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Prepared for the graduating students of Clark and Garwood



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ARTHUR L. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
CLARK, NEW JERSEY

Dear ALJ Students~

Now that you are approaching the end of your secondary school education, there are interested community citizens and groups who make available to you a number of opportunities for financial assistance for post high school education. This booklet has been prepared to familiarize you with these offerings. Read it thoroughly. Look into the requirements that make it possible to be eligible, and apply for those whose qualifications you meet.

Some scholarships and awards will require use of the school application packet. Other scholarships given by community organizations use their own application. All are available on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab. Read the criteria information carefully. **The deadline for all applications is March 27, 2020.** Applications submitted after that date will not be considered.

After this book is distributed, we may receive additional information about scholarships, honors or awards. Please be certain to visit the Guidance site regularly and to check your Naviance emails for such information.

College tuition and book costs have increased tremendously. Take advantage of the awards offered by your community. As always, you are encouraged to contact your School Counselor for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Feeley

Principal

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Dear Students:

Now that the college application process is behind you, and many of you are making the important decision of what college is the right one for you, I encourage you to review the many scholarships available in this bulletin. Please review the following information carefully:

- Much can be interpreted by the quality of the application alone. Students who take the time to prepare a neatly typed application send a clear message that this scholarship is important to them, and that they respect the organization and/or committee that will be charged with reviewing the document. To assist in this process, all applications have been provided to you in their electronic forms.
- Several scholarships include a written component. As with your college applications, it is critical that all essays submitted in this process speak to the specified topic, be neatly typed and well written, and thoroughly proofread and revised.
- Those students fortunate enough to be contacted for an interview for any scholarship should always be certain to respond to the organization's request, arrive promptly with a working knowledge of the organization's role in the community, and dressed in a manner that is suitable to the occasion. For young men, such attire would be inclusive of a dress shirt and tie. For young women, modest attire is encouraged. A skirt, dress, or dress pants would be appropriate.
- Any time a person or group takes the time to interview you, a thank you note is warranted. Such a note should be written and sent in a timely fashion, and should express your interest in the award, as well as thanking those who took the time to meet with you.
- It is very important to remember that scholarship awards should always be followed by a thank you note addressed to the organization that has selected you for the honor. This note should include a brief summary of your future plans, in particular, the school you have chosen to attend and the degree you plan to pursue.

On behalf of the entire school counseling staff, I wish you the very best in this endeavor, and welcome you to call upon any one of us with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to learning of your successes, and to seeing many of you in June at our Scholarship Night. On that day, ALJ students who have been awarded local scholarships will be invited to celebrate.

Sincerely,

Andrew Amendola
Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services/Guidance

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General Instructions

This booklet is separated into sections. The first section, labeled "A", features scholarships from each of the organizations that require you to complete a separate application. Each application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab. Applications must be completed, printed and returned to the Guidance Office on or before **March 27, 2020**.

The second section labeled "B" is for all organizations that use the General Application. It is only necessary to complete this application once. Students must indicate on page 2 of the application which of the local scholarships they are applying for. Again, the General Application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab. This document must be submitted to the Guidance Office after completion.

Included in this document are the specific criteria for each of the scholarships offered to you at the local level. Students are asked to be certain that they meet all specified criteria prior to applying for any local scholarships. Care must also be taken to complete each application thoroughly, and to provide all requested supplemental materials.

Scholarship dollars are provided to our students through relationships that have developed with local non-profit groups and businesses over the course of many years. While this booklet details the offerings that have traditionally been provided to our students, all providers have the absolute right to make final determination as to the receipt of their award, and adjust criteria if they determine that it is necessary to do so. It is also important to note that individuals or groups may also find themselves financially unprepared to fulfill their commitment to the local scholarship program. As always, each of the organizations, individuals and businesses retains the right to make adjustments to the financial award they provide or to withdraw their scholarship completely.

The application deadline for all scholarships is March 27, 2020. All applications must be completed and submitted directly to the School Counseling Office.

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Section A

Each of the scholarships included in this section require the submission of a separate application specific to the respective organization. **Each application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab, unless otherwise indicated.**

CLARK UNICO

The Clark UNICO is offering scholarships to high school students of Italian descent who will be graduating in the current academic year. The amount is to be determined and will be payable in one payment directly to the college of his/her choice. Interested students must complete and return applications to the School Counseling Office. Final award decision is made by the organization committee.

