

VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN #4

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This newsletter contains scholarship information received by the Guidance Department. If you are interested in further information visit the web site noted or visit the Guidance Department. Review all the information and take note of the application dates and eligibility requirements. For Scholarships that require recommendation or additional information, please turn in applications two weeks prior to the listed deadline. Remember to share with the Guidance Department ANY Scholarship awarded.

NYS PTA Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education

Due: December 15, 2011

Criteria:

- NYS PTA awards \$3,000 scholarships to students from the graduating class who exhibit the potential to be outstanding classroom teachers.
- Students who will be pursuing a degree in education should log onto www.nyspta.org/awards/jenkins.cfm
- High School must have a PTA/PTSA in good standing in order to submit applications and may only submit 2 applications.
- Applicants must carefully follow all directions. There are to be no attachments to the application other than the high school transcript.

Award: \$3,000

"Make the U" (HAZ LA U) Scholarship Program

Due: December 31, 2011

Criteria:

- Applicants must be of Hispanic heritage.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. with a valid Social Security Number.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be a senior entering a two year or four year college in 2012 pursuing your first undergraduate degree.
- Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the FAFSA.
- Students need to log on to: www.colgate.com/hazlau and follow the application process.
- Submit 3 short essays of 500 words or less on a selection of topics.

Award: \$15,000 Grand Prize and ten (10) Second Place winners of \$2,500 each

JCSB Essay Competition at Stony Brook University

Due: January 5, 2012

Criteria:

- Applicant must be 13 years or older and enrolled in high schools or undergraduate programs in the New York Metropolitan area during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Must be able to release the copyright of their essay to the JCSB and orally present their essay at the award ceremony if selected.
- Must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents of the U.S. except Maine.
- Essay should be a maximum 750 words excluding title, footnotes, and bibliography.
- Essays should be submitted in MS Word or RTF format by email to Japan_Center_Essay_Contest@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.
- For further information go to the Guidance Office.

Award: 1st place: \$2,000, 2nd place: \$1,000, 3rd place: \$500

Gates Millennium Scholars Program**Due: January 11, 2012**

Criteria:

- Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- Citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.
- GPA 3.3 (un-weighted 4.0 scale)
- Enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college/university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first year student in Fall 2012
- Demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service extracurricular or other activities
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
- Principal, teacher, guidance counselor to nominate student
- Go to www.gmsp.org for more information

Monetary award to be determined by GMS**Nassau County Bar Association WE CARE Scholarship****Due: January 15, 2012**

Criteria:

- The WE CARE Fund annually awards scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to two high school seniors who reside and attend school in Nassau County.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident.
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.
- Must write a Personal Challenge Essay: What is the greatest adversity you have experienced in your life and what did you do to address this adversity?
- Applications available in the Guidance Office

Award: \$2,000 each to two high school seniors**2012 NYWEA Major Scholarship****Due: January 19, 2012**

Criteria:

- The NY Water Environment Association will be offering a 4-year scholarship worth a total of \$10,000.
- Applicant must be and remain a NYS resident
- Applicant must be enrolling in and graduate from a BS or BE full-time program with a focus on environmental issues.
- Must maintain the following GPA's for their four-year course of study:
2.5 (out of 4.0) for year 1
2.7 (out of 4.0) for years 1 through 2
3.0 (out of 4.0) for years 1 through 3
- Attached to the completed application:
Requested essays
Official School transcript
A minimum of two letters of recommendation, one must be from a teacher; the other must be from someone not related to the applicant.

Award: \$10,000**The New York Water Environment Association****Due: January 19, 2012**

Criteria:

- The NY Water Environment Association will be offering a total of six \$1,500 scholarships
- Two (2) to children of NYWEA members
- Two (2) to students enrolled at a college or university where there is a NYWEA student chapter.
- Two (2) to high school students who will be enrolled in an environmentally related program in a four year college or university.

