



February 22, 2021

The Manteno Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for our annual scholarship competition. We take 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 2020-2021. 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 10, 2021.

Printed 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> to print out your own. Please email info@mantenchamber.com if you have any questions.

Applications must meet all the qualifications, be postmarked by the deadline, and must be submitted by April 12, 2021 to your school guidance office, by Village Hall drive thru or by mail to:

Manteno Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship Committee
98 E. Third St.
Manteno, IL 60950

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Marion' in a cursive script.

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 Jr. Chamber Program? (Through JA) YES NO If yes, date & company: _____

Have you volunteered for any Village or Chamber Events (Oktoberfest, Rockin on the Square, Santa on the Square, Community Clean Up)? 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	
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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 2020-2021 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 12, 2021. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that documents are submitted to the Chamber and are postmarked on or before April 12, 2021 (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 10, 2021 through email and a personal letter. Awards will be presented on May 27th 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
98 E. Third St.
Manteno IL 60950**

Postmark Deadline: April 12, 2021

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. This Checklist as COVER PAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Completed Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. HS Graduating Senior 2020-2021 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 12, 2021 (if sending)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____