Criteria:

- Must be a Clark or Garwood resident graduating in June of 2020
- Must be of Italian descent (mother, father, grandmother or grandfather)
- Must be in the upper 50% of the class
- Must be accepted at an accredited college or university
- Must be enrolled in a two or four year program
- Must have performed community service
- Financial need will be considered

The Clark Unico Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF GARWOOD

The Education Foundation of Garwood will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors who are Garwood residents. Preference will be given to those pursuing service oriented careers (i.e. education, public health and safety). The EFG will also consider community involvement and volunteerism as part of the application package.

The Education Foundation of Garwood Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

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THE BEVERLY ELLENPORT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship will be given in memory of Beverly Ellenport. The criteria for this award is as follows:

Criteria:

- Student must be pursuing a career in education
- Student has already demonstrated an interest in education for a career
- Student must have a strong scholastic record
- Clark or Garwood resident
- Student must be involved in community activities

The Beverly Ellenport Memorial Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

GARWOOD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Garwood Education Association will be presenting an award to a graduating senior from Garwood. Applicants must show evidence of community service. The award decision will be made by the Garwood Education Association.

Criteria:

- Applicant must have attended and graduated 8th grade from Lincoln School in Garwood
- Applicant must show evidence of community service performed
- Financial need will not be considered

The Garwood Education Association Community Service Award application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

GARWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT & LADIES AUXILIARY

A scholarship will be offered to a graduating Garwood senior. The scholarship may be awarded within the fire department family, if applicable. This award will be paid to the school the student will attend.

Criteria:

- Student must be a Garwood senior with academic achievements of high standards and a history of civic and community service involvement and plans to continue his/her education in a post-secondary institution

The Garwood Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

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STEVEN M. ROTHBARD MEMORIAL

The Steven M. Rothbard Foundation will award one or more scholarships for \$500 or more to graduating seniors.

Criteria:

- Student must be planning to attend a four year institution of higher learning in the fall following graduation
- The student must be a member of the current graduating class, must place within the top third of the class, and must have participated in a high school athletic or music program

Applicants must include a short essay that will help to acquaint the committee with you as an individual to help them understand your thoughts and feelings about experiences or issues that are important to you.

The Steven M. Rothbard Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

CLARK KIWANIS/KEY CLUB

The recipient of each of the Clark Kiwanis Scholarship awards must be an ALJ Key Club member in good standing, preferably for all four years of his/her high school career. Applicant must have displayed exemplary leadership qualities. Applicants for each of the Clark Kiwanis Scholarship awards must complete the Kiwanis scholarship application form. Applicants may exclude the financial portion, as these awards are not determined by financial need.

Letter of Recommendation

All applicants must include a letter of recommendation from one of the following individuals:

- Key Club advisor
- A member of the local Kiwanis chapter

Required Essay

In no more than one typed page, tell the Kiwanis Club of Clark's Scholarship Committee about the service experiences that helped you to understand the real benefit of volunteerism.

Interview

Finalists are required to attend a 10 minute meeting with members of the Kiwanis Club's Scholarship Committee.

A letter of congratulations will be given to recipients at the School Counseling Office sponsored end of the year awards night at ALJ. The actual financial award will be distributed by the Kiwanis Club at Super Stars Night held by the Key Club at the end of the year. Inability to attend both activities may cause the recipient to forfeit his/her award. An informal interview will be held with Kiwanis members before Super Stars Night.

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James Dougherty Memorial Scholarship

Throughout Jim Dougherty's career as a teacher of history, social studies, computer science and robotics, he touched hundreds of lives at David Brearley High School, Governor Livingston High School, and Arthur L. Johnson High School, community colleges, and Rutgers University. As a President of the Clark Kiwanis and a Lt. Governor for the NJ District of Kiwanis Club, he was a staunch supporter of Key Club activities and the Kiwanis family community projects. The recipient of this scholarship award should have displayed leadership and volunteerism throughout his/her high school career.

ALJ Key Club's Kiwanis Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Seniors of Arthur L. Johnson High School who are Key Club members in good standing, and have been so for all of their years at ALJ High School, may apply for the service awards. There are multiple awards that will be given in June. The highest of the awards, gold, will be given to students with the highest number of service hours as recorded by the Key Club secretaries, and verified by the Key Club advisors/youth liaisons.

The Clark Kiwanis/Key Club Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Music Parents Association will be awarding three (3) scholarships, one to a student of the vocal music program, one to an instrumental music student, and the third to a color guard student.

