

Class of 2024

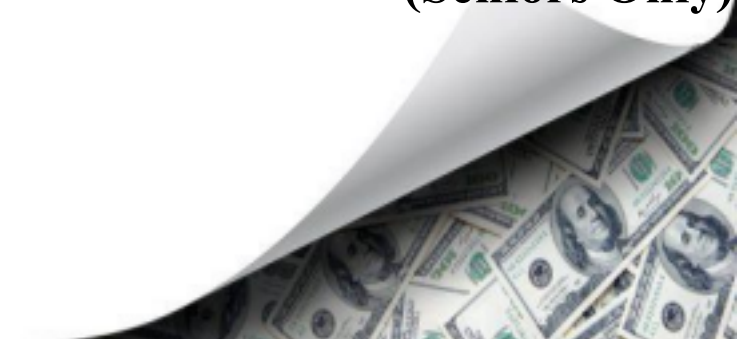
The Clearinghouse Scholarship



**Information Bulletin
(Seniors Only)**

**UPDATED Application Deadline
Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

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Timeline Checklist/Deadlines

Monday, January 29, 2024

Contributor Information Sheet, scholarship information and criteria due to Mr. Brian K. Tidwell, Clearinghouse Scholarship Coordinator

Thursday, March 7, 2024

All Seniors will receive the Clearinghouse Scholarship Bulletin via their high school email address and Schoology page under the College and Career Readiness tab. The link will also be sent via email to their school email.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Deadline for students to submit completed applications and all required artifacts online.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Completed applications will **be ready** for sponsor review by the Clearinghouse Scholarship Committee.

Monday, May 6, 2024

Final day for committee chairperson to submit via email the names of students to be interviewed.

Monday, April 29 - Friday May 3, 2024

Dress for Success and Interviewing Techniques workshops.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

This day will be the **ONLY** day in-person interviews will be conducted on-site/in the district. Other dates are arranged between the committee person and the candidate at another location.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

This day will be the **ONLY** day virtual interviews that will be conducted with PPSD building internet access. Other dates are arranged between the committee person and the candidate.

Wednesday, June 6, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Clearinghouse Scholarship & Senior Awards Program at:

Charles and Anna Booker Elementary School

730 Central Street

Plainfield, NJ 07062



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Dear Seniors, Parents and/or Guardians:

To the Class of 2024, congratulations on the academic success you have achieved to date on your way to graduation. We applaud your persistence to meet this milestone in your academic career. For your efforts, The Counseling Department is proud to present to you ***The 2024 Clearinghouse Scholarship Program***. In partnership with the many organizations in our community and surrounding areas, this opportunity is provided to assist you with your future goals and post-secondary educational endeavors. To the sponsors, we say thank you for the gratitude and generosity that you continue to provide throughout the years.

The business community, entrepreneurs, service, fraternal organizations, union and professional groups, trust funds, and others are all willing benefactors who take seriously their commitment in providing continued educational opportunities for graduating seniors at Plainfield High School (PHS), Plainfield Academy Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS), and Pinnacle Academy High School. This is not only an investment in your future, but also an investment in the growth and advancement of the community. What better way to ensure the longevity and prosperity of a community that is well loved?

We encourage our seniors and their parents/guardians to sit together and read the information contained and outlined in this bulletin. Review the eligibility criteria carefully to determine which scholarship(s) you are most qualified to pursue. You may apply for more than one scholarship, but it is important that you submit a completed application with all the required documents for each scholarship. Application packets are complete when all necessary documents, such as letters of recommendation, proof of community service, transcripts, etc., are uploaded. Additionally please review and sign the **Application Verification** form located in **Appendix B** of this packet.

The timelines will be strictly enforced. Please read them carefully and submit all materials before the deadline. **ONLY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED.** Participation from some organizations is subject to change without prior notification.

The Clearinghouse Scholarship Committee and administration teams wish every senior the very best of luck as you pursue The Clearinghouse Scholarship Process. For further information, contact your school counselor.

Sincerely Yours,

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2024 Clearinghouse Scholarship Program Application

Application Instructions

Please read the following instructions carefully and include all items that are requested! Note qualifications, which determine eligibility.

