



2015 Scholarship Announcement

The Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from any CNY high school. The applicant must be planning to continue his/her education on a full-time basis, at an accredited post-secondary college, university, or vocational school in the United States to be eligible.

Applicants must fall into **one of the following categories:**

- A member, child, or close relative of a member of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce
- OR
- An employee of a member of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce

Applicants must also:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited 2 year, 4 year, or vocational school

First consideration will be given to those intending to major in business or a business related field, though consideration will be given to strong candidates who do not necessarily meet this criterion.

Scholarships must be used within the first year of being awarded. The award check will be payable to the student and the institution of higher education upon verification of enrollment through the school.

Applications will be evaluated based on the established criteria.

This scholarship is based on:

- Academic merit (must have an unweighted GPA > 85 to be considered)
- Community involvement, including volunteer or employment positions
- Leadership roles/recognition

Application Guidelines

The application guidelines are to be followed exactly. Applications that do not follow the specifications below will be **disqualified**.

1. Type all information on 8 1/2 X 11 sheets of paper. The number of pages you may submit is limited to 8, not including your official transcript.
2. Complete the cover page, including qualifying information. Place your **INITIALS** in the upper right hand corner of each page submitted. **WRITE YOUR FULL NAME ON THE COVER PAGE ONLY**. Staple all sheets together if application is mailed; submit cover page and answers as one file, if submitted electronically.
3. The application has five questions; each response should have the question retyped and listed above the answer, and answered in no more than 150 words.
4. Provide a signed statement from the Chamber member that identifies the applicant's relationship to the member.
5. The Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce must receive completed applications no later than Friday, April 24, 2015.

Please mail completed application to:

Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce
Attention: Scholarship Committee
27 Water Street 2nd Floor
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Electronic submissions will be accepted at baldwinsvillechamber@gmail.com. Please type "Scholarship application" in the subject line and submit the application as one attached file.

Application Questions

Each question should be answered in 150 words or less. Be sure to retype each question (not included in the 150 words) before each answer. Remember to put your **initials** in the top RIGHT corner of each page. In the top LEFT hand corner, please number your pages.

1. Discuss your educational plans. Include the name of the school or educational facility you plan to attend. Why have you chosen this institution? What will you study?
2. Discuss your plan of financing your post-secondary education. Please make note of any other scholarships already received or applied for.
3. Describe any school activities in which you have been actively involved. Indicate the number of years of involvement, and any offices or special contributions you have made.
4. Describe an out-of-school activity, perhaps a job or volunteer opportunity, in which you have been an active participant. Indicate the number of years of involvement as well as any offices held or special contributions you have personally made. Examples could include any community service, scouts, church groups, sports, volunteer positions, etc.
5. Describe any special circumstances the committee should be aware of regarding your educational career. Describe your career goals. What will you do upon achieving your degree or certificate? How will you utilize your education as a citizen of the global community? Of the local community? What or who has been influential in motivating this particular career path?