Criteria:

- Applicant must have a cumulative music GPA of 3.3 or greater with an overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Must have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and good citizenship throughout the four years spent in the ALJ music program
- Must have been a member of at least one music ensemble or program (Concert Band, Chorale, Concert Choir or Color Guard) for at least 3.5 years (seven semesters)
- Must have demonstrated commitment to their music ensemble/program
- Must have fostered concepts of teamwork and demonstrated ability to support others
- Must have demonstrated leadership skills in their music ensemble/program
- Must have demonstrated strong character in their music ensemble/program
- Must have demonstrated ability to change and accept constructive criticism in a positive manner
- Must have shown positive growth in his/her role while functioning as a member of the music program
- Parent must be a member of the organization by 12/31/19
- Consideration will be given to a student who enrolls in Arthur L. Johnson High School from another school system

The Music Parents Association Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

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CLARK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

The Clark Scholarship Fund is a community organization which provides scholarships for graduating high school seniors who have lived in Clark for at least one year prior to April 1st and who are in need of financial assistance to continue their education. **Application packet must include:**

1. The completed application
2. Three (3) letters of reference
3. 300 word essay discussing the reasons for choosing the field of study listed in the application. This must not be a photocopy
4. High school transcripts and records through the semester just completed
5. **All bound in an 8 x 11 ½ folder**

The scholarship awards are judged with the following criteria: Financial need, academic ability, character, and leadership. Those who best meet the criteria are interviewed by the awards committee before the recipients are chosen. The award is made to the student but paid directly to the student's school in payments as each scholarship so directs. If the student should change schools, then it is the student's responsibility to so notify the Clark Scholarship Fund in writing.

The student is obligated to inform the Fund of all other scholarship awards. If the student's awards exceed the cost of the annual tuition and college costs, then the scholarship will not be granted.

The awards from the Clark Scholarship Fund will be voided for any of the following reasons:

- The student does not matriculate
- The student does not maintain passing grades or drops out of school
- If the student's conduct at any time is against decorum, law and order
- The student fails to salute the United States Flag where customs require

FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS:

Henry C. Staeger Scholarship: \$3,000 payable at \$750 each year for four years

Charles Driesens, Jr. Engineering /Science Scholarship: Limited to \$3,000 payable at \$750 each year for four years to a student interested in Engineering, Science professions

William Sanguiliano Scholarship: \$1,500 payable at \$375 each year for four years

James Toal Scholarship: \$1,500 payable at \$375 each year for four years

Completed applications must be returned to the School Counseling Office by March 27, 2020. Transcript and school records will be added to the finished packet. All completed packets will be forwarded to the Clark Scholarship Fund committee for final selection.

The Clark Scholarship Fund application can be found on their website at www.clarkscholarshipfund.com

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GWACC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (regional area of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield) is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior from Garwood.

Criteria:

- Student must be a Garwood Senior pursuing a business major
- Award will be based on academic standing, community/school involvement and financial need

Completed applications must be returned to the School Counseling Office by March 27, 2020. Transcript and recommendation letter will be added to your packet. All completed packets will be forwarded to the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce selection committee.

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship application (GWACC Application) can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

CLARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MICHELE MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Clark Chamber of Commerce is awarding a scholarship, in memory of Michele Murphy, to a graduating senior who will be attending a two or four year college, and majoring in Business or Entrepreneurship.

The Clark Chamber of Commerce Scholarship application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → Individual Applications for Local Scholarships (Section A)

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SECTION B

Each of the scholarships included in this section can be applied for by submitting the *General Application*. The application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab. While students may choose to apply for more than one scholarship from this section of the Bulletin, students should only complete the *General Application* one time. Caution must be used to ensure that all aspects of the document are completed thoroughly, and with accuracy, as the requirements for the scholarships included in this section vary from organization to organization. Please note that a comprehensive resume must be printed and attached to each student's application packet.

As with each of the local scholarships listed in section A, students must also submit a Scholarship Release Form when completing the *General Application*.

The General Application can be found on the ALJ website under the Guidance tab → Scholarships → General Application for Local Scholarships (Section B)

ARTHUR L. JOHNSON ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to seniors who have lettered in their junior and senior years in a varsity sport, and will continue their formal education in a two or four year college or technical school. These awards are granted in the form of two (2) book scholarships, one to a female student and one to a male student to help defray college book expenses. Final selections will be made by the organization committee.