- Applicants must be high school seniors attending PHS, PAAAS, or Pinnacle only.
- **Complete the [2024 Clearinghouse Application](#).**
- Use the Scholarship checklist (Appendix A) as a reference to ensure you have uploaded the following required documents
 - a. Student Activities Resume (this includes community service hours or letters signed)
 - b. Personal Essay (Statement) - Include a personal letter telling why you should be considered for a scholarship. Refer to special family circumstances (i.e. illness, unusual medical expenses, job loss, etc.) or other pertinent information that will support your application.
 - c. Two letters of Recommendations (Uploaded in .pdf format with the signature of your recommender included) (a minimum of one from a teacher and/or second teacher, employer, clergyman, club advisor and or coach)
 - d. SAT/ACT Score report
 - e. School Transcript (Get official from School Counselor and upload)
 - f. Any additional requirements from the sponsor (special essay community service letters or logs, etc.)
- All information requested on the scholarship application must be furnished. If all required sections are not completed, you will be disqualified. **Every** application must include an essay and activities resume.
- The application is available on the district and individual high school websites. Applicants are to follow the instructions of completion. **Every senior will receive this information via email and/or Schoology.**
- A student may apply to any of the scholarships in this bulletin for which he/she is eligible.
- **Make sure you meet the DEADLINE DATE OF Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**



Important Facts

- Each organization's scholarship chairperson will notify Mr. Tidwell of the applicants they wish to interview.
- Applicants will be notified of their status and given an appointment for interviewing.
- Interviews will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 from 3:30-7:30pm for **ONLY in-person** interviews and Thursday, May 16, 2024 3:30pm-7:30pm for **ONLY virtual** interviews. It is important that you arrange with employers, coaches, etc as early as possible.
- Students being awarded a scholarship will be invited to the Thursday, June 6, 2024 Clearinghouse Scholarship & Senior Awards Program night at Charles & Anna Booker Elementary School. It is strongly encouraged for recipients to attend.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Clearinghouse Scholarship & Senior Awards Program on Thursday, June 6, 2024.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

908 Visionaries Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 2018, 908 Visionaries Inc. empowers young people to envision a future where they can achieve their dreams. We support New Jersey communities by meeting the needs of youth through community events, distribution of resources, educational workshops (College/Career Readiness, Service Learning, Mental Well-Being, Arts, etc) and partnerships with local organizations that share our vision. 908 Visionaries is thrilled to introduce the 2024 908 Visionaries Scholarship, an opportunity designed to support and empower graduating high school seniors in Plainfield, NJ.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating high school senior living and attending school in Plainfield, NJ
- Must start classes this fall 2024, and enroll/complete consecutive semesters
- Must be planning to be a full-time student, enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, technical or trade school
- Have an overall grade point average of 2.7 or better (based on a 4.0 scale)

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$200 - \$500

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Brown Institute for Young Learners **Founder's Scholarship**

INTRODUCTION

The Founder's Scholarship is offered to a senior who demonstrates academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership skills. We believe that experiences beyond that classroom create a well- rounded student who develops new skills and gains experiences to be successful beyond high school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior.
- Have a 3.0 GPA
- Have Community Service Hours
- Involvement in extracurricular activities, preferably a leadership role

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$500

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Cheryl Thompson-Veazie Memorial Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

None

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Has a financial need
- Has been involved in community activities
- Has been accepted at an accredited college or university
- Has developed a strong academic record .

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

An award of \$1000 is given annually.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Class of 1966 Plainfield High School

INTRODUCTION

The Class of 1966 at Plainfield High School established its scholarship fund at our 40th high school reunion to give back to the graduating seniors of our hometown high school who demonstrate excellence in their educational pursuits and who have demonstrated a desire to help their community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior at Plainfield High School
- Be attending a post-secondary school in September 2023
- Have served or participated in a community service project or have been involved with a non-profit organization or agency
- Submit a personal statement discussing their background and future plans
- Provide a transcript of grades and standardized test scores.
- Provide letters of recommendation

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Three Scholarships of \$1,000.00

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

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David Perez Memorial Scholarship (Pa'lante)

INTRODUCTION

This scholarship award is named in memory of 2018 Plainfield graduate David Perez. The Scholarship is geared toward low-income students who are not eligible to receive federal financial aid.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be eligible for graduation in June or August of 2023
- Show proof of acceptance to a four-year college/university
- Have some school/community involvement
- Demonstrate accomplishments in the areas below:

