

SENIOR NEWS
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SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

This is a busy time of year for scholarship opportunities. Students are reminded that they should remain attentive to scholarship requirements and deadlines. Many scholarships have a received by date so you must plan accordingly to insure your application materials are received by the organization in time.

SCHOLARSHIPS - The following applications are available online and/or in the guidance office:

ALYSSA E. CORREIRA MEMORIAL FUND: Received by **APRIL 10, 2017**. The annual Alyssa E. Correia Memorial Fund Scholarship will award five \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall of 2017. Interested students should submit a completed application, including a copy of their high school transcript, two letters of recommendation from teacher(s) or employer(s), a brief essay on their volunteer work and future career goals, and a statement of financial need. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and academic achievement. Go to www.alyssacorreiramemorialfund.org for more information.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION: BCC HAS OVER 100 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS. Incoming freshmen are welcome to apply for this private scholarship aid. Although each scholarship fund has different criteria, there is one general scholarship application that is to be used. This past academic year, the Foundation awarded more than \$190,000 in private aid. You may download a copy of the application at <https://bristolcc.academicworks.com>.

BRISTOL COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION CARLOS ALVES SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 28, 2017**. A \$1,000 education scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who will be pursuing a career in secondary education. Preference given to students whose parent/guardian(s) is a 4-way member of local, BCEA, MTA and NEA. Applications are available in guidance.

BRISTOL COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION KAREN ELLIOT SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 28, 2017**. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who will be pursuing a career in music education. Applications are available in guidance.

BRISTOL COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION OLIVE GURNEY SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **APRIL 28, 2017**. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who will be pursuing a career in elementary education. Preference will be given to students whose parent/guardian(s) are 4-way members local, BCEA, MTA and NEA. Applications are available in guidance.

GREATER SOUTHEASTERN MASS LABOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP: Complete applications must be received by **March 24, 2017**. This opportunity is available to students whose family member is a member of a labor union affiliated with the Greater Southeastern Mass Labor Council. Application materials are available in guidance.

HARBORONE BANK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP: Due **March 31, 2017**. HarborOne Bank is providing twenty \$5000 scholarships to high school seniors who embody a commitment to community and academic excellence. The student's immediate family must have an active account with HarborOne Bank. Scholarship information is available online at www.harborone.com/About-Us/Community.

HEIDRA FOR HEROES SCHOLARSHIP: Deadline is **April 14, 2017**. This scholarship is available to a son/daughter of a veteran or a student going into the ROTC at an institution of higher learning. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 - 4.0 during their final two years of high school. Applications and information are available at <https://heidrea4heroes.org/supporters/scholarships>.

JAMES J. KARAM SCHOLARSHIP – Application deadline is March 31, 2017. Applicant must be planning to attend one of the UMass campuses and be a resident of Somerset, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Swansea or Westport. A \$5000 renewable scholarship is available. Applications are available in guidance.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP: Deadline postmark of March 31, 2017. This \$500 scholarship is available to any female accepted to a college with a major in Criminal Justice. Application information is available in guidance.

MASSACHUSETTS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: DUE April 14, 2017. Students enrolling in an accredited 2 or 4 year program in radio and television broadcasting are encouraged to apply. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded based on financial need, academic merit, community service, extra-curricular activities and work experience. Application is available at www.MassBroadcasters.org/scholarship_program.

MATT T. BENOIT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Application deadline is April 21, 2017. This scholarship opportunity is available to a student who is of average academic ability, carries an appropriate course load with a demonstrated appreciation of teamwork. Applications are available in guidance.

MECHANICS COOPERATIVE BANK: DUE APRIL 21, 2017. Applicants must graduate in the top thirty percent (30%) of their class, must be accepted to a two (2) or four (4) year degree-granting college or university, including vocational and technical colleges. Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic ability, character and extracurricular activities. Applicant must have participated in extracurricular activities for at least two (2) years. Mechanics Cooperative Bank will award up to four (4) scholarships annually to high school seniors. Applications are available in guidance or at www.mechanics-coop.com/scholarship.htm.