Criteria:

- Applicant must have participated and lettered in a minimum of two sports in their junior and senior year, and displayed good sportsmanship and integrity. (In the case of extenuating circumstances, i.e. injury or severe illness, the committee reserves the right to waive the two-sport requirement)
- **Write a short essay on how athletics played a part in your education and personal development**
- Consideration will also be given to outstanding service to school, organizations and community
- Applicant's family must have paid membership in the ALJ Booster Club for a minimum of two years
- **Financial need is not a consideration**

THOMAS SANTAGUIDA SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to members of the ALJ Athletic Booster Club. This scholarship is not awarded based on athletic ability or academic achievement. Students must be continuing their formal schooling at a technical/trade school, two year college or four year college. Both awards are granted in the form of two (2) scholarships, one to a female student and one to a male student. Final selections will be made by the organization committee.

The following criteria for sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in high school activities will be used to select two senior varsity players to receive this award:

- Student must treat teammates with respect
- Student must treat opponents with respect: shake hands prior to and after contests

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- Student must respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest, and display no behavior that could incite fans
- Student must cooperate with officials, coaches or directors, and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest
- Student must seriously accept the responsibility and privilege of representing Arthur L. Johnson and the community; display positive public action at all times
- Student must live up to high standard of sportsmanship established by coach and athletic supervisor
- Applicant's family must be paid member of Booster Club for a minimum of two years
- Student must be continuing his/her formal education
- **Write a short essay on how athletics played a part in your education and personal development**
- **Financial need is not a consideration**

CLARK SOCCER CLUB

The Clark Soccer Club Scholarship Fund will be presenting awards to students graduating in the current academic year. Final decision is made by the Clark Soccer Club Scholarship committee.

Criteria:

- Applicants must have played as a member of the Clark Soccer Club
- Student must be completing his/her senior year of high school
- Student must be planning to further his/her education by enrolling in a two or four year college program, or in an accredited institute of learning which will result in a degree or certificate in the business, nursing, technical or in a trade field

Students must include, with the submission of their packet, an essay describing how their participation in team athletics has helped prepare them for college and their future endeavors.

DUNDEE SOCCER CLUB

In memory of Nicole Marzano

A scholarship is being offered by the Dundee Soccer Club in the name of Nicole Marzano in memory of her commitment to excellence in the classroom, her school and community. Applicants are required to submit a General Application. This scholarship will be awarded to:

- A graduating senior of Arthur L. Johnson High School who will be attending college in the upcoming fall who has maintained a 3.25 GPA throughout their high school career
- The individual must have been involved in either high school athletics, or in a high school club or activity during some portion of their high school career. Please note the clubs can be recreational such as puppetry, or academic such as Italian, History or Science
- A person involved in some form of community or religious activity through volunteering their time. Please also describe the types of projects or activities that you volunteered to do

Applicants must also include an essay describing the importance of maintaining a high academic standard while balancing participation in either high school athletics or club activities with involvement in the local community. Essays should indicate how the balance of the three will help prepare for success in college and beyond.

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CLARK TRAVEL BASKETBALL (Established 2012)

Clark Travel Basketball is awarding scholarships to members of the graduating class who are accepted to a two or four year college or university, technical or trade school.

Applicants for the Clark Travel Basketball Award:

- Must have played Clark Travel Basketball (youth) up to 8th grade
- Must be a Clark resident
- Must be a varsity basketball player, and played all 4 years at ALJ
- Must be accepted to a two year or four year accredited college, university or trade/technical school
- Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Must demonstrate qualities of academic achievement, leadership and good character

Award of this scholarship is not based on athletic ability, and financial need is not a criteria. Applicants must provide a short essay describing how playing basketball has impacted their life, and has helped prepare them for the next phase of their life as young adults who wish to further their education.

Recipients to be chosen by the Clark Travel Basketball Board and their advisors.

FRANK K. HEHNLY STUDENT COUNCIL

The Frank K. Hehnly Student Council will be awarding a scholarship(s) to a member of the graduating class who meets the following criteria. Final award decision will be made by the Student Council Scholarship Committee.

Criteria:

- Student must have attended Hehnly School
- Student must be in the top 50% of the graduating class
- Student must be accepted to an accredited college or higher learning institution offering a two or four year program
- Financial need is not a requirement

While the Frank K. Hehnly Student Council Scholarship does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, an essay describing something they learned at Hehnly School that helped to prepare them for the future. The essay should be clearly marked Frank K. Hehnly Student Council Scholarship, and must include the applicant's name.

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FRANK K. HEHNLY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

There will be two (2) scholarships awarded to one male and one female student. Applicants should demonstrate community service. Final selection will be made by the organization's committee.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a Frank K. Hehnlly School graduate
- Must be in the top 50% of the senior graduating class
- Must be continuing his/her education
- Student must show community involvement and/or employment
- **Financial information is not required**

While the Frank K. Hehnlly PTA Scholarship does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, a brief essay that describes either a person or event from their time at Hehnlly School that has made a lasting impact on them. The essay should be clearly marked Frank K. Hehnlly PTA Scholarship, and must include the applicant's name.

VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Valley Road School PTA will be awarding two (2) scholarships in memory of Xavier A. Salemme to graduating Seniors of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

Criteria:

- Applicants must have attended Valley Road School
- Weighted GPA of 3.50 or above
- Must be accepted to an accredited college or higher learning institution offering a two or four year college program or business, trade, technical or nursing school program
- **Financial need is not a requirement**

VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL CAKE WALK

- Student must have attended Valley Road School
- Student must be in the top 50% of the graduating class
- Student must be accepted to an accredited college or higher learning institution offering a two or four year program
- Financial need is not a requirement

Applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, an essay describing something they learned at Valley Road School that helped to prepare them for the future. The essay should be clearly marked VRS Cake Walk Scholarship, and must include the applicant's name.

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VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The VRS Student Council will be awarding two (2) scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Valley Road School. Final award decision will be made by the Student Council Scholarship Committee.

Criteria:

- Student must have attended Valley Road School
- Student must be in the top 50% of the graduating class
- Student must be accepted to an accredited college or higher learning institution offering a two or four year program
- **Financial need is not a requirement**

While the Valley Road Student Council Scholarship does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, an essay describing something they learned at Valley Road School that helped to prepare them for the future. The essay should be clearly marked VRS Student Council Scholarship, and must include the applicant's name.

CARL H. KUMPF MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Carl H. Kumpf Middle School PTA will award two (2) scholarships, one to a boy and one to a girl. Final decision will be made by the organization's committee.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduate of Carl H. Kumpf Middle School
- Must be accepted at an accredited two year or four year college, or post high school training in business, nursing, technical or related fields
- Show extra-curricular activity
- Demonstrate good citizenship (volunteer work, good example for community, relating well to peers, general integrity)
- Demonstrate strong academic record – 3.0 or higher
- **Financial need is not a necessity**

GARWOOD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Garwood PTA is sponsoring four (4) scholarships to Garwood students. The awards are made payable to the college the student will be attending.

- Three scholarships will be awarded to well-rounded students
- One scholarship will be awarded as The Mayor Crincoli Citizenship Award

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Criteria:

- The student must be a Garwood resident having attended Lincoln School in Garwood
- The student must have attained an average of “C” or above in all high school courses
- The student must have participated in extra curricular activities in high school, their community or place of worship
- **Financial information/need will be considered for this award**

ARTHUR L. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA Scholarship Committee will select several students to be the recipients of their annual scholarships. Final selection for the scholarships will be made by the organization’s committee.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be accepted at a post-high school accredited institution (including business, nursing, vocational or technical schools)
- At least one parent or guardian must have been a member of the Arthur L. Johnson PTA for the past two years (junior and senior year), having dues paid by January 1 of the current school year
- Student must have demonstrated satisfactory academic achievement, top 35%
- Student must give evidence of good citizenship and participation in school/community activities
- Financial need is not a consideration

CLARK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PHILANTHROPIC AWARD

The CEA Philanthropic Fund (Clark Education Association) will present scholarships to eligible graduating seniors. Final selections will be made by the organization’s committee.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a legal resident of Clark
- Must have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.0
- Must demonstrate satisfactory qualities of school citizenship
- Must have attended Valley Road School or Frank K. Hehnlly Elementary School
- Applicant must be pursuing a career in education

While the Clark Education Association Philanthropic Fund does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, a 100-150 word essay: “Why I want to go into education.” The essay should be clearly marked Clark Education Association Philanthropic Fund, and must include the applicant’s name.

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CLARK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Philanthropic Association of the Clark Education Association will present one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the current academic year to an eligible ALJ graduating senior.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a legal resident of Clark or Garwood
- One parent or guardian must be a full (or retired) member of the NJEA
- Minimum weighted GPA of 3.0
- Candidate should demonstrate satisfactory qualities of school citizenship and activism which improves the school environment

While the CEA/NJEA does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, a copy of a current NJEA or NJREA membership card. This sheet must clearly be marked CEA/NJEA Scholarship, and must include the applicant's name.

COLUMBIA BANK

Columbia Bank will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior.

Criteria:

- Graduating senior pursuing a career in the business field
- Student must be planning to attend a college or business school
- Must plan to major in Finance

GARWOOD PBA LOCAL #117 *The Thomas Haughton Memorial Scholarship*

One scholarship will be awarded to a member of the graduating class, from Garwood, who is accepted to a two or four year college or university, technical or business school, nursing school or trade school.

