

SHENENDEHOWA DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 12TH, 2010. SHENENDEHOWA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS MUST RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNSELING CENTER BY FEBRUARY 22, 2010.

Eligibility: Students must be permanent residents of the Shenendehowa School District, graduating from high school this June, and entering their first year of post-secondary education in academic year 2010-11. All applicants will be considered for **Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars Scholarships**. ***Mark with an "X" all other scholarships for which you wish to apply.**

General criteria: (1) Community and/or school service and/or employment, (2) academic achievement, (3) your personal essay and (4) two letters of reference – one from a teacher and another from someone who knows you well. *Some scholarships have additional requirements which you must meet.* Special circumstances, as described by you on Pg. 2 of this application, may also be taken into consideration. **All personal identifying information will be withheld so that the selections will be made anonymously.** (23 scholarships of \$500 to \$1,000 each were awarded in 2009.)

***SPECIAL NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS**

___ **COMMUNITY NEWS Scholarship** – General criteria plus interest in journalism. In addition to your personal essay, you must write an essay on a current event (within the past year). The event upon which you base your article can be a local, national or world-based topic of your choosing. The article should be written in a journalistic style relying on facts rather than opinion, and it should be 1,500 words or less. **(\$1,000)**

___ **Emerick Funeral Home: John J. Sanvidge Memorial Scholarship** – General criteria. Reflecting a positive, outgoing personality and attitude, the recipient of this scholarship will have participated in community involvement activities to help others in need, such as the poor, elderly, the lonely or the grieving. The scholarship will be awarded to an applicant planning to enter a 2 or 4 year college program in the helping professions, such as mortuary science or social services. **(\$1,000)**

___ **Adam Haswell Memorial Scholarship** – Established in memory of a member of the 2004 senior class at Shenendehowa High School. The criteria specifies a graduating senior, preferably from Shenendehowa High School, who is an active participant in recreational or school sports and/or who works part-time, and who is planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college. An individual with the following personal qualities will be given special consideration for this award: willingness to help others, understanding of people's differences, outgoing personality and ability to maintain a positive attitude through happiness and adversity. **(\$750)**

___ **Susan Jill Hughes Memorial Scholarship for Elementary Education** – General criteria. Named in memory of a former student who became a second grade teacher at Tesago Elementary School, this scholarship is for a Shenendehowa High School graduate who will be attending a NYS college majoring in elementary education. The recipient should have demonstrated commitment, involvement and success in working with elementary age children and should have a joyful, positive outlook on children and life. **(\$1,000)**

___ **Knights of Columbus – Fr. Robert C. Scott Council 11064, Clifton Park, NY. Scholarships (2) and Roland Felano Memorial Scholarship (1)** – Students must be Roman Catholics who meet the general criteria and who are preferably matriculating at a Catholic institution of higher education. One of your two letters of reference must be an endorsement from a Catholic priest. One of the three scholarships will preferably be awarded to a student who has experienced educational, physical or emotional challenges. **(3 @ \$500 each)**

___ **New York Long Term Care Brokers Ltd. Scholarship** – General criteria - for students planning on pursuing a degree in business. *Preference* will be given to students to belong to DECA or Future Business Leaders of America – **(\$1,000)**

___ **Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship** – This award was named to honor Nicole Lee, a graduate of Gowana Middle School and former Shenendehowa High School student. The criteria specifies the recipient, a graduate of both schools, will be chosen based on creativity and personal achievement through adversity. **(\$1,000)**

___ **Patrick James (PJ) O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship** was established by his family to perpetuate the memory of his courage, quest for knowledge, faith and endearing personality. "P.J." was a senior at Siena College majoring in accounting when he died in 1989 at the age of 21. He was a Varsity Wrestler and a member of the National Honor Society while at Shenendehowa High School, Class of 1985. **(\$500)**

Mr. ___/Ms. ___ _____ E-Mail address: _____
(Name of Applicant)

(Permanent Street Address) (city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number(s): _____

Names of parents/step-parent/guardian: _____

No. in family household: _____ Number attending college full-time in 2010-11: _____
(Parents and dependent children)

SCHOOL DATA

MIDDLE School Attended: _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date (month, year): _____

Colleges to which you are applying in order of preference – List Names and Addresses:

Major field you expect to study: (1) _____ (2) Undecided _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (tell us about your most important activities, e.g., student government, music, sports, service groups, etc.)

Year	Organization	Activity	Honors, Offices Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT DURING PAST 4 YEARS:

Year	Place of Employment	Position	Dates Employed	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WORK:

Year	Organization	Activity
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

LIST ANY **SHENENDEHOWA DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS** CHAPTER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED (LIST NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS) :

AWARDS ALREADY RECEIVED OR MAJOR SOURCES OF FUNDING EXPECTED:

Tuition Benefit (incl. son or daughter of university employee) \$ _____
Academic Scholarship \$ _____ Athletic Scholarship \$ _____ Other: \$ _____

PLEASE STATE WHY THIS SCHOLARSHIP WOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: This scholarship application becomes complete and valid only when you have returned the following materials postmarked by the MARCH 10, 2008 DEADLINE:

- (1) ___ Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars Application – with all required signatures.
- (2) ___ Current **official** transcript of grades.
- (3) ___ Two letters of reference – one from a teacher and one from a person who knows you well.
- (4) ___ Personal Essay written by you.*
- (5) ___ For special named scholarships, any other required information.
- (6) ___ On page 4, a statement regarding your special circumstances, if applicable.

***Personal DFS Essay Topic (All Applicants Must Submit):** Write an essay of approximately 250 words in which you clearly state (1) your educational and career objectives, (2) why you are pursuing/are interested in your field, and (3) what influenced your thinking. Your essay will be judged on how well you address those three areas in clear, concise and complete statements. If you are applying for a specific scholarship, be sure to address your involvement in the focus (e.g., elementary education, helping others, community involvement, etc.) of that particular scholarship. Word process your essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Be sure to include your name on the top right hand side of your essay.

Certification: In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

In the event that I win a scholarship, checking this box will signify that we allow Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars to release my name and publish my picture on its website and in local newspapers.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bring your completed application to your high school guidance office (watch their deadlines!) or send the completed application to: Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars, P. O. Box 4390, Clifton Park, NY 12065-7404. Contact your school counselor or call Shen DFS board members Ann White at 371-9048 or Kay Hotaling at 877-5834 if you have any questions or concerns.

See our web site for more information: www.cliftonpark.org/shendfs.