

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Exclusive Walt Whitman High School Scholarships

April 2024

Counseling Center

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING CENTER, MAIN OFFICE, AND ONLINE AT

<https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0>

All applications are due to the Counseling Center by Friday, May 3, 2024, unless stated differently below.

JAMES REILLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$2,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Have achieved no less than a 90% average (3 year cum).
2. All around student who has been active in school and/or community activities.
3. Be an outstanding citizen who has demonstrated a concern for others.
4. Be acceptable to the faculty with regard to character.

SOUTH HUNTINGTON PARAPROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 4

Selection criteria:

1. Based on student's Academic Performance.
2. Student should be active in school & community service.
3. Financial Need will be considered.
4. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***Why does this scholarship matter to you so much?***

GERSHOW RECYCLING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,000

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Must be a graduating senior majoring in engineering/environmental sciences.

MOUREEN DAUGHERTY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$750

Number of Scholarships Available: 2

Two seniors from our high school will be selected based on demonstration of honesty, perseverance and community service. The recipients should show academic gains and perseverance to try his/her best, in spite of academic struggles they may have endured.

DONN HABER SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,000

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

This award will be given to one senior who is a **member of the Whitman Tennis or Badminton team**. The selection for this scholarship will be based on his/her good academic standing at Whitman and acceptance to a college in the fall.

In addition to the Exclusives Scholarship Application, there is an additional application that must be filled out. This application can be found in the Counseling Center or on the Counseling Center web page

<https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0>

THE JOSEPH TOLES FOUNDATION

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

This award is to recognize a college bound senior who has overcome personal hardships having to do with family, economics or emotional issues and through their perseverance been able to apply and gain acceptance to an institute of higher learning following graduation.

MIKE FEENEY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$5000

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

The amount is **\$5,000 per year for 4 years** or the cost of tuition, if less than \$5,000. Payment will be made directly to college.

Selection criteria:

1. Student has achieved no less than a 90% cumulative average for three years.
2. Must be a student who has made a significant or outstanding commitment to service in the school or community.
3. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.

****A parent or guardian must attach a statement describing the need for financial assistance****

WALLACE PROTASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Student is graduating this June.
2. The student has demonstrated **continuous** academic improvement over the last four years.
3. The student can establish financial need.

****Must attach a statement describing the need for financial assistance** (Do not attach FAFSA)**

ENDA AND MARK TULLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Walt Whitman student who is interested in pursuing a career in the trades or is majoring in Art.

HUNTINGTON MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarship Available: 11

Selflessness, bravery and dedication to the community are the trademark qualities of a true firefighter. On more occasions than we would like, our firefighters were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice. Most of our scholarships have been created in their memory. As you complete the application, please keep their memory and service in your heart.

Recipients of this award will only receive their scholarship after proof of registration to an accredited college for the fall 2024 semester is provided.

***This scholarship requires a separate application which is available in the Counseling Center or on the Counseling Center web page <https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0>
The application must be filed with the Huntington Manor Fire Department on or before **April 30, 2024.*****

*****Please Note: Deadline for entry: April 30, 2024*****

HUNTINGTON SOUTHSIDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduate of Walt Whitman High School selected by the trustees of the Association. Applicants may be male or female.

Selection criteria:

1. Resides within the boundaries of School District #13.
2. Plans to attend an accredited four year degree-granting college or university.
3. Applicants must have lived in District #13 and must have been a full-time student in a public high school of District #13 for a period of not less than three years prior to the date of graduation.
4. Applicants must plan to follow one of these courses of study while in college: Engineering, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) or Math.

SOUTH HUNTINGTON NURSES ASSOCIATION

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of scholarships available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Student is graduating this June.
2. Has been accepted for direct admittance into a nursing school program.
3. Must have a 3 year cumulative average of at least 80%.

****You must show proof (letter) of direct admittance into a nursing program in order to receive this award. Attach the letter to the application.****

JUANITA MONAGHAN AND MANNY DARWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Sponsored by the South Huntington Retired Teachers Association)

Scholarship Award: \$1,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Applicant shall be a graduating senior from Walt Whitman High School in the year the scholarship is awarded.
2. Applicant shall have expressed a sincere desire to a member or members of the Walt Whitman High School faculty to pursue a career in the teaching profession.
3. Financial need will be a consideration but not necessarily a determining factor in the award.
4. The applicant will include three recommendations, one of which shall be from a former or present teacher.