Criteria:

- Scholarship is available to a Garwood resident
- Preference shall be given to children of active or retired police officers of the Garwood Local
- Student should plan to major in Criminal Justice, Police Science, or Pre-Law. If there are no candidates, selection shall be recommended by the Scholarship Committee
- Student must be of good moral character, and lead a well balanced school life
- Student must be in the upper academic half of the graduating class

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LESLIE BARTELL MEMORIAL

The Leslie Bartell Scholarship Foundation is offering three (3) scholarships to students who meet the criteria listed below, two in the name of Leslie Bartell and one in the name of Jack Ford, in recognition for his tremendous commitment to the Arthur L. Johnson Business Program. Special consideration will be given to students who plan to pursue a career in business.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a Clark resident
- Must show proof of acceptance to an accredited two or four year college
- Must demonstrate qualities of academic achievement, leadership and good character
- Must demonstrate service to school and community
- **Financial need may be a criteria**

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William Waterson Scholarship

A scholarship will be awarded to a male and female member of the graduating class who is accepted to a two or four year college or university, technical or business school, nursing school or trade school.

Criteria:

- Scholarships are available to a boy and a girl who are Clark residents
- Preference shall be given to children of active or retired police officers of the Clark Local
- Students should plan to major in Criminal Justice, Police Science, or Pre-Law. If there are no candidates, selection shall be recommended by the scholarship committee
- Students must be of good moral character and lead a well balanced school life
- Students must be in the upper academic half of the graduating class

CLARK VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD

Two (2) scholarships are being offered in the name of Harry Jarvis and Jack & Josephine Quinn to students meeting the criteria listed below.

Criteria:

- Must be a Clark resident
- Graduating from Arthur L. Johnson High School
- Pursuing a career in the medical field

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ALJ ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The ALJ Alumni Association is offering scholarships to graduating seniors from Arthur L. Johnson High School: One in the name of the ALJ Alumni Association; one in memory of Susan Bakum Carovillano; one Donald Storm Class of '59 Scholarship; two Ralph Marano Trade School/Technical School Scholarships; the Ken & Pat Hauswald Medical/Nursing Scholarship; the Meg Walsh Entrepreneurship Scholarship for Women; two Robert L. Kastner Scholarships; the Karin Fernandez Class of '66 Scholarship; The Michele Creedon Scholarship "In Honor of our Military Alumni"; The Norman Werthwein Scholarship named in memory of Steven J. Tripka, and The John Madey '60 Memorial Science Scholarship.

Criteria for ALJ Alumni Association Scholarship, Scholarship in memory of Susan Bakum Carovillano, and Donald Storms Class of '59 Scholarship:

- Applicant should demonstrate a strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in the ALJ school community
- Applicant **MUST** be sponsored by an ALJ Alumnus (parent, grandparent, legal guardian, neighbor, friend, etc.)
- Applicant **MUST** provide the name of the ALJ alumnus sponsoring your application, and their year of graduation
- Applicant's sponsor **MUST** be enrolled in the ALJ Alumni Association
- Applicant **MUST** provide proof of acceptance to his/her college before scholarship can be issued
- Financial need may be considered

The ALJ Alumni Association is also offering scholarships to students applying to a trade/technical school. The **Ralph Marano Trade School/Technical School Scholarship** awards, in the amount of \$1,000 each, will be awarded to deserving students attending a trade or technical school upon graduation.

Criteria for Ralph Marano Trade School/Technical School Scholarships:

- Applicant should demonstrate a strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in the ALJ school community
- Applicant **MUST** provide proof of acceptance to his/her trade/technical school before scholarship can be issued
- Applicant **DOES NOT** need a sponsor who is an ALJ Alumnus
- Financial need may be considered

The **Ken & Pat Hauswald Medical/Nursing Scholarship** is a \$1,000 award, being given to a graduating senior who is planning a career as a doctor or nurse.

Criteria for Ken & Pat Hauswald Medical/Nursing Scholarship:

- Applicant must be planning a career as a doctor or nurse
- Applicant should demonstrate a strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in the ALJ school community
- Applicant **MUST** provide proof of acceptance to his/her college or university before scholarship can be issued

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The \$1,000 **Meg Walsh Entrepreneurship Scholarship for Women** will be awarded to a graduating female student who meets the criteria listed below.

Criteria for Meg Walsh Entrepreneurship Scholarship for Women:

- Recipient must have an A/B average
- Recipient must be interested in Entrepreneurship, Information Technology, Computer Science, or Marketing

Two scholarships will be awarded in the name of **Robert L. Kastner** to students involved in the DECA program.

