential and demonstrate a dedication to community service. Student must present evidence of financial need and be a U.S. citizen. Minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on math and critical reading or composite ACT score of 22. Visit website to apply at www.jackierobinson.org.

ROLLING THUNDER- TONY SCHEMBRI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Amount: \$500

Due Date:

Criteria: Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a nationwide, all-volunteer, veteran support organization dedicated to keeping the issue of this country's military Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) from being forgotten about. The scholarship is in honor of Tony Schembri, a co-founder of Chapter 3 and a veteran himself. His message was simple: "Understand and appreciate the service of the nation's soldiers and give them the respect they deserve." Applicants must write an essay of approximately 500 words. The subject of the essay and application can be obtained from your counselor.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: \$1,000+

Due Date: Opens 11/11/11

Closes 1/27/12

Criteria: Based on GPA, personal statement, community involvement and financial need. Four scholarships are available:

1. Open to all students.
 2. Must have parent of Hispanic heritage
 3. Must have parent of African-American or Black Caribbean heritage.
 4. Must have Parent of Asian-Pacific heritage.
- See website www.rmhc.org or counselor for details.

SAMMY AWARD-SCHOLAR ATHLETE MILK MUSTACHE OF THE YEAR

Amount: \$7,500 ea.

Due Date: 3/9/12

Criteria: Scholarship is based on academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership, community service and milk experience. See website <http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com/index.php> or counselor for details. All applications must be submitted electronically.

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SCHOLARSHIP EXPERTS.COM SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: Various

Due Date: Various

Criteria: This is a website that lists nine (9) different scholarships that are available to apply for. You can apply online at <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.hts>. See counselor for details.

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

Amount: Various

Due Date: 12/15/11

Criteria: Student must be enrolled in grades 7 - 12. Various awards are available in art and writing. Visit website www.artandwriting.org for additional information.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Amount: \$250

Due Date: 4/15/12

Criteria: This scholarship contest is open to all high school seniors in Rockland, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan counties. The scholarship will be awarded to the high school senior who demonstrates high academic achievement, a record of performance in school and community activities, an interest in the heritage of the United States, a letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or responsible in the community and a 500 word essay on the following: "Discuss the significance of the 1860 Presidential election and its impact on the history of the United States." See your counselor for details and application.

NEW!

STUDENT VIEW SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Amount: 1 @ \$4,000, 2 @ \$1,000, 4 @ \$500

Due Date: 4/22/12

Criteria: The 2012 Student View Scholarship is offering \$8,000 worth of scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college or career school. Log on to www.studentview.com and complete a 15-

20 minute application survey about colleges in your area. Scholarship is awarded via a random drawing of all completed applications.

SULLIVAN COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS SCHOLARSHIP JACOB GUNTHER, III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date:

Criteria: Scholarship is offered to deserving graduating seniors with academic achievement, community service, financial need and acceptance to an accredited college or university to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. See counselor for application and details.

SUNY ORANGE (OCCC) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTERING FRESHMAN

Amount: Various

Criteria: A number of scholarships with varied criteria are available to students enrolling full-time at SUNY Orange. Applications and information are available from www.sunyorange.edu/scholarships or see counselor for details.

TEG FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Amount: 3 @ \$1,000

Due Date: 4/16/12

Criteria: Scholarship is being awarded to three high school seniors who have demonstrated high academic excellence and community service throughout their high school careers. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are TEG members, or whose parents/guardians are members in good standing. Must be graduating in 2010 and preparing to attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall semester of 2010. See website www.tegfcu.com to apply.

TIME WARNER CABLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Amount: 10 @ \$3,000 each

Due Date:

Criteria: Applicants must be children/dependents of Time Warner Cable customers and must attend a local public or private high school. Students must also have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.2 or higher and be enrolling full-time in an accredited four-

year college or university. Student must also have participated in community or school activities involving science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and/ or pursuing a major in a STEM related field. Student must demonstrate financial need. See counselor for application.

ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Amount: 15 @ \$2,000

Due Date: 3/23/12

Criteria: Scholarship will be awarding 12 general scholarships and 3 for those students pursuing business/finance careers. Residents of Ulster, Dutchess, Greene, Orange or Columbia County who will be attending Empire State College or an accredited college in the above counties are eligible to apply. See website www.ulstersavings.com to apply.

UMCOR HEALTH - HARRY R. KENDALL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Amount: \$2,000

Due Date: 6/30/12

Criteria: This scholarship is being offered to persons of African-American descent who are planning to pursue a health-related career. Awards are primarily based on need and potential. See website www.new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor for application.

UNITED SISTERS WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: Various

Due Date:

Criteria: United Sisters of New York is committed to helping women reach their personal goals. Therefore, each year a scholarship is awarded to a woman who is interested in furthering her education and/or professional goals. See counselor for application and information.

MHS Scholarships - 2011 Area and National Scholarships

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Amount: Various

Criteria: Various scholarships are available for high school seniors who are planning to attend a UNCF member college or university. See website www.uncf.org for details.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA- O.C. CHAPTER 140

Deadline:

Criteria: Child or grandchild of a Vietnam era Veteran (January 1, 1959-May 7, 1975) are given first priority, however all high school seniors are eligible to apply. A 250-word essay on the topic "The Vietnam War and It's Effects on Present Day America" is required to be submitted by the student in his or her own words along with their application. A copy of the Vietnam era Veteran's DD214 is required to accompany the application if he or she is not a member of V.V.A. Chapter #140. See counselor for application and details.

WALKKILL EAST ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS:

1.BALL CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$2,500

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Applicant must be graduating high school. Must have applied for acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university. Applicant must demonstrate a financial need and must have a health science related major. See counselor for application and information

2.CRYSTAL RUN HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$2,500

Due Date: 4/1/12

Criteria: Applicant must be graduating high school. Must have applied for acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university. Applicant must demonstrate a financial need and must have a health science related major. See counselor for application and information.

SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000

Due Date: 3/1/12

Criteria: Student with at least a 2.5 GPA and a demonstrated financial need. See website www.walmartfoundation.org to apply.

DAVID & DOVETTA WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Amount: Several @ up to \$1,000

Due Date: 3/31/12

Criteria: High school senior who is an active participant in community or religious activities with demonstrated financial need is eligible to apply. See website www.wilsonfund.org to apply.

'WILL TO WIN' MERCK RESPIRATORY SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WITH ASTHMA

Amount: 2 @ \$5,000 in each of 5 categories

Due Date: 3/30/12

Criteria: This scholarship will be awarded to two deserving high school seniors with asthma in each of the following five categories: Performing Arts, visual Arts, Community Service, Athletics and Science. Student must demonstrate outstanding performance in one of the above categories. Minimum grade point average of 3.5. See website to apply electronically at <http://www.merck.com>.

WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: 2 @ \$500 each

Due Date: 5/1/12

Criteria: Female seniors with leadership and strong academic background. This is through the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

1. Collard Award: Senior woman, top math, selected by Math Department Chair.

2. Thayer Award: Senior woman, top science, selected by Science Department Chair.

3. Bessie Wallace: English Department, top English, selected English Department Chair.

WOODBURY COMMON PREMIUM OUTLETS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,400 (one time awards)

1 @ \$2,500 (renewable)

Due Date: 3/1/12

Criteria: This scholarship is given in partnership with the Simon Youth Foundation. The one-time awards of \$1,400 are given to a high school senior who lives within 50 miles of Woodbury Common Premium Outlets and plans to attend an accredited university, two- or four-year college, technical or vocational school. In addition, an Award of Excellence will be given to the top candidate from among the scholarship winners. Only a single application needs to be completed. Applications for the SYF Community Scholarship can be obtained by visiting Guest Services at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets. Also, students can download an application from the SYF website at www.syf.org/our-initiatives/scholarships/community-application.

NEW!

