

GARDNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce is offering **several** scholarships to qualified individuals in each of the following categories:

1. ***A Graduating High School Senior***
2. ***A Current College Student Who Will Be Returning In The Fall Semester***
3. ***A Non-Traditional Student Seeking Professional Development Or Further College Studies***
(A student who has been out of school for more than 3 years or a student pursuing a GED)

All applicants must be owners, employees, spouses, or dependents of active paying Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce member businesses/organizations. Chamber staff, spouses or dependents thereof are not eligible for this scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS IN EACH OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES

1. Complete the Application Form attached.
2. Submit the appropriate credential(s) required in your category.
3. Submit a double-spaced typed essay of no more than 500 words on the topic(s) designated in your category.
4. Submit the appropriate financial documents as requested on page 4 of the application.

NOTE: Essays will be judged on the quality of content and correct grammatical usage, spelling, and neatness. Graduating High School Seniors & Current College Students must submit two essays.

**** Applications and attachments not fully completed will be automatically disqualified.***

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2010

CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO EACH CATEGORY:

- 1) **A Graduating High School Senior**
 - a. **Academic achievement** will be considered using your High School rank in class. Please request your High School Guidance Office to send an official high school transcript by **April 1, 2010** directly to: ***Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee.***
 - b. **Essay #1: What are your future career goals and what have you done to gain more experience to attain those goals (i.e. employment, volunteer work, internships)?**
 - c. **Essay #2: Describe the most creative project in which you have been involved.**
- 2) **A Current College Student Who Will Be Returning In The Fall Semester**
 - a. **Academic achievement** will be considered using your college grade point average to date and the number of credits completed. Please request the Registrars Office at your current college to send an official college transcript by **April 1, 2010** directly to: ***Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee.***
 - b. **Essay #1: What are your future career goals and what have you done to gain more experience to attain those goals (i.e. employment, volunteer work, internships)?**
 - c. **Essay #2: Describe the most creative project in which you have been involved.**
- 3) **A Non-Traditional Student Seeking Professional Development Or Further College Studies**
 - a. Academic achievement will be considered only if you attended college or high school within the past three years. If so, please request your official transcript from either your college or high school, whichever is most recent, be sent by **April 1, 2010** directly to: ***Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. If you have been out of school for more than three years, disregard academic records, and:***
 1. Submit a resume or chronological report of your employment history, including homemaker, for the past four or more years.
 2. Indicate the name and dates of attendance of high school or college and degree received, if any.
 - b. **Essay: Why are you engaging in this educational experience and what do you expect to gain from this experience?**

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Please Type or Print Neatly. Each page must be filled out completely to avoid disqualification.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Home Phone No.: _____

Street: _____ Email: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different):

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Marital Status: _____ No. of Dependents: _____

Age(s) of Dependent(s): _____

Number of Immediate Family Members currently enrolled in college: _____

Name of College: _____ City/State: _____

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Name of College: _____ City/State: _____

Name(s) of Person(s)

Primarily Responsible for Your Support: _____

Relationship: _____

Occupation(s): _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Career objective:

Name of High School: _____ City/State: _____

Dates Attended: From: _____ To: _____

Date GED Earned (if applicable): _____

Name and Address of College Planning to Attend or Currently Attending:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____

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EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIPS

Employer/Organization Name	City & State	Dates of employment		Avg. Hrs. weekly	Position / Job Title
			to		
			to		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid <input type="checkbox"/> Credit
			to		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid <input type="checkbox"/> Credit
			to		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid <input type="checkbox"/> Credit
			to		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid <input type="checkbox"/> Credit

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Company/Organization Name	City & State	Dates of Activity		Avg.Hrs. Weekly	Brief Description of Assignment/Duties
			to		
			to		
			to		
			to		

Extra Curricular Activities: _____

Honors/Special Recognition Received: _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

***Please submit a copy of your FAFSA (Application For Federal Student Aid) if available or a copy of page 1 of your parent(s) most recent 1040 Federal Tax Return.**

Estimate the total **ANNUAL** cost for the college you currently attend or plan to attend.

Tuition: \$ _____

Fees: \$ _____

Room & Board: \$ _____

How much do **you** have available in your savings and/or checking accounts? \$ _____

How much do **your parent(s)** have available in savings and/or checking accounts? (if applicable) \$ _____

How much are **you** able to contribute toward your college expenses? \$ _____

How much are **your parent(s)** able to contribute toward your college expenses? (if applicable) \$ _____

List **your** other significant financial obligations (i.e. car payment, insurance, rent, childcare, etc.)

LIST ALL FINANCIAL AID FOR WHICH YOU PLAN TO APPLY:

Scholarships & Grants: (Include Name of Scholarship, Amount of Money Received, & Whether the Scholarship is Renewable).

Student Loans: _____

Parent Loans: _____

LIST ALL FINANCIAL AID YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED (if applicable):

Scholarships & Grants: (Include whether the Scholarship is Renewable.)

Student Loans: _____

Parent Loans: _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION, CONT.

What steps have you taken to help finance your education?

Please describe any other circumstances you would like us to consider in determining your financial need.

Do you have any life challenges of which the committee should be aware?

GREATER GARDNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER INFORMATION

Name of Greater Gardner

Chamber of Commerce Member Business or Organization: _____

Relationship to Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Member Business or Organization:

Owner: ___ Employee: ___ Spouse of Owner/Employee: ___ Dependent of Owner/Employee: ___

If Spouse or Dependent of Employee, please note name of the employee: _____

Please return your completed application to: Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee, 210 Main Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2010