Criteria for Robert L. Kastner Scholarships:

- Applicant must be involved in the DECA Program
- Applicant must demonstrate academic achievement
- Applicant must demonstrate service to ALJ and the community

Karin Fernandez, Class of '66 will be offering a scholarship.

Criteria for the Karin Fernandez Class of '66 Scholarship is as follows:

- Applicant should demonstrate need for financial assistance
- Applicant should demonstrate strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in ALJ and community

Criteria for Michele Creedon “In Honor of our Military Alumni” Scholarship:

- Applicant should demonstrate a strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in the ALJ school community
- Applicant should demonstrate need for financial assistance
- **A preference will be made for an applicant who may have a parent, guardian, sibling, or grandparent who currently or previously served in the military**

Criteria for The Steven J. Tripka (Class of '62) Memorial Scholarship:

- Applicant should demonstrate a strong academic background
- Applicant should demonstrate involvement in the ALJ school community
- **Applicant should be a GARWOOD resident**
- Applicant should demonstrate need for financial assistance.

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Criteria for The John Madey '60 Memorial Science Scholarship:

- Applicant must have strong academic achievement in math and science
- Applicant must demonstrate involvement in school or community activities and provide leadership when possible (Key Club membership a plus)
- Applicant must provide proof of acceptance into a college or university
- An essay documenting the above is optional

While the ALJ Alumni Association Scholarships use the General Application, ALL APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE, with the submission of their packet, A ONE-PAGE ESSAY explaining how the applicant has demonstrated leadership skills during their time at ALJ. Leadership may be demonstrated in the classroom, as a member of an athletic team, or other school organization, or as a member of the greater community.

CAROLYN STEFFARO BUCKLEY MEMORIAL

This scholarship award has been established in memory of Carolyn Steffaro Buckley and is awarded to the graduating senior who best meets the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a senior in the top 20% of the graduating class
- Must be responsible and dedicated
- Must be personable and involved in extracurricular activities both in school and in the community
- Must exhibit organizational and leadership qualities
- Must present a good general appearance
- Must be pursuing a business curriculum after graduation with emphasis on a paralegal and/or secretarial career

NICOLE C. MARZANO MEMORIAL

A scholarship is being offered to a member of the graduating class in loving memory of 2011 Arthur L. Johnson Salutatorian, Nicole Marzano. Final award decisions will be made by the organization's committee.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior with a weighted GPA of 4.0 or above
- Applicant must have a history of community service and/or school involvement (athletics or clubs)
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited two or four-year institution of higher learning
- **Financial need is not a requirement**

While the Nicole C. Marzano Memorial Scholarship does use the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, an essay that addresses the following:

Our lives are in many ways the outcome of the relationships we experienced over the years. We are often greatly influenced by opportunities we had to share our lives with others. Describe in your essay those relationships that have impacted you most greatly, how they have affected the person you have become, and

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helped to shape how you view the world. Include especially those relationships that have helped to motivate or inspire you to reach for more than you thought you could be, or to do more than you thought you were capable of doing for others.

GERSTNER EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is being given by Eric Gerstner and Tara Gerstner Oliveira, who are graduates of Arthur L. Johnson High School. This award will be given to a graduating senior from ALJ, and will be chosen by the Gerstners. The criteria for this award is as follows:

- Applicant shows a passion towards a career in education
- May have prior experience in working with children
- Is a dedicated student
- Is seen as a student leader (through athletics and clubs)
- Has contributed to the school and/or local community

While the Gerstner Scholarship uses the General Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their application, an essay that describes the teacher or coach who has most influenced their interest in becoming an educator, and explain how that person has impacted the applicant's career as a student.

GREG DREHER MEMORIAL

This scholarship is being offered in memory of Greg Dreher to a graduating senior who has suffered the loss of a parent or sibling. The recipient must be planning to attend a two or four year college or a technical or trade school. **Financial need will be considered. Please indicate on a separate sheet of paper how you qualify for this scholarship.**

MICHAEL T. SOT SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

J&E Auto Body, who has been in business in Clark since 1974, has established this financial award to honor the life of Michael T. Sot, a 2017 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School to provide a deserving student a **\$1,000.00** scholarship towards their continued education either in college or vocation/career path.

- J&E Auto Body will maintain complete financial responsibility for administering the **\$1,000.00** award annually.
- The Sot Family and J&E Auto Body will be responsible for reviewing the applicants and choosing the student to award the scholarship annually.
- Established in January 2019

Definition:

Robert Greenleaf defines a Servant Leader as a person who is a servant first. The person has a desire to serve others and has a 'servant's heart' which is a fundamental characteristic of a servant leader. It is not about being servile or subservient, but rather about wanting to help and put others before oneself. It is about identifying and meeting the needs of others to accomplish and impact others for the greater good.

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Objective:

This servant leadership scholarship is representative of the way Michael T. Sot lived his life, served his community and made a positive impact on the community around him. This award will be presented to a graduating senior who actively demonstrates the qualities and characteristics of a servant leader in school and the community at large.

Award Criteria:

1. The individual will be attending either a 4-year College or Vocation/Trade School
2. Must have demonstrated Servant Leadership qualities throughout his/her involvement in some of the following areas...
 - a. Academics
 - b. Athletics
 - c. Extra-Curricular Activities
 - d. Community
 - e. Charities or Cause
3. Academically the student must have a B+ Average or above
4. Financially, the student may or may not be utilizing financial aid assistance for their advanced studies
5. The student must be well respected and seen as a leader by his/her peers, faculty and organizations he/she participates in
 - a. Please submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from individuals who have had authority over the student and can attest their servant leadership qualities
6. Submit a **500-word essay on what “Being a Servant Leader” means to them**, how they have demonstrated it and how they look to incorporate in leading in their future endeavors.

NOTE: Applicants will utilize the ALJ High School General Application

ALJ ALUMNI VIETNAM VETERANS SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD

J&E Auto Body, who has been in business in Clark since 1974, has established this financial award in honor of all the alumni of ALJ High School, living and deceased who served our country in the Vietnam War.

Joseph P. Lubrano, the owner of J&E Auto Body, is an alumnus of ALJ High School who also served in the Vietnam War from 1965 – 1967. Joe has a special place in his heart for those who have served in the military, especially in the Vietnam War. He volunteers his time to contact family members through a website he developed for families to contribute pictures/memorabilia of their loved ones for the Vietnam War Memorial in Holmdel, NJ.

This scholarship will be given to a 2020 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School to provide a deserving student a **\$1,000.00** scholarship towards their continued education either in college or vocation/career path.

J&E Auto Body will maintain complete financial responsibility for the administering the **\$1,000.00** award annually and will be responsible for reviewing the applicants and choosing the student to award the scholarship annually. This award was established in October 2019.

Objective:

This servant leadership scholarship is representative of the way young men and women were called upon to serve our country through the various branches of the military and sacrificed their time, family and lives in the name of freedom. This award will be presented to a graduating senior who actively demonstrates the qualities and characteristics of a servant leader in school and the community at large.

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Definition:

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Award Criteria:

1. The individual will be attending either 4-year College or Vocation/Trade School
2. Must have demonstrated Servant Leadership qualities throughout his/her involvement in some of the following areas...
 - a. Academics
 - b. Athletics
 - c. Extra-Curricular Activities
 - d. Community
 - e. Charities or Cause
3. Academically, the student must have a B+ average or above
4. Financially, the student may or may not be utilizing financial aid assistance for their advanced studies
5. The student must be well respected and seen as a leader by his/her peers, faculty and organizations he/she participates in
 - a. Please submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from individuals who have had authority over the student and can attest their servant leadership qualities
6. Submit a **500-word essay on what “Being a Servant Leader” means to them**, how they have demonstrated it and how they look to incorporate in leading in their future endeavors.

NOTE: Applicants will utilize the ALJ High School General Application

THE ELAINE ZEMECKIS MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Elaine Zemeckis Memorial Fund will recognize a graduating senior pursuing a career in education. The scholarship of \$1,500 is awarded in honor of Mrs. Zemeckis and her 40 years of service as a Math teacher in the Clark Public School District. This scholarship provides the opportunity to continue giving back to the community and field in which she was so passionate.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a legal resident of Clark
- Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Must demonstrate qualities of excellent academic achievement, leadership, commitment, and strong character
- Applicant must be pursuing a career in education

While the Elaine Zemeckis Memorial Fund does use the School and Community Scholarship Application, applicants must include, with the submission of their packet, a personal statement of no more than 300 words explaining *who has inspired them to continue their education and pursue a career in education and what aspects of the field of education they plan to pursue*. The personal statement should be clearly marked The Elaine Zemeckis Memorial Fund and must include the applicant’s name.

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GARWOOD DEMOCRATIC CLUB CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Garwood Democratic Club is an organization dedicated to advancing Democratic principles and values such as egalitarianism, social equality, