



Bayberry Community Association, Inc.
Bayberry Community, Rte. 57, Town of Clay, N.Y.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

■ The Award

The Bayberry Community Association will award a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student who currently lives in the Bayberry Community.

■ Eligibility

The applicant and his/her parents or guardians meet *all* of the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a high school student at the time of application.
- The applicant will be attending an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2016.
- The parent or guardian must reside in the Bayberry Community and be a dues-paying member of the BCA for the current membership year (2015/2016).
- The applicant must have participated in at least one community service project or volunteer organization during his/her junior or senior year of high school.

■ Application Process

- ✓ Check each box after completion.
 - 1. The application meets all eligibility requirements stated above.
 - 2. The applicant has submitted an acceptance letter from the accredited institution of higher learning that they will be attending.
 - 3. The applicant has submitted three letters of reference. Applicants are encouraged to submit letters of reference from community leaders (e.g., *clergy, teachers, politicians, scout leaders, etc.*)
 - 4. The applicant has answered every question on this application.
 - 5. The applicant has signed and dated the applicant certification section on this form. Applicants younger than 18 years old must also have their parent/guardian sign this section.

Completed applications must be sent to:

BCA
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
P.O. Box 2184
Liverpool, New York 13089

After the completed applications are received, the BCA Scholarship Committee may interview some or all of the applicants before awarding a scholarship.

Please contact Elizabeth Geoghegan at 652-9149 or by email at BCAScholarship@gmail.com with any questions about this scholarship award or the application.

■ **Selection Process**

Applicants will be judged on the quality of their applications including the written essay, letters of reference, and an individual interview (if required). The recipient will be chosen by the BCA Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be awarded before the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school that the student will be attending to be applied to his/her tuition, purchase of books, housing, and other expenses imposed by the school.

■ **Application Deadline**

Applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2016**

■ **Scholarship Applicant Information**

Please type or print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

High School _____ Graduation Date ____/____/____

Name of Institution you plan to attend _____

How long have you lived in Bayberry? _____ Years _____ Months

High School Honors and Awards

Please list honors, awards and year(s) of participation. Attach additional pages as necessary. *Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, science fair awards, student athlete awards.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

High School Activities

Please list high school activities and year(s) of participation. Attach additional pages as necessary. *Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, tutoring.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. _____
5. _____

Community Activities and Volunteer Work

List community activities and volunteer work along with year(s) of participation. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Examples: scouts, community service projects, community volunteering and religious youth groups.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Paid Employment

Please list each job separately with the year(s) employed. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Examples: newspaper delivery, grocery stores, restaurants, lawn care, babysitting etc.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)

Please list leadership positions held (elected or appointed) and the year(s) of participation. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

■ **Essay**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. Your response must be typed, double spaced and be 300-500 words long. Be sure to include your name at the top of each page of your essay.

Question

Why is volunteering important and how are communities improved when members of a community volunteer? You may include examples of your own volunteer work, historical examples of volunteer work, and/or your future plans to help the community in which you live.

■ **Certification and Release Authorization**

This section must be completed in order for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for any applicant younger than 18 years old at the time of application.

I certify that the information contained on this application, and attached to it, is true, complete, and accurate. I agree to use any scholarship funds towards educational expenses at an accredited institution of higher learning by January 30, 2017.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____