**Howell Chamber of Commerce**

**Education Foundation Scholarship 2016**

**$1,000.00 Scholarship**

The Howell Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation was established to open academic doors for local students. The Chamber believes in its mission to improve the overall business climate for members by creating programs and services which stimulate economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Howell, NJ. The scholarship program enhances our community's quality of life by supporting an educated citizenry, preparing them for responsible roles within the workforce which will strengthen the economic vitality of our region.

**General Howell Resident –** applicants must meet all criteria listed below.

**CRITERIA:**

1. Applicant must live in Howell Township and attend a school in the Freehold Regional District or a local private school.

2. Applicant must be a High School Senior, graduating in June 2016 and planning to attend a two or four year institution of higher education in a program leading to a degree. Attendance to a vocational institution also qualifies.

3. Participation in extra-curricular and community service is desired.

4. Awards will be for direct educational expenses such as tuition and books.

5. Applicant will submit a ***typed, double spaced*** essay (no more than 500 words) addressing **both** of the following topics:

* Detail why you think it is important to continue your education
* Explain how you intend to use your education experience to improve the business, civic or cultural aspects of the Howell community

6. The essay will be evaluated for content, grammar, spelling, and presentation. Please proofread your application before submitting.

7. Applicant must submit a school transcript. Applications without transcripts will not be considered.

8. Two Letters of recommendation.

9. All scholarship awards are made payable to the institution you will attend unless you submit receipts for reimbursement to the Foundation by November 30, 2016.

10. The Foundation Board may adopt any rules necessary or desirable in its sole discretion to carry out the objectives of the Foundation, including a request for additional information from the applicant. Additional information includes a formal interview with board members.

11. The Foundation Board reserves the right to award the 2016 scholarships as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, the right to award more than one scholarship in a particular category, the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in a particular category, and the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in any of the categories in its sole discretion.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: The awarding of scholarships shall be made without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age or physical handicap.

Applications must be submitted to the guidance office by **Wednesday, April 06, 2016**

***DEADLINE:***

Complete applications must be postmarked/submitted by **Wednesday,** **April 20, 2016** to the Howell Chamber Office:

Howell Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation

PO Box 196

Howell NJ 07731

Phone 732-363-4114/fax/732-363-8747

Email:info@howellchamber.com

***ContactInformation***

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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School: Please check one

Howell \_\_\_ Colts Neck \_\_\_ Freehold Twp. \_\_\_ Manalapan \_\_\_ Freehold \_\_\_ Marlboro \_\_ Other\_\_

Parents (Check who you reside with): Father \_\_\_ Mother\_\_\_

Age(s) of other dependents in your family and what school they attend:

***Academic Information***

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Intended College Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Applied to/accepted to:

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check should be made out to \_\_\_\_\_ school \_\_\_\_\_ myself (please choose one). Receipts are due by November. 30, 2016. If no receipts are received by November 30, 2016, by default the check will be made out to the college. Valid receipts apply to direct education expenses (i.e. tuition, books, computer and supplies)

***Special Skills or Qualifications***

Please list any jobs you currently have or have had in the past three years:

***On a separate typed page***, please summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment (please note if this experience is from a Howell Chamber business), or through other activities, including hobbies or sports

***Community Service***

***On a separate typed page,*** please summarize your community service experience and what you enjoy doing outside of school