SOUTH HUNTINGTON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Scholarship Award: \$850.00

Number of Scholarships Available: 5

Selection criteria:

1. Minimum 93% average. (3 year cum)
2. Priority given to those students planning to enter the teaching profession or career in service to people oriented professions.

This scholarship requires a separate application. Applications are available in Mr. Miranda's room (201), the Counseling Center, or on the Counseling Center web page

<https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0> The completed application is due back to Mr. Miranda by Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

******Please Note: Deadline for entry: Wednesday, May 8, 2024******

JANET'S LOVING GIFTS FOUNDATION

Scholarship Amount: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Will be offered to a female student who demonstrates financial need.
2. Student must be pursuing an education in Business, Accounting or a Mathematical application that will allow this student to go on to be a leader in the future.

DR. MARIE FRANCE CAMBRONNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Must have attended **Countrywood Primary Center**.
2. Display quality traits that include:
 - Perseverance in the face of life's challenges.
 - High moral and ethical standards.
 - Strong work ethic.
 - Evidence of contributing positively to family and community.
 - Evidence of ongoing service to those less fortunate or less privileged.
 - Interest in going into the field of education preferred
3. Applicants must prepare a statement describing in what ways they embody the character traits modeled by Dr. Cambronne through her life's work: perseverance, positive attitude, strong moral character, strong work ethic, altruism.
4. Two teacher recommendations must be attached to the scholarship application.

THE PHILLIP MARTIN SCHAFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 2

This scholarship is in memory of Phil Schaffer. A beloved member of the South Huntington School District. Phil served as a Data Control Specialist, and passed away on January 16, 2018. This award will be provided to (1) female student and (1) male student.

Selection criteria:

1. Student should be currently studying in the STEM fields.
2. Complete the required short essay and attach it to the application. **How will this award help you further your academic goals as it relates to the STEM field?**

JODI COHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$250

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Special Education ENL student.
2. Minimum 85% average during high school.
3. Involved in at least one extra-curricular activity during each year of high school.
4. Will attend either college, technical or a business school after graduation.

THE DR. ROBERT & OLGA VON TAUBER SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$3,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 2

The Dr. Robert and Olga Von Tauber Fund was established to award scholarships to graduating high school students from Huntington, Long Island, with demonstrated financial need . To apply, visit: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nyct-scholarship> , create a new account, select apply at the top of the screen

Use the access code: LVONT

SOUTH HUNTINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Scholarship Award: \$750

**Number of Scholarships Available: 2 - College/University Path
1 - Vocational Path**

Selection criteria:

College/University Path Scholarship

Awarded to (2) individuals who have shown consistent interest in supporting their community through meaningful volunteerism during their educational experience at South Huntington. Applicants must demonstrate participation in the Arts, Technology, and or Science programs in South Huntington. Additionally this student has made the decision to pursue higher education at a College or University.

Vocational Path Scholarship

Awarded to an individual who has shown consistent interest in supporting their community through meaningful volunteerism during their educational experience at South Huntington. Applicants must demonstrate participation in the Arts, Technology, and or Science programs in South Huntington. Additionally this student has made the decision to pursue a vocational career.

SOUTH HUNTINGTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION JAMES KADEN CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

This scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has shown consistent interest in supporting their community through meaningful volunteerism during their educational experience at South Huntington. Applicants must demonstrate participation in the Arts, Technology, and or Science programs in South Huntington. Mr. Kaden was a proud supporter of SHEF and a huge contributor to the success of our organization and school district. The winner of this scholarship should embody similar qualities that Mr. Kaden possessed. A competitive applicant would be one who is considered a good citizen by their teachers and peers, and has shown community awareness by volunteering their time to organizations based on assisting those in our South Huntington District.

THE VINCENT MIGLIORE SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Student must have maintained a 79% grade point average or better.
2. Student must have demonstrated good character and work ethic.
3. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. **Student should write a short paragraph about his/her character in reference to family life and participation in the community. A short paragraph from three individuals (teachers or neighbors) is also required.**

STANLEY WEGLARSKI SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. The recipient student must have a three year cumulative average between eighty (80) and ninety (90) and must be pursuing a degree in mathematics, science or electronics.
2. The recipient student must be continuing his/her education in a college, university or vocational school.
3. Must agree to accept the award directly.

