



January 30, 2018

The Manteno Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for our annual scholarship competition. The Manteno Chamber of Commerce takes pride in awarding \$1,000 scholarships to two graduating seniors, one male and one female. To be eligible, students must be graduating in the academic year 2017 – 2018. The applicant must reside in Manteno and have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The scholarship criteria are based on the applicant's scholastic achievement, interest in continuing education and career goals, participation and leadership in school and community activities, and reputation for good citizenship and moral character.

Enclosed with this letter is the application packet with the list of requirements. Applications will be evaluated by the Chamber Scholarship Committee, and scholarships will be announced by May 14, 2018.

More applications are available in the guidance office at Manteno High School, Bishop Mac High School and Manteno Village Hall. You can also visit us online at <http://www.mantenchamber.com/about/scholarships>. Please email [info@mantenchamber.com](mailto:info@mantenchamber.com) if you have any questions.

All fully completed applications must meet all the qualifications, be postmarked by the deadline, and must be submitted by April 9, 2018 to your school guidance office or by mail to:

Manteno Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 577  
Manteno, IL 60950

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Marion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "S" and "M".

Sarah Marion  
President & CEO



The Manteno Chamber of Commerce

Scholarship Application

**Applicant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Information**

Have you participated in the Chamber's Internship Program? YES  NO  If yes, date & company: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you volunteered for any Village or Chamber Events (Oktoberfest, Rockin on Main, Farmer's Market, Santa on the Square)? YES  NO  If yes, what event(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Plans**

College/University Planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Planned field of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Background & Test Scores (HS Transcripts Required)**

Graduate High School: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Graduating Class(MO/YR) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: )\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_/1600 Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_/36 Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Employment Experiences**

Company:		Company:	
Position Title:		Position Title:	
Dates:	From:	To:	Dates: From: To:
Describe the work you performed		Describe the work you performed	

### Scholastic/Athletic Honors & Awards

Name of Honor/Award Received (if more, please list on separate sheet)	Date

### Extracurricular Activities

List below, in order of importance to you, your principle extracurricular activities in grades 9-12. Do NOT list employment or volunteer work in this section (if more, please list on separate sheet).

Activity	Length of Involvement	Positions/Offices Held or Honors Awarded

### Volunteer Community Service

Describe the nature of the community service, your specific role, when you participated and the length of your involvement (if more, please list on separate sheet).

Activity	Description/Role	Dates	Hours

### Other Requirements

#### 1. Personal Essay

- a. In 500 words or less, address the following question:
  - What high school courses, personal experiences, extracurricular activities, or volunteer/community service work has/have been the most challenging & rewarding? How did this help you?

#### 2. Letter of Recommendation

- a. Applicants must submit (1) letter of recommendation (from counselor, principal, teacher, employer, clergy, mentor, coach) appraising the individual's academic & personal qualities & potential. The Scholarship Committee is particularly interested in evidence of character, relative maturity, integrity, independence, interests, skills, and any special talents or qualities.

## Information & Tips for Scholarship Applicants

1. DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY
2. The student must be a graduating senior of the 2017-2018 academic school year.
3. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. The scholarship recipients will be selected by the Chamber Scholarship Foundation Committee.
5. The scholarship must be used for expenses with the requirement that recipient be a full-time student.
6. All requirement documents must be postmarked by April 9, 2018. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that documents are submitted to the Chamber and are postmarked on or before April 9, 2018 (such as letter of recommendation or transcripts if submitted separately).
7. Each component of the application will be considered in the evaluation. Incomplete applications will not be considered. There shall be no discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or gender.
8. Scholarship Recipients will be notified by May 14, 2018 through email and a personal letter. Awards will be presented on June 22, 2018 at the Chamber's Celebration of Membership Dinner.
9. Awarded scholarships will be in the amount of \$1,000 each to one male & one female recipient.

## Disclaimer and Signature

*I understand that the information submitted herein will be relied upon by the Manteno Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee to determine my status as a scholarship candidate. I certify that the information submitted with this application is complete and correct. I understand that it may be verified, and that submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application and withdrawal of any offer of scholarship. I also give permission to release these materials to the Scholarship Committee and the Manteno Chamber of Commerce.*

Signature of  
Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of  
Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send checklist, completed application, official transcripts, personal essay, copy of college acceptance letter and one letter of recommendation to:

**Manteno Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 577  
Manteno IL 60950**

**Postmark Deadline: April 9, 2018**

Students Name: (L) \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

### Manteno Chamber Scholarship Application Checklist

#### Use This Checklist As A Cover Sheet in Your Application Packet

	Included in Application Packet	Will Be Submitted Separately
1. <b>This Checklist as COVER PAGE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Completed Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. HS Graduating Senior 2017-2018 Academic Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Grade Point Average 2.5 or higher on 4.0 Scale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. High School Official Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. College Acceptance Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Copy of ACT and/or SAT score(s) <i>if not on transcript</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Personal Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. One (1) Recommendation Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Postmarked by April 2, 2018(if sending)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_