Chronological List of Scholarships

January

- 1/19/12 - NY Water Environment Association
- 1/20/12 - Eastern NY Federal Credit Union
- 1/27/12 - Ronald McDonald House Charities

February

- 2/1/12 - AXA Achievement
 - Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards
 - Rent-a-Center "Make a Difference" Scholarship
- 2/8/12 - KFC Colonel's Scholars Program
- 2/10/12 - Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship
- 2/15/12 - AFA Teens for Alzheimers Awareness
 - Best Buy @ 15
 - National Commission for Cooperative Education (NCCE)
- 2/28/12 - Girls Going Place Entrepreneurship Award

March

- 3/1/12 - American Chemical Society
 - Sam Walton Community Scholarship
- 3/2/12 - New York Rural Water Association
- 3/3/13 - Association of Fire Districts NYS Ned Carter Scholarship
- 3/9/12 - SAMMY Award
- 3/19/12 - Poughkeepsie Alumni Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation
- 3/22/12 - Bloomingburg Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary
- 3/30/12 - Jackie Robinson Foundation
 - Merck "Will to Win" Scholarship
- 3/31/12 - David & Dovetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship

April

- 4/1/12 - Mary Abdoo Fashion Memorial Scholarship
 - Ian Bennett "Situation Cares" Memorial Scholarship
 - Jennifer Coudrey Scholarship
 - Cosimo Di Brizzi Memorial Scholarship
 - James Hammond Memorial Scholarship
 - Eileen Hickey Nursing Scholarship
 - Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Scholarship
 - Jennifer Newton Memorial Scholarship
 - Provident Bank Charitable Foundation
- 4/17/12 - Middletown Business and Professional Women's Club
- 4/19/12 - Holocaust Remembrance Project

Chronological List of Scholarships

May

- 5/1/12 - Harold Abramson Award
- Paula Amaditz Scholarship
- Susan Boyd/Kathy Burris Memorial Scholarship
- John Brigham Scholarship
- Vivian Corbacio Memorial Scholarship
- Shawn Edwards Memorial Award
- Fellenzer Engineering Scholarship
- Connie Foster Memorial Scholarship
- Betty & Carlton Fredericks Memorial Scholarship
- Leonard Gunning Scholarship
- Ethel S. Hasbrouck Scholarship
- Hoffman Masonic Lodge Scholarship
- Lincoln Tech Scholarship by the Mendez Family
- Lions Club Scholarship
- James McGowan Scholarship
- Betty "EBY" McNeil Scholarship
- McQuoid Engine and Ladder
- Willam A. Carter Elementary Scholarships:
 - Elaine Halahan Memorial Scholarship
 - Debbie Matoren Memorial Scholarship
 - Nicholas Sylvester Memorial Scholarship
 - William A. Carter Memorial Golf Scholarship
- Middletown Community Health Center Scholarship
- Middletown Educational Clerical Association
- Middletown Fire Police
- MHS Guidance Counselor's Scholarship
- MHS Parents Club Scholarship
- Middletown PBA
- Middletown Rotary "Golden Gear" Scholarship
- Middletown Teachers Association
- Harriet Racenstein Memorial Scholarship
- James Ritter Scholarship
- Charles Schupp, III Memorial Scholarship
- Patricia Truex Memorial Scholarship
- Charles A Truman Art Award
- Dr. Hannah and John R. Vuolo Scholarship
- Women's University Club Scholarship

June

- 6/1/12 - Robert G. Bright
- Neal Turfler
- The Big Dig
- 6/15/12 - Abbot & Fenner
- 6/22/12 - Big Sun Athletics
- 6/30/12 - Umcors Health

Middletown High School Scholarship Application

Name of Scholarship _____

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____

Name(s) of Parents/Guardians: _____

Occupation(s) of Parents/Guardians: _____

Estimated Family Gross Income: _____

Number of children in family and ages: _____

Number of children who will be attending college/trade school next year: _____

Are you employed? Y N Where? _____

College/School you plan to attend: _____

What do you plan to study? _____

What are your plans for after college? _____

How do you plan to pay for your college expenses? _____

Scholarships you've already been awarded and amounts: _____

Please attach a list of your school and community activities, honors or awards received.

Attach a brief essay as to why you feel you should be a scholarship winner. Include any family or personal circumstances that you feel should be considered.



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