1. Academic Achievement
2. Community Service

SPECIAL ESSAY

Why do you want to pursue your specific major/career field? 200 words or less

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

[Dii'Jon L. Allen-Jordan Memorial Scholarship](#)

INTRODUCTION

The Dii'Jon L. Allen-Jordan Memorial Scholarship honors students that share Dii'Jon's legacy of achievement and excellence in sports and in giving back to their communities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrate financial need
- Accepted to a 4-year, 2-year, or vocational school
- Played at least one varsity sport, at least senior year
- No student conduct violations

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

EMAGIN Book Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

As an alumnus of Plainfield High school and recipient of several scholarships from the 2004 Clearinghouse Scholarship, I, Lyle Maxwell Hickman, believe starting a scholarship at Plainfield High School is an effective way to give back not only to my alma mater but to the brilliant and gifted students that make Plainfield High School. As a former college student, I understand that the cost of books for college courses can be rather expensive, and this award shall help a graduating senior finance their books for their college education

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior of Plainfield High School.
- Be attending a post secondary school September 2024 .
- Include a list of honors/awards and extra curricular activities (Activities Resume)
- Write a 250 word essay on how and why going to college will help out your community.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

F.S. Mathewson Rotary Club Scholarship **c/o Rotary Club Of Plainfield - North Plainfield**

INTRODUCTION

The *F.S. Mathewson Scholarship* is given by the Rotary Club of Plainfield North Plainfield in memory of F. S. “Matty” Mathewson, a long time member of the Club who died in 1993. Matty was well known throughout New Jersey as a man who lived the Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self”. Candidates for this award must demonstrate a mix of academic achievement; financial need; community service; and school service.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be eligible for graduation in June or August of 2024.
- Show proof of acceptance to a four year college/university
- Provide two (2) letters of reference regarding community involvement
- Have some school/ community involvement
- Demonstrate accomplishments in the areas below:
 1. Academic Achievement
 2. Financial Need
 3. Community Service

SPECIAL ESSAY

Please submit an essay of no more than 300 words describing why your service to the community and/or school system is important to you and how it benefits others.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 or more; the number of scholarships vary from year to year

This organization’s participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Garden State Cultural Association



ORGANIZATIONS MISSION

The Garden State Cultural Association (GSCA), founded in 1992, is an Indian American organization based in New Jersey, USA. It received Federal tax exempt status as a non profit 501 (3c) organization in 1993. GSCA has been receiving a Union County (New Jersey) grant since 1998 in recognition of its support to community activities. The mission of GSCA is to promote the rich and ancient cultural heritage of India through social and cultural events, and youth/children activities throughout the year. In addition, GSCA actively makes financial contributions to philanthropic, community and humanitarian causes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a senior of Plainfield High School with demonstrated excellence in academic activities during their high school years.
- GPA 3.5 or higher
- Provided Community Service
- Be committed to pursue higher education at an appropriate institution of higher learning.

SPECIAL ESSAY

Topic: An event in your life that influenced you the most

Specifications: 250 words.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

To be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Gentleman Making Changes Inc. S.W.A.G. (Scholars With A Goal) Scholarship

ORGANIZATIONS MISSION

Gentlemen Making Changes Inc. (GMC) is proud to introduce the S.W.A.G Scholarship, designed to recognize and support outstanding students from Plainfield High School who exhibit academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to community service. At GMC, we believe in empowering the next generation of leaders and providing them with the resources they need to achieve their goals and make a positive impact in their communities.

The S.W.A.G Scholarship aims to help alleviate the financial burden of higher education and encourage students to pursue their dreams with confidence and determination. Through this scholarship, GMC seeks to foster a culture of academic achievement and civic engagement among Plainfield High School students, inspiring them to strive for excellence in all aspects of their lives.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Plainfield Public School District: Applicants must be currently enrolled as a senior at Plainfield High School, P.A.A.A.S, or Pinnacle Academy in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Leadership Potential: Applicants should demonstrate leadership qualities through participation in extracurricular activities, community service, or other leadership roles within their school or community.