Award: Six \$1,500 scholarships

Bethpage Federal Credit Union Foundation

Due: January 20, 2012

Criteria:

- The Bethpage Federal Credit Union Foundation will award ten scholarships in 2012
- Must be high school seniors attending an accredited college or university in September 2012.
- Student or immediate family must have an account at Bethpage at time of application.
- For more information visit the web at www.lovebethpage.com

Award: Ten \$1,000 scholarships

RMHC Asia Scholarship Program

Due: January 27, 2012

Criteria:

- Must be a high school senior who has at least one parent of Asian/Pacific-Islander heritage
- Must be eligible to enroll and attend an institution of higher education immediately following graduation
- Must be a legal U.S. resident, less than 21 years of age and have a minimum 2.7 GPA and reside within the New York Tri-State area
- Must submit a completed application online by visiting the website www.rmhc.org
- Must submit an official transcript, personal statement, letter of recommendation and the parent/guardian IRS Form 1040

Award: (6) \$17,000 scholarships

Long Island Mathematics Conference Board Scholarship

Due: February 1, 2012

Criteria:

- Applicants **MUST** be of African American, Native American or Hispanic descent
- Must have a cumulative "B" or better average and planning to major in Mathematics or Science
- Must complete an application form (available in the Guidance Office); write a one-page essay describing your interest in pursuing the study of mathematics or science and include 2 letters of recommendation (one must be from a Math/Science teacher).
- Submit an official transcript, SAT or ACT scores and AP test scores where applicable.

Award: (5) \$1,000 scholarships

The National Co-op Scholarship Program

Due: February 15, 2012

Criteria:

- Students who are admitted to one of the seven Institutions listed in the scholarship brochure can apply for one of these scholarships by visiting the website www.co-op.edu

Award: 155 merit scholarships totaling \$4 million.

The "Stephen T. Dooley Community Service" Award

Due: February 28, 2012

Criteria:

- Nominee must be a student in good standing at a participating school
- Nominee must have an exemplary record of VOLUNTEER service for the betterment of his/her community. This award is not based on grades.
- Nominee must be a positive role model.
- Nominee will be judged on his/her community service involvement throughout high school.
- Forms may be downloaded from the website – www.tricountyagents.com

Award: \$2,500 Scholarship

The "Joel S. Pollack" Memorial Scholarship

Due: February 28, 2012

Criteria:

- Completion of essay
- Completed scholarship application
- Academic Transcript
- Forms may be downloaded from the website – www.tricountyagents.com

Award: Two \$1,250 Scholarships

**Association of Fire Districts Sate of New York
"Ned Carter" Scholarship**

Due: March 2, 2012

Criteria:

- Student **MUST** be related to or be a firefighter in an affiliated member organization of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York
- Recipient must be continuing on to further their education at either a two or four year accredited college
- Student must be planning to enter a career of service to the community (fire service, nursing, social work, health related services, teaching, librarian, etc.)
- Financial hardship will be considered
- Visit the Guidance Office for application details or the Association's website www.firedistnys.com

Award: \$1,500 scholarship

The Long Island 2 Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Scholarship

Due: April 10, 2012

Criteria:

- To be eligible for the this scholarship, applicant must be a resident of Nassau or Suffolk County, NY
- A graduating senior, and have applied and received acceptance to either a two- or four-year college or university.
- Reside with a parent or guardian who is a survivor of breast cancer or resided with a parent or guardian who was a victim of breast cancer.
- Must submit complete application and personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Copy of official high school transcript
- Proof of acceptance in educational program for 2012-2013
- Visit the website for more information www.li2daywalk.org/scholarship.asp

Award: Six awards of \$2,500

The Maria A. Sciara Scholarship

Due: April 10, 2012

Criteria:

- To be eligible for the this scholarship, applicant must be a resident of Nassau or Suffolk County, NY
- A graduating senior who aspires to be a teacher and has applied and received acceptance to either a two- or four-year college or university
- Reside with a parent or guardian who is a survivor of breast cancer or has resided with a parent or guardian who was a victim of cancer other than breast cancer.
- Must submit complete application and personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Copy of official high school transcript
- Proof of acceptance in educational program for 2012-2013
- Visit the website for more information www.li2daywalk.org/scholarship.asp

Award: \$1,000

Jeffrey A. Glazyer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Due: May 1, 2012

Criteria:

- This scholarship fund assists GLBT 12th Grade students to pursue college studies.
- To apply for this scholarship visit the Auntie M's Helping Hands website, www.amhh.org, click on "Our foundation" and download the application.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Due: June 15, 2012

Criteria:

- All high school juniors and seniors are eligible
- Students must submit an essay on the topic that appears on the website:
<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Award: \$1,000

Big Sun Scholarship

Due: June 22, 2012

- Applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community.
- Visit the website at www.bigsunathletics.com to learn how to apply.

Award: \$500

*******Remember to "FIND FREE MONEY" go to www.fastweb.com and register to find many more scholarships that fit YOU!!*******