



AND AFFILIATED FEDERAL AGENCIES, INC.
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The Columbia Association has established a scholarship program for members (**honorary and associate members excluded**) and their immediate family who have demonstrated academic ability and a commitment to community service.

Each year, if financially able, the association will award scholarships to high school seniors and/or current college students. In addition to academic achievements the program will recognize students who have participated in community service programs, extracurricular activities including, band, athletics, clubs and service groups.

The scholarships are open to both high school seniors and current college students who meet the eligibility requirements. This one time grant will be in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and will be awarded directly to the scholar to be used for tuition, general fees, living expenses or any costs of attending college. We encourage students to apply each year; however, **previous recipients are no longer eligible for this award.**

Eligibility

1. All members (**honorary and associate members excluded**).
2. All applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited 2 or 4 year secondary, graduate or post graduate program leading to a certificate or degree.
3. High school seniors and college students who are the spouses or children (natural, adopted or stepchildren) of dues paying members. (Must be a dues paying member of at least 5 years.)

Application Requirements

High School students must:

1. Submit a completed scholarship application form. A copy of the final high school transcript and SAT must be enclosed.
2. Submit two letters of commendation (not from a relative).
3. Submit a copy of an acceptance letter from the college or university to be attended.

4. Grades will not be the sole criteria for winning this grant. If your grades do not adequately reflect your abilities, what should the scholarship committee consider in evaluating your efforts and progress?
5. Essay – describing how winning this award will affect your future educational plans.

Current College students must:

1. Submit completed scholarship application.
2. Submit a letter of recommendation from a college professor.
3. Submit a transcript of college grades for each completed semester.
4. Essay - describe how winning this award will affect your future educational plans.

Selection Committee

A selection committee consisting of five (5) members representing a cross section of the membership will review and evaluate each application against the following criteria. **The decisions of this committee are final.**

A) Scholastic Ability

1. High School GPA and class rank
2. Honors and award
3. SAT score
4. Letter of Recommendation

B) Social Commitment

1. Character and Integrity
2. Participation in extracurricular activities
3. Participation in community and/or religious activities
4. Leadership qualities

C) Essay

D) Miscellaneous

1. Winners may accept other awards and grants.
2. If circumstances warrant, The Columbia Association may discontinue a scholarship for other academic reason.
3. Grants will be presented at the Annual Dinner Dance each year. They will also be published in The Columbia Association's newsletter.

Submission of Application – must be postmarked no later than May 31 with supporting documentation to The Columbia Association of U.S. Customs & Affiliated Federal Agencies, PO Box 848 JFK Airport Station, Jamaica, NY 11430