Commitment to Community Service: Applicants must have a proven track record of involvement in community service activities, showcasing their dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Essay Submission: Applicants are required to submit a well-crafted essay (min. 200 words) discussing their academic and career goals, their commitment to community service, and how receiving this scholarship will help them achieve their aspirations.

Letter(s) of Recommendation: Applicants must provide one or more letters of recommendation from teachers, mentors, or community leaders who can attest to their character, academic achievements, and commitment to service.

Financial Need: While not a strict requirement, preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

To be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Hillman-Wiley Memorial Book Award

ORGANIZATIONS MISSION

NONE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

➤ Be a graduating senior of Plainfield Public School District

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award \$500

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

FUERZA Scholarship (formerly known as Latinos Unidos)



INTRODUCTION

Since 2019, FUERZA scholarship has been focusing on providing financial support to students who do not qualify for federal financial aid. Recipients of this scholarship have shown resilience and excellence after immigrating from their country of origin to the United States.

Open to:

- Any nationality, gender, or religion.
- Current and former Bilingual Program (ESL/ELL) students are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be an undocumented student, DACA recipient or DREAMer.
- Acceptance letter from community college, university or trade school.

SPECIAL ESSAY

- "Tell me about yourself" in 500 words or less.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: \$500.00

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

The Legacy Foundation, Inc. Greg Hackett Memorial Scholarship Award

PURPOSE

To provide scholarship awards in recognition of academic and community achievement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior of Plainfield High School
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average
- Personal Statement of career goals
- Be an active participant in community service
- Provide two letters of recommendation; one from a Plainfield High School teacher and one from an unrelated person in the community (example pastor, coach, employer, etc.)
- Provide an official transcript

SPECIAL ESSAY

Write a 200-300 word personal statement discussing career and personal goals, personal interests, and any unique circumstances that qualify the applicant for financial assistance.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

One time award \$1,000.00.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

The Legacy Foundation, Inc.
Netherwood Tennis Club
Westry G. Horne Memorial Scholarship Award

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarships in recognition of academic achievement and community service.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- **Be a graduating Plainfield High School Senior**
- Have a 2.5 GPA or better
- Demonstrate active participation in community service
- Attach two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher that taught you during high school and one from a person in your community (not related). (Ex. Pastor, coach, employer, etc.)
- 200 300 word essay describing your career goals and how this scholarship would assist you in achieving these goals
- Provide an official high school transcript

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Three Scholarships of \$1,000. Funds will be contingent upon college acceptance and enrollment. To be awarded at Netherwood Tennis Club during the month of June 202 , 728 Coolidge Street, Plainfield, NJ 07061

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

J. Wilber Tovell Scholarship c/o The Rotary Club of Plainfield – North Plainfield

INTRODUCTION

The J. Wilber Tovell Fund was established in 1989, dictated by the will of J. Wilbur Tovell (1893 1974), a longtime resident of Plainfield and a graduate of Plainfield High School and New York University. Rotary Club members select recipients and the scholarship awards are made by the Plainfield Foundation.

This scholarship is limited to male students only. Candidates demonstrate academic achievement and participation in school activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a **male** senior eligible for graduation in June or August of 2024
- Have demonstrated high academic achievement with strong leadership ability
- Show proof of acceptance to a two or four year college or university
- Have some school/community involvement

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 minimum award; the number of scholarships vary from year to year.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Jerusalem Lodge No. 26 F. & A. M. Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

Established in 1817 and chartered on January 11th, 1854, Jerusalem Lodge No. 26 maintains its founders' tradition of brotherly love, relief, and truth to promote a way of life that binds like-minded men to serve God, family, country, neighbor, and self in Plainfield, New Jersey. We are involved in the betterment of one's self and philanthropy. Masons come from all walks of life. We are teachers, business people, doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, police, firemen, EMT's, barbers, deli-men, among others.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior of Plainfield High School, Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies, or Pinnacle Academy High School
- Be attending a post-secondary school in Fall 2024
- Open to all students with an emphasis on academic achievement, community service, & character.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

John Tozzi Scholarship Fund

INTRODUCTION

The late honorable John R. Tozzi established a memorial scholarship fund in 1970 to provide aid to Plainfield High School graduates who demonstrate financial need.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Must be a graduate of Plainfield Senior High School in Plainfield, NJ
- Applicants must have been residents of Plainfield, NJ for one year to receive an award.
- Student applicants must demonstrate a financial need and the potential for a college education.
- Students must be planning to be a full time college student.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued



The Kayla Spooner Memorial Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

P.A.R.C. (Parks, Arts, Recreation and Community) has established a memorial scholarship in the name of Kayla Spooner, a Plainfield High School student who passed away in 2017. Kayla was a member of the G.E.M.S. mentoring program and aspired to work in a health related profession. P.A.R.C. will award a scholarship to students with financial need who major in a health related profession, display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, in the community or at home), a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Have demonstrated leadership qualities (evidenced by involvement in school/community activities) *Letter of recommendation
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have plans to pursue a health related career at an accredited Nursing, college or university.
*Show proof of acceptance before funds are released
- Include an essay describing special circumstances that helped you to choose a health related carrier
- Have accumulated a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Submit proof of acceptance to a post secondary institution.
- Official copy of high school transcript.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

KLB Sports & Mental Health Awareness Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The KLB Sports & Mental Health Awareness Scholarship was created to support a male high school senior pursuing post secondary education who is also interested in making a difference in the mental health of young adults & suicide prevention. The scholarship honors the life of Kyle L. Brookens, a beloved son, brother, family member, and friend. He was a devoted wrestler and team leader as well as a track team participant at Plainfield High School. Kyle went on to Howard University where he completed 3 years before succumbing to depression.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Male Student, member of the Plainfield, NJ community
- Have participated in high school sports for at least 2 years and shown leadership • Have a grade point average of 2.3 or above
- Have post secondary education acceptance and plans
- Have completed the application that includes questions on your experiences with sports, community service, and mental health and how they have influenced your beliefs, relationships, and career aspirations.
- Submit 2 recommendation forms: one from a teacher or counselor and one from an athletic coach
- Participate in a brief interview

BRIEF RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- Describe your academic/career goals after high school and what has inspired these goals.
- Describe your participation within your community. What skills do you have and plan to develop to make an impact in your community?
- Describe your participation in athletics, including any leadership roles, and how this has impacted you.
- Describe your knowledge of and/or any experience(s) with mental health challenges. How might this awareness shape you and your future endeavors?

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 2 Awardees
- The award amount will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

LT. Ronald S. Lattimore Memorial Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The mission of this scholarship is to continue my husband’s legacy. He was an intelligent and successful police officer. He and I felt strongly about education, so what better way to continue the legacy of an intelligent man.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Any nationality, gender or religion
- Must have acceptance letter from an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university (no business or trade schools please)
- Must submit three professional references

SPECIAL ESSAY

Topic: If you receive this scholarship and after receiving your college degree, would you be willing to come back and work in your community? If so, how would you give back to the community?

Specifications: Must be typed, double spaced, and no fewer than 500 words.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: \$500 - \$1,000.00

This organization’s participation is subject to change without further notification.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

MRS Incorporated of Plainfield: Founder's Book Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

No information provided

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior from Plainfield High School with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- Participate in extracurricular activities or community service projects
- Show evidence of financial need
- Intend to either pursue a career in a vocational/technical nursing program or enrolled in a four year college/university

REQUIREMENT

- Provide proof of enrollment/attendance from training institution or college/university
- All scholarship recipients must attend a mandatory MRS Club luncheon in June. Recipients will receive an invite and information regarding the luncheon at PHS Award's Reception. (In the case of an emergency, allowances will be made for the recipient to send a parent/guardian in their place.)

ESSAY TOPIC (Choose one)

- Think about a time when you faced a challenge. Write a story about that time, including how you dealt with the challenge and what you learned from it.
- Good habits improve our physical, emotional, and/or financial health. Select one of your good habits and write an essay explaining how your habit has developed you into the person you are today.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be between \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 book scholarship

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

National Association of University Women Plainfield – Brunswick Branch NAUW Educational Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The National Association of University Women Inc. (NAUW, Inc.) was founded by African American college women to promote and conduct educational activities designed to provide community outreach services at every level of development.

The Plainfield Brunswick Branch of NAUW, Inc. is offering scholarship aid to graduating seniors, male and female, in the area high schools. Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic ability, financial need, and a desire to study and earn a baccalaureate degree.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Recommendations from two people (i.e., Guidance Counselors, Pastors, teachers or a person e.g., the head your community service)
- A copy of your resume
- A copy of the most current w 2 tax form (2021)

ESSAY TOPIC

- “Why I Should Receive This Scholarship.” Include your goals and accomplishments.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced

This organization’s participation is subject to change without further notification.



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Plainfield High School Class of 1997: Mark A. Barfield Memorial Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior
- Be accepted by an accredited four year college or university
- Must be low income based on Department of Education standards
- Attach an official high school transcript showing an accumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale)
- List community service and extracurricular activities
- Submit a letter of recommendation provided by a teacher, counselor, mentor, etc. (non family member)
- Submit a 500 word essay: HOW WILL FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION NOT ONLY BENEFIT YOU, BUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced. Scholarship will be awarded to the college/university of choice upon proof of enrollment.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield Association of School Administrators (P.A.S.A.)

INTRODUCTION

No information provided

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a Plainfield High School Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies or Pinnacle Academy High School graduating senior.
- Be enrolled as a full time degree student in vocational, technical or nursing school or a two or four year college or university in the Fall of the current year

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Multiple scholarships will be awarded to qualified seniors of \$1,000 dollars

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield Education Association (P.E.A)

INTRODUCTION

The Plainfield Education Association represents teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, bus drivers, custodians, building and grounds maintenance staff and information technology personnel of the Plainfield Public Schools. We serve to advance and protect the rights, benefits and interests of our members and advocate for a quality education and improved opportunities for all our students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be graduating seniors eligible for graduation in June or August of the current year
- Have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 scale)
- Have plans to pursue a college career in the field of education at an accredited four year college or university. Acceptance letter is required.

SPECIAL ESSAY

Submit an essay of 300 words entitled “Why I Have Chosen a career in the field of education

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each.

This organization’s participation is subject to change without further notification.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

[Plainfield High School Alumni Association](#)
[c/o Rotary Club Of Plainfield – North Plainfield](#)

INTRODUCTION

The **PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund** was established in 1986 when the PHS Alumni Association, prior to disbanding, asked the Plainfield Foundation to carry on distribution of scholarship awards. The Plainfield Foundation established the PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund and the Rotary Club of Plainfield North Plainfield administers the scholarship awards. Candidates demonstrate academic achievement and participation in school activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating senior
- Show proof of acceptance to an accredited college/university
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have some school community involvement

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 or more; the number of scholarships vary from year to year

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield High School Booster Club

INTRODUCTION

No information provided

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a high school senior eligible for graduation with a 2.3 GPA
- Submit a letter of recommendation
- Submit college acceptance letter(s)
- Show proof of community service and /or willing to give community service
- Have participated in the same sport for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years

SPECIAL ESSAY

Submit an essay stating why you should be considered for our scholarship

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount: Various Scholarships between \$250.00 and \$500.00

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.



List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield High School Class of '64

INTRODUCTION

The Plainfield High School Class of 1964 scholarship is dedicated to the members of our class who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. Rodney Alvin James and Kent Douglas Jordan grew up in our city and entered the military after graduation. These brave young men were just a few years out of Plainfield High School when they lost their lives. They were our friends, beloved by all who knew them. In their memory, The Class of 1964 has established a scholarship for graduates of PHS seeking to pursue their education beyond high school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- **Be a PHS senior** or recent graduate returning from military service who is planning to continue their education in Junior college, four year college or technical/vocational, business or nursing school
- Demonstrate good character and leadership ability
- Serve school and community
- Demonstrate financial need

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,500 3,000 Dollars

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield High School Class of '89

INTRODUCTION

No information provided.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a Plainfield Public School District graduating senior with proof of post-secondary education plans.
- Have demonstrated community service (evidenced by involvement in school/community activities)
- Provide one letter of recommendation from an adult confirming community impact
- Include an essay describing how the student plans to giveback the Plainfield community

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Plainfield Security Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

No information provided.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- **Be a graduating senior**
- Demonstrate good character and leadership ability
- Demonstrate financial need

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

5 awardees from Plainfield High School

2 Awardees from Pinnacle High School

Award amount to be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Queen City Promise Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The Queen City Promise (QCP) is a scholarship program whose mission is to provide scholarships to Plainfield Public School District (PPSD) graduates in their pursuit of a postsecondary public education in the State of New Jersey. QCP commits to eliminate financial barriers for PPSD graduates by empowering them to lead fulfilling lives and positively contribute to our community and society at large.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Have been continuously enrolled in the PPSD from 9th to 12th grade
- Have lived in Plainfield for the duration of high school
- Graduate from:
 - Plainfield High School
 - Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies, or
 - Pinnacle Academy High School
- Be admitted and enrolled in a postsecondary public institution or program in the State of New Jersey for the fall term
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a PPSD teacher
- Submit a 350-word essay or up to 3-minute video answering the question:

What do I want to study beyond high school, and why?

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount to be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

[Rebecca Chapter No.1 OES PHA of NJ](#)

INTRODUCTION

None

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Submit a copy of acceptance letter to college or University.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from those who will document your community involvement, character and leadership skills.
- A current photograph must accompany your application.
- Submit a copy of acceptance letter to college or University.
- Submit SAT scores and Grade Point Average by supplying an Official Transcript from your high school.
- Submit a TYPED essay: 250 word minimum, describing your career goals and aspirations must accompany your application. Applications without essays will not be considered; do not send essays separately.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Awards will be based on academic achievement, school activities (ex: athletic, student government, clubs, music, etc.), character, leadership skills, community service, and career goals.

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Reginald L. Warren Scholarship **Stone Square Lodge #38**

INTRODUCTION

On December 23, 1887, Stone Square Lodge #38 was chartered as the first and only Prince Hall Masonic lodge in Plainfield, NJ. Its first location was at 120 East Front St. and since 1912 is now located at 722 St. Mary's Ave. Since then, the brothers of Stone Square Lodge have been serving the community, by helping the downtrodden; providing a place to meet for several local organizations; hosting blood drives; mentoring young men; and of course, awarding scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Write a 200 word essay on What You Want to Accomplish within the Next 10 Years.
- List Organizational Involvements
- List with a brief description of the student's extracurricular activities.
- Academic Achievements, GPA 2.5 or above
- Be a High School senior at any of the qualifying schools
- Submit two letters of recommendation (1 school official and 1 other responsible adult)

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded

(Recipient will be issued a check once we receive a copy of acceptance letter and registration papers)

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Robert “Bobby” C. Cepeda Memorial Scholarship Fund

INTRODUCTION:

On May 27, 2021, Robert (Bobby) was tragically killed in a traffic accident. Bobby loved to laugh and have fun. He had a silly side to him, but he was also a person who had a very loving and giving spirit. He had one of the biggest hearts our family has ever seen. Even at a very young age, he never showed signs of selfishness, always sharing his toys and games with his friends and family. He welcomed all to come over and play with him. His big heart continued to grow throughout his life. He would willingly give the shirt off his back, without hesitation, to anyone who needed it, or him.

When Bobby discovered his love of art, drawing and computer gaming, he found his niche. Anime was his favorite. Through his passion, he created many of his own original anime drawings. He redesigned and recreated graphic arts of images to improve upon them. He created stories, dialogue, and characters for gaming apps. He designed logos for friends and family for personal projects, and he designed and built his own gaming computer. Bobby truly loved arts, computers and gaming, which is why we, his family, want Bobby’s passion, as well as his legacy of giving, to continue to thrive through the Robert “Bobby” C. Cepeda Memorial Scholarship Fund.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Must be a graduating Plainfield High School, Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies, or Pinnacle Academy High School student.
- 2) All majors are eligible, but special consideration will be given for those majoring in computer graphics, graphic design or art.
- 3) Must write a 500-word essay as to why they are deserving of the award. Essay should include details regarding their personal circumstances, as well as academic information and any community involvement in which they participate)
- 4) Must have 3 letters of reference (2 from school personnel, such as a counselor and teacher, 1 personal)
- 5) Must have at least a C average
- 6) For arts and graphic arts majors, a submission of work sample is requested, (but not required)
- 7) Must agree to have their name and photo listed on the Robert “Bobby” C. Cepeda Memorial Scholarship Fund website scholarship recipient page

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded each year.

This organization’s participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

The Plainfield Lions Club Russ Vale Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The Plainfield Lions Club provides scholarships for Plainfield high School students specifically. The scholarships are intended to help defray the cost of college tuition.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Have superior academic achievement
- Have a minimum composite SAT of 950 (Math and Critical Reading)
- Have demonstrated leadership traits
- Show evidence of school/community involvement as a regular volunteer (either as an individual or as a member of a group) who has helped a person or family in need of some kind of assistance. Assisting/helping could take the form of tutoring, shopping, housekeeping or reading to a blind person (other than at home or in connection with religious activities.)

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

3 Scholarships of \$1,000.00

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

The Fashion Project Scholarship

INTRODUCTION:

Greetings all, My name is Ahmani Khaiyee Williams and I am the CEO and Founder of The Fashion Project. As a member of the Plainfield High School Graduating Class of 2012 and an advocate for the continuance of higher education, I felt the need to reinvest in the community that helped to invest in me on my higher education Journey. In 2021 I established the Fashion Project academic scholarship to help inspire and motivate students to continue to strive for their dreams.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must Be a Graduating high school senior
- Practice good Citizenship
- Must be Attending College or University in the Fall 2024 or Spring 2024
- Provide one Letter of recommendation

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Award Will Be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

The Wyatt Family Scholarship

INTRODUCTION:

The Wyatt Family Scholarship aims to recognize and nurture individuals who embody the spirit of community engagement and social responsibility, with a profound commitment to uplifting and empowering others through positive change. This scholarship is dedicated to supporting young students who balance academic pursuits with a strong desire to give back through public service initiatives.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Demonstrate a genuine passion for empowering communities and uplifting others through meaningful actions, community-focused initiatives, or advocacy efforts.
- Provide evidence of contributions to community uplift and empowerment, highlighting the tangible impact on individuals or groups.
- Submit a 2-minute video personal statement outlining dedication to upliftment, empowerment, and public service, as well as goals and experiences in these areas.
- Include one letter of recommendation from a non-relative referencing commitment to service and potential for positive impact.

While academic excellence is valued, this scholarship prioritizes those balancing academics with a proven commitment to empowerment and service. All qualified candidates will be considered regardless of financial circumstances.

The Wyatt Family Scholarship seeks to empower the next generation of leaders dedicated to creating meaningful change through community uplift, empowerment, and public service.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Award will be announced

This organization's participation is subject to change without further notification.

List of Scholarships and Organizations Continued

Thomas "Pierre" Lynn Memorial Scholarship

In Loving Memory
Thomas Lynn
October 13, 1966 ~ April 12, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

Thomas, PHS class of 1984 graduate, was known for his generous spirit and kind heart. He was always willing to offer a kind word and/or assistance to those who needed it. In an effort to keep his legacy alive we are making every effort to take the opportunity to offer a helping hand to students who may have, like Thomas, had obstacles and setbacks yet persevered to overcome & move forward. Pierre just wanted to help make his community better.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a Plainfield Public School District graduating senior with proof of post-secondary education plans.
- Have demonstrated community service (evidenced by involvement in school/community activities)
- Provide one letter of recommendation from an adult confirming community impact
- Include an essay describing how the student plans to giveback the Plainfield community

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Award amount will be announced.

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Scholarship Checklist

Appendix A

- Student Activities Resume
- Personal Essay (Statement) Include a personal letter telling why you should be considered for a scholarship. Refer to special family circumstances (i.e. illness, unusual medical expenses, job loss, etc.) or other pertinent information that will support your application
- TWO Letters of Recommendation (a minimum of one from a teacher and/or second teacher, employer, clergyman, club advisor, or a coach)
- SAT/ACT score report
- School transcript
- Any additional requirements from the sponsor (special essay, community service letters or logs, etc.)



Scholarship Checklist

Appendix B

APPLICATION VERIFICATION:

I certify that the information given for the purposes of this application is accurate and that any changes will be reported to the School Counseling Department. I also certify that any financial aid awarded by a school, college or other source will be reported to the School Counseling Department as soon as possible after notification of award. I also certify that my parent/guardian gives full permission to submit their information and apply for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

**APPLICATIONS NOT RECEIVED BY THE
DEADLINE DATE OF Tuesday, April 16, 2024
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

The Scholarship Committee relies completely upon the application and the materials requested. All information will be kept in the strictest confidence. **This scholarship opportunity is only for students that attend the schools listed on page 3.**

Congratulations for Participating!