PRIMA CARE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The deadline for applications to be received at Prima Care is April 30, 2017. A \$3000 award is available to an SBRHS student pursuing a career in the medical field or who has a parent who works in the medical field. First preference will be given to a student at SBRHS. Applications are available in the guidance office.

PRINCE HENRY SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS SCHOLARSHIP (GREATER FALL RIVER CHAPTER): MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 7, 2017. Applicants must be of Portuguese descent and residents of the Greater Fall River area who are seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited higher education institution. Fifteen (15) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. One of the fifteen (15) scholarships will be designated for a senior who matriculates in the UMASS system. One of the scholarships will be a four year scholarship at \$1,000 per year. Application materials are available in guidance..

ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS: DUE APRIL 28, 2017. There are two opportunities available: one open to all area residents and one open to an employee or relative of an employee or medical staff family member of St. Anne's hospital. The scholarship candidate must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the \$3,000 award: be a graduating high school senior entering or pursuing a degree in nursing, allied health or other health care profession and is able to use the award during the 2017-2018 academic year. Applications are available in guidance.

SOMERSET FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP: DUE TO ORGANIZATION APRIL 15, 2017. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to college-bound Somerset Federal Credit Union members or dependents of members. The first scholarship is named the Reach Out! Scholarship and the other is the Oliver C. Perry, Jr. Scholarship in honor of past SFCU manager and board of directors, Oliver Perry. Interested students may pick up applications in the Somerset Federal Credit Union lobby at 740 County Street or online at www.somersetfcu.com/reachout.htm.

SOMERSET GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 28, 2017.

A \$1000 scholarship will be available to a resident of Bristol County or a relative of a garden club member who is pursuing a college program of higher learning. Applicant must show involvement in high school extra-curricular activities in addition to outside interests. Career choices in earth science, horticulture, environmental studies, flower design, landscape architecture, weather or any related areas of study will be given preference, but other areas of major study will also be considered. An application, along with your acceptance letter to the institution of higher learning, high school transcript and a brief essay is required. Applications are available in guidance.

SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY CHORALE SCHOLARSHIP: Application deadline is April 15, 2017.

One \$500 award will be granted for a student interested in pursuing a degree in music. Applicants must be residents of the greater Fall River area and must complete a 500 word essay on why they decided to pursue the field of music. Applications are available in the guidance office.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Deadline is April 3, 2017.

This organization offers four year renewable scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, a strong work ethic and leadership qualities. Additional scholarship information as well as applications can be found at www.phillips-scholarship.org.

TAUNTON CIVIC CHORUS: Postmark deadline is March 18, 2017.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior accepted to a 2 or 4 year college who has been an active participant in an organized musical activity during their high school tenure. The recipient must be willing to participate in the Taunton Civic Chorus' spring concert.

TAUNTON WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship must be received by April 7, 2017.

Two \$1000 awards are available. This scholarship is available to students attending a two or four year post graduate program of study. Applications are available in guidance.

IN-HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES: These scholarships are available to SBRHS students only.

THE OFFICER BJ VOSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by April 24, 2017.

This scholarship will be awarded to seniors who have been accepted into a degree granting program with a declared major in Criminal Justice. Officer BJ Voss was a Somerset Police Officer who passed away unexpectedly in 2013 at the age of 35. This scholarship was created to memorialize his life and legacy. Two \$1000 awards will be made.

CARL W. MCDERMOTT SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by APRIL 24, 2017.

Open to seniors who have demonstrated scholastic ability and have made a commitment to Somerset Berkley Regional High School by their participation in co-curricular activities sponsored by the school throughout their high school years. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded at graduation.

THE CLASS OF 1960 SCHOLARSHIP: The application and statement are due in guidance by April 24, 2017.

This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who will be continuing their education at an institution of higher learning. Students should have demonstrated financial need and have been involved in extracurricular school activities or community service. All applications should be accompanied by a less than one page personal statement on how this scholarship will assist in achieving personal goals. One \$400 scholarship will be awarded.

DONALD J. MCNAMARA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by APRIL 24, 2017.

Open to seniors who are in the top fifteen percent of the graduating class and have demonstrated a commitment to the science program at Somerset Berkley Regional High School by enrolling in science courses for four years. Applicants should have taken physics during their four-year high school career. A \$1000 renewable scholarship (\$4000 total for four years) will be awarded at graduation.

F. ROBERT LAING SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by **APRIL 24, 2017**. The F. Robert Laing Scholarships are available to seniors who had attended Wilbur School for a minimum of two (2) years. Applicants must have participated in community service during their school career and must rank in the top 49% of the graduating class. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded.

IRENE FORTIN SCHOLARSHIP: Application deadline is **April 24, 2017**. This scholarship opportunity is available to seniors who had attended North Elementary School for at least four years. Applicants must have participated in community service during their high school career and rank in the top 49% of their graduating class. Two \$300 scholarships are available.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE L/CPL. JOHN J. VAN GYZEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance **April 24, 2017**. This scholarship is available to a graduating senior who is pursuing full time higher education. The recipient must be the child, grandchild, great-grandchild or stepchild of a veteran. The relative of a member of a Marine Corps league member shall have preference. Special consideration will be given to a student who has a guardian who is on active duty in the military. The veteran must provide a copy of their DD14 with the application.

PAMELA LYNNE HARRISON JUSSAUME MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Application deadline **April 24, 2017**. A \$500 scholarship is available to a student who intends to major in business and has a minimum 3.0 GPA at the start of their senior year. An essay is required. Essay criteria and applications are available in guidance.

RAYMOND J. MCDONALD JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by **APRIL 24, 2017**. Open to seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and who have given evidence of using their talents and skills to the betterment of the Somerset Berkley Regional High School community and/or the community at large. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded at graduation.

SALVATORE A. PETRILLO SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by **APRIL 24, 2017**. Open to seniors continuing on with post secondary or vocational education who demonstrate leadership qualities. Students must be well rounded, having shown achievements in the arts, academics and athletics. Applicants must have been a member of the wrestling team for at least two years including their senior year. Scholarship amounts will vary from \$500 - \$1,000 as determined annually by the trustees of the foundation.

SOMERSET BERKLEY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by **APRIL 24, 2017**. Any graduating student who has participated in sports at Somerset Berkley Regional High School High School, is a solid citizen, has financial need and meets the criteria set for a Somerset Berkley Athletic Boosters' jacket award is eligible to apply. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded (\$250 for four years) at graduation.

SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AWARD: Due in guidance **April 24, 2017**. This award is available to a senior with a demonstrated record of commitment to protecting the natural environment for the school, local, regional, national or world community. The scholarship award (\$800) will be granted to the student who has contributed most in the area of environmental protection, whether through studies or extra-curricular projects. Applicants must include a statement of how they believe they meet the qualifications of this award.

SOMERSET INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: The application and statement are due in guidance by **April 24, 2017**. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who will be continuing their education at an institution of higher learning. Students should have demonstrated financial need and have been involved in extracurricular or school activities or community service. All applications should be accompanied by a no more than one page personal statement on how this scholarship will assist in achieving personal goals. Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded.

SOMERSET TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: Due in guidance by **APRIL 24, 2017**. Student must have a parent that is a member of the STA to apply for this scholarship. Essay topic: "A Teacher Who Has Touched My Life." Applications are available in guidance.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CRICKET SCHOLARSHIP: Due in guidance by APRIL 24, 2017. The South Elementary Cricket Scholarship is available to seniors who are furthering their education and have attended the South Elementary School for at least four (4) years. One \$100 scholarship will be awarded. Applications are available in guidance.

Students will be informed as more scholarships become available in the guidance office. Please listen to the morning announcements in homeroom and read very carefully future issues of “Senior News”. Adhere to all scholarship deadlines. Please put deadline dates on a calendar/agenda book. Please check past issues of “Senior News”, available on the Somerset Berkley Regional High School web site, for listings of scholarships that were previously announced and might still be available.