DR. MURPHY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$250

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Minimum 85% average during high school.
2. Student should be a member of GSO, an active member of the senior class, participate in our Leadership class, or an active member of a school organization that promotes school and community service.
3. Student must be attending a post-secondary institution after graduation.

THE JORDAN SCHUMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – “JORDAN’S LIGHT”

Scholarship Award: \$750

Number of Scholarships Available: 2

Selection criteria:

1. Student must possess a weighted grade point average of 85% or better.
2. Student must be pursuing a college degree in theater, journalism or communications.
3. Student must participate in community service and be considered a positive role model at WWHS.

ROBERTO (BOBBY) CALLEGATI “HAVE A HEART” MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Available to seniors going to college in the fall.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.0
3. Student must have portrayed excellent citizenship and shown kindness and friendship towards students with developmental disabilities.
4. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***How have you befriended a child with special needs and what is your relationship/role in that child’s life?***

APPLIANCE WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Available to seniors going to college in the fall.
2. Demonstrated outstanding community service to others at the local, state or national level.
3. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***Discuss which community service activities you have participated in, which activity meant the most to you and why, as well as what sort of community service plans you have for the future. Please describe why you could benefit from this scholarship as well as any other information that would best describe your character (750 words or less).***

THE ANDREW J. LUEBKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarship Award: \$1,000

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

This award is in memory of Andrew J. Luebker. Mr. Luebker was a Walt Whitman graduate, class of 1989. He passed away from Pancreatic Cancer on August 18, 2014.

Selection criteria:

1. A graduating Walt Whitman student who has been affected by the death of a parent at any point in their childhood.
2. Merit scholarship based on transcript.
3. Scholarship must be used for college or to further their education after high school graduation.
4. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***Describing how you have triumphed over the loss of a parent (100-1000 words).***

MAUREEN JENNESS ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,500

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Available to a senior in the Walt Whitman High School Orchestra who is deemed to be in good standing and the most deserving according to the following factors:

1. Commits to studying and performing music in college (a planned major in Music is not necessary),
2. Has earned a 6A in one or more NYSSMA solo competitions,
3. Has submitted a personal essay to the Orchestral Director, describing how studying and performing orchestral music has made an impact on him/herself, his/her family and/or the local community.

**HIDDEN SMILES ORTHODONTICS SCHOLARSHIP
FOR FEMALES PURSUING THE SCIENCES**

Scholarship award: \$500

Number of scholarships Available: 1

Selection criteria:

1. Female student
2. Pursuing a major in the sciences
3. Graduating in June and attending college in the fall
4. Transcript required
5. 85 or higher weighted GPA
6. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***Describing your future career aspirations and inspirations in the field of science and the impact you plan to have on this profession (minimum 500 words).***

LINDA CEPELAK EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Award: \$1,500

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship is in memory of Linda Lee (Mullen) Cepelak who passed away at the age of 74 on December 8, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer. Linda was a teacher at Oakwood Primary for over 25 years. This scholarship will be awarded to those that embody Linda's creativeness, commitment, and passion for teaching young children so they excel in life.

Selection criteria:

1. Graduating Senior of WWHS.
2. Graduate of Oakwood Primary.
3. Pursuing a degree and career in early childhood education.
4. Reflects the caring personality and commitment of Linda Cepelak in educating children.

THE COLIN M. GILMARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: 2,000

Number of scholarships available: 2

This award is in memory of Colin M. Gilmartin, a 2016 Walt Whitman High School graduate who passed away tragically on October 30, 2021.

Selection criteria:

1. Must be a senior graduating this June.
2. Will be attending college in the fall.
3. All around student involved with sports and or community service.
4. An outstanding student who always shows kindness and concern for his fellow students and teachers.
5. An interest in Social Studies.
6. Minimum average: 85%

ZANNIA OJIBE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$500

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship is in memory of Zannia Ojibe, a 2016 Walt Whitman High School graduate who passed away on October 9, 2022, at the young age of 24.

Selection criteria:

1. An African American graduating senior.
2. Student active in performing arts.
3. Student participates in at least two community programs/projects as a mentor or volunteer.
4. Minimum GPA 3.0.
5. Planning to pursue a career/and or study the performing arts/entertainment post high school.

JACK WHELAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$500

Number of scholarships available: 2

This scholarship is in memory of Jack Whelan, a 1989 Walt Whitman High School graduate who passed away on September 24, 2022.

Selection Criteria:

1. A graduating senior who is going to trade/vocational school, or a student pursuing a degree in engineering or a field using their hands.
2. A student of strong character, who exhibits the characteristics of hard working, respectful and helpful.
3. A student active at school clubs/activities, community, and/or has a part time job.

THE TRI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH AGENCY (Tri-CYA) JOSEPH MARTONE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$500

Number of scholarships available: 1

One senior from Walt Whitman High School will be selected based on character, achievement, community service, sports, and/or extracurricular activities. The student has to have applied and been accepted to a two or four year college or university, trade or vocational school.

This scholarship requires a separate application which is available in the Counseling Center or on the Counseling Center web page <https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0> Applications are due to the Tri-CYA on or before April 26, 2024.

******Please Note: Deadline for entry: April 26, 2024******

THE BARBARA SPERRAZZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$ 250

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship is in memory of Barbara Sperrazza, recipient of the South Huntington District Teacher of the Year in 2012 and retired English teacher. After a successful career teaching English in New York City, Mrs. Sperrazza joined the South Huntington family in 2002. She began with teaching Home and Careers at Silas Wood and then traveled to Stimson to finish her day teaching English. Following that year, until her retirement, she taught English at Whitman. At Whitman she embraced her love of the theater, working on the school plays wholeheartedly. Barbara was larger than life with a contagious laugh and love of literature and students. She spoke her mind, loved to laugh, tell stories and loved fiercely.

Selection criteria:

1. Student is active in theater
2. Minimum GPA 3.0 in English
3. Planning to pursue a career working with children or in the theater/entertainment industry

THE DANIEL DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$ TBD

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship is in memory of Daniel Davis, a 2006 Walt Whitman High School graduate who passed away on April 24, 2020, at the age of 31.

Selection criteria:

1. Lost a parent
2. Planning on attending college / trade school
3. Minimum GPA 3.0

JOSEPH AND SUSAN PISACANO MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$ 2,000

Number of scholarships available: 1

This scholarship is to honor Teena and Kim Nguyen's foster parents, Joseph and Susan Pisacano, who were South Huntington residents most of their lives. The Piscano's fostered 3 girls from Vietnam in the 1980s. They continued to foster their siblings and Teena's children as their own until their passing in 2015 and 2012 respectively. This scholarship seeks to help graduating foster students enrich their lives. In a small way, they hope the scholarship will uplift the recipient(s) like their foster parents have done for them.

Selection criteria:

1. Graduating WWHS senior.
2. Currently or has been ward of court in the foster care system.
3. If no graduating foster students for the current year, the scholarship will extend to students who have lost one or both biological parents in the past 12 to 24 months.
4. A graduating senior who plans on attending college, trade school, or joining a military branch.

MUSCHERA FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship award: \$ 2,500

Number of scholarships available: 1

Anthony (Tony) Muschera, a 1972 Walt Whitman graduate, would like to offer an annual scholarship to a graduating senior.

Selection criteria:

1. A graduating senior who has been accepted to college majoring in an allied health discipline (i.e., non-physician, non-nurse). Examples: audiologists, speech language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, dieticians, emergency medical technicians, physicians assistants, etc.
2. The student must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance (short statement required).
3. The student must be active in at least one of the following categories: 1) school clubs/activities, 2) community service with a charitable organization, or 3) holds a part-time job.
4. Complete the required essay and attach it to the application. ***Describe the teacher or teachers that have inspired you the most to further your education (250-300 words).***

ROTARY CLUB OF HUNTINGTON

Scholarship award: \$ Various

Number of scholarships available: Multiple

"Service Above Self" Award

This scholarship requires a separate application which is available in the Counseling Center or on the Counseling Center web page <https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0> Applications are due to the Counseling Center by Friday, May 3rd.

*****Please Note: Deadline for entry: May 3, 2024*****

GREENLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scholarship award: \$ 2,000

Number of scholarships available: 1

Service Award

This scholarship requires a separate application which is available in the Counseling Center or on the Counseling Center web page <https://www.shufsd.org/district/scholarship-opportunities-0> Applications are due to the Counseling Center by Friday, May 3.

*****Please Note: Deadline for entry: May 3, 2024****