



GUIDANCE NEWS

Huntington High School

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These senior awards are locally sponsored and more easily obtainable than those that are national or state competitions. Essays are usually required. Please plan and allow ample time to prepare all necessary documents.

Kami, on Clever, can be used to complete applications. Completed applications must be emailed or shared through google drive to scholarships@hufsd.edu unless indicated otherwise. Questions can be directed to Ms. Bonilla in Guidance West and official transcripts and letters of recommendations already on Naviance can be printed by Ms. Wallace in Guidance West.

Completed applications must be submitted by **April 27th**, unless noted differently. Exceptions cannot be made. **Click on the scholarship name to view and download the application.** Good luck!

[THE ADAM SPECTOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP](#) of \$2,000 was created to remember and proliferate the values of Adam Spector who passed away from lung cancer in 2014. He was an avid community member, serving on the board of education for multiple terms and participating in Huntington school organizations such as the PTA. He was an outspoken advocate for the community, consistently fighting for solutions that served the best interests of all. Interested students are required to submit an essay. Two students will be awarded.

[ALAN KUPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/ ATH SCHOLARSHIP](#) honors the beloved Huntington high school teacher and resident and will offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a student entering an accredited post-secondary institution pursuing a technical degree. The essay must have the cover sheet attached.

[ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS](#) of \$500 will be awarded by DSPA to two seniors going to college, one or both of whose parents are graduates of Huntington High School. Character, willingness to help others and academic performance are criteria.

[APPLIANCE WORLD OF HUNTINGTON](#) is offering a \$500 College Scholarship to a Huntington High School senior who has demonstrated outstanding community service

to others at the local, state, or national level. In 750 words or less, discuss which community service activities you have participated in, which activity meant the most to you and why, as well as what sort of community service plans you have for the future. Please describe why you could benefit from this scholarship as well any other information that would describe you.

ATH SCHOLARSHIP of \$1,000 recognizes a graduating senior entering the field of education. The essay must have a cover sheet attached.

CARMELA SANTORSOLA PROVENZANO SCHOLARSHIP for \$1,000 will be awarded to a senior with a GPA of 96% or higher and who demonstrates financial need.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP/ ATH SCHOLARSHIP of \$1,000 is recognizing a student entering a CTE program. The essay must have a cover sheet attached.

CAROL SOSKIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/ ATH SCHOLARSHIP honors former Huntington teacher Carol Soskil. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is entering college in a teacher preparation program in any of the following concentrations: Elementary, Reading, Special Education, and/or ESL. The essay must have a cover sheet attached.

HARTE, The Huntington Association of Retired Teachers and Employees, is awarding 3 scholarships of \$1,000 to Huntington High School seniors who plan to enter nursing school, trade school, a vocational program or any 2- or 4-year school. Scholarships will be made out directly to students.

HOWARD MUNSON SCHOLARSHIP of \$5,000 will be given to a student planning to attend a vocational school. First preference will be given to a student in an automotive or mechanical field.

THE HUNTINGTON COUNCIL HEART OF THE SCHOOL AWARD, sponsored by the Huntington PTA Council, is available to seniors who were enrolled in a HUFSD primary school during their primary years. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Interested students are required to write a 150-word essay about their favorite PTA-sponsored event.

HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA will award scholarships to seniors who have shown academic improvement during high school and have demonstrated good citizenship and character. Scholarship amounts are TBD.

HUNTINGTON ROTARY CLUB will award four scholarships totaling about \$14,000 to Huntington High School seniors who will be attending college. Three scholarships will be awarded after an interview to those actively involved in their school and community, and one scholarship will be awarded to a special education student who has overcome obstacles.

THE KATE BENDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$2,000, was created in loving memory of Kate Bender, a long-time employee of the Huntington school district human resources department, who passed away in December 2017. Mrs. Bender worked for the Huntington school district for over 25 years, as well as helped and influenced countless teachers and fellow colleagues with her calm, level-headed and genuinely kind approach. She truly epitomized perseverance, patience and positivity. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Huntington High School senior who demonstrates persistence and determination in overcoming or managing some sort of obstacle or specific challenge, as well as financial need.

LATINO LEGAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP funded by the Law Firm of Gabriel and Moroff awards \$2,000 to a student of Latino descent who has a strong interest in pursuing a career in the legal field.

THE LINDA SHOEMAKER BLUE DEVIL BAND SCHOLARSHIP is available to a graduating senior enrolling in an undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor degree in Music Education (or General Music Education if no Instrumental Music Education applicants are interested). This is a \$2,000 scholarship and the recipient can receive \$1,000 for the next three years by providing proof of continuing enrollment in the degree program.

THE LOTURCO & PALACIOS ORAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP is available to seniors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community through participation in activities such as Debate Team, Mock Trial, Model UN, Virtual Enterprise, Student Government or any other program that exemplifies oral advocacy. Scholarships totaling \$4,000 will be awarded, payable directly to the student(s).

THE MICHAEL SAMUEL GILMOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to two College-bound Huntington High School students. Each student will be awarded a \$700 scholarship. The students must be graduating seniors who, like Michael, exemplify the following characteristics: scholarship, musicianship, athleticism, empathy, and care for his/her fellow students, respect for school staff and teachers, and a commitment to the Huntington community.

NEW YORK BENEFITS FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS TRUST (NYBEST) has selected our district to present a \$500 scholarship to one of our graduating seniors in honor of Dr. Rubie Harris, our Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services, who currently volunteers her time serving on the NYBEST Executive Committee. Interested students must be planning on studying either Business or Education in college. It is preferred that the recipient benefit from financial assistance, though it is not required.

THE OCTOBER DAWN SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP of \$2,000 will be awarded to a special education student who plans to enroll in a college or vocational school in the fall. This scholarship is in memory of Kathryn A. DeGelleke, who worked in the district as a home tutor and provided instructional support services. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 70.

THE PALACIOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP is available to seniors who have helped the Huntington Station Latino community prosper and can demonstrate they will be attending an accredited college or university. Applicants must have achieved an 85 average and completed at least 10 hours of community service. A total of \$4,000 will be awarded.

T. CHRISTOPHER PETTIT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$8 - \$10,000 (four-year \$2-\$2,500 annual grant) will be given to a Huntington High School student with a minimum GPA of 80, demonstrated athletic abilities and interests, exceptional leadership skills, and the potential to succeed. The recipient's college or university will receive the funds directly to help defray his/her tuition costs and other educational-related expenses. Additionally, a one-time achievement award of \$1,500 will be granted to meritorious candidates. Scholarship amount can be more depending on number of applicants and interviews.

THE WILLIAM H. HIGBIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, dedicated to the memory of former Huntington teacher and businessman, is available to students interested in earning a **Business Education** degree. This scholarship provides significant financial support—potentially covering up to full tuition—for graduating seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited business education program. Recipients are selected at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee based on merit, commitment, and demonstrated need.

*Reminder: All completed applications in the above section must be emailed or shared to scholarships@hufsd.edu by **April 27th** unless otherwise indicated.*

The following senior scholarships have *individual deadline dates* established by each organization. Some deadline dates are earlier than the scholarships listed previously. Please be sure to obtain any required school paperwork in advance (transcripts, letters of recommendations, etc.) by visiting Guidance West. Good luck!

THE ASSOCIATION OF SUFFOLK SUPERVISORS FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (ASSET) is offering scholarships to seniors who will be entering into higher education and studying fields that integrate technology. Interested students must visit [here](#) for a digital application. **Deadline is April 5th.**

THE DONALD PIUS SCHOLARSHIP is available for the Town of Huntington seniors in pursuit of their college and/or vocational trade education. Five \$2,500 scholarships are available and renewable for 4 years. Criteria includes: financial need, academic performance, community service, family responsibility, and/or extracurricular activities. **Deadline is May 4th.**

FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY has two \$1,000 scholarships available for all high school seniors who live within the Huntington School District. One to be awarded to a senior matriculating in a 2- or 4-year college and the other to a senior attending a vocational program. Applicants must live within the Huntington School District and be Huntington Public Library card holders. Application should include a letter of recommendation, acceptance letter, and an essay on how visiting and using the Huntington Public Library impacted you as a reader, student, and/or in your personal interests. **Deadline is May 10th.**

FRIENDS OF OHEKA OTTO KAHN AWARDS IN MUSIC, PERFORMING ARTS, AND FINE ARTS are available for seniors within the Town of Huntington who are planning to enter college or specialized training in one of the three areas above. A questionnaire, two teacher letters of recommendations, samples of work (CD, DVD, or photos) and a headshot photo is required. **Deadline is April 30th.**

HUNTINGTON LIONS CLUB will award a \$5,000 scholarship, payable in installments. The award will be based on financial need, service to the community and school, academic accomplishments, and acceptance to an accredited academic institution. A copy of the Financial Aid Form, SAT scores, and a letter of recommendation must be included. Applications can either be mailed or emailed to Johndelorenzo56@gmail.com. **Deadline is April 30th.**

THE J.M. WEST VOCATIONAL/STEM SCHOLARSHIP of \$500 will be awarded to a Huntington High School student aspiring to study either A) vocational trade or B) a major in STEM, with plans to attend a 2-year college or vocational school/apprenticeship upon graduation. The student must be a graduating senior who is: creative, ambitious, goal-oriented and scholarly. It is preferred if the candidate is a hands-on learner and enjoys learning and working on projects of any kind both in and out of the classroom. **Deadline is May 6th.**

JOVIA'S FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP is a \$3,000 scholarship awarded to high school seniors. Eligible seniors must have a 90 GPA or above, complete an essay, provide proof of 50 community service hours, participate in 3 extracurricular activities and/or sports, and be a Jovia member. Interested students should visit <https://www.jovia.org/learn/scholarships/family-scholarship-application> to apply. (Please copy and paste the link to your web browser if you are having trouble opening it.) Family Scholarship applicants will be eligible to apply for Jovia's Premier Scholarship which awards one \$50,000 scholarship paid out over four years. **Deadline is May 1st.**

JULIE PEIERLS SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by Theatre Three, in the amount of \$1,000, will be presented to a Long Island senior planning to pursue a career in professional theatre, as well as pursue theatrical education at a college as a musical theatre major or at a conservatory. Completed application, audition, and interview are required. Applications are available at <https://theatrethree.com/julie-peierls-scholarship/>. **Deadline is June 1st.**

LONG ISLAND MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT HALL OF FAME will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to graduating students who have shown an interest in pursuing a career in

music or the performing arts. Applications are available at <https://www.limusichalloffame.org/scholarshipsgrants/>. **Deadline is May 15th.**

THE LOWELL WOLF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$1,000 will be awarded to 2 students who create an original video about pedestrian, bike, and/or micromobility. Interested students should visit <https://www.walksafeli.org/2026scholarship>. **Deadline is May 31st.**

MOONJUMPERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is offering 3 scholarships of \$1,000 to students within the Huntington and South Huntington school districts. These scholarships are offered to college/trade school-bound high school seniors based on demonstrated academic standing (GPA of 75-85), financial need, and contributions to the community. Students can only apply to one of the three scholarships offered. Interested student can apply online at <https://www.moonjumpers.org/high-school-scholarship-program>. **Deadline is April 20th.**

TRI COMMUNITY & YOUTH AGENCY offers the Joseph Martone Scholarship of \$500 to one Huntington High School senior, based on character, achievement, community service, sports and/or extracurricular activities. Interested students should visit [here](#) for an application. **Deadline is April 27th.**

VIRGINA W. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP of \$2,500 is available to one Long Island senior who plans to further his/her education by majoring in horticulture, environment, or conservation studies. An interview is required. Students can access the application at <http://ncgc.org> by clicking on Scholarship. **Deadline is June 1st.**

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY INCORPORATED, Rho Omega Zeta Chapter (Long Island, NY) awards their annual "Mate Masie" Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating female high school senior of African descent who has maintained at least an 85 average or demonstrated involvement in extracurricular and community activities. Interested students should visit [here](#) to apply. **Deadline is May 15th.**

CONTESTS & PROGRAMS FOR ALL GRADES

THE ABBOTT & FENNER SCHOLARSHIP of \$1,000 is available to all high school juniors and seniors. An essay describing educational career and life goals must be submitted. Interested students should visit <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. **Deadline is June 10th.**

THE DREAMS FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM provides financial support so Long Island youth can pursue their dreams and aspirations. Their enrichment scholarship ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 is available to students in grades 7-12 and assists with costs associated with activities that enrich mind, body, and spirit. Examples may include music, singing, dance, art lessons, computer graphics training, acting, photography, fashion design and specialized summer camps, etc. Funds may be used for enrollment fees and/or supplies. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and commitment to community service. Interested students must apply at <http://www.unitedwayli.org/dreamsforyouth>. **Deadline is May 16th.**

Please keep in mind that the [March Scholarship Newsletter](#) still has local scholarships with pending deadlines!

WEBSITES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com www.collegeanswer.com
www.MeritAid.com www.studentscholarships.org
www.scholarshipguidance.com
<https://www.maldef.org/>

Families are encouraged to visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/get-help/find-event/> for more opportunities to get one-on-one help or to get more information about financial aid.

Friendly reminder: If your counselor or teacher needs to submit information, please provide them with ample time prior to the deadline for submission. Teacher recommendation letters and transcripts are available to Ms. Bonilla through Naviance.

Also, please be reminded that you have access to scholarships at any point in time by accessing your Naviance account on Clever. Just click "Colleges" and "Scholarships and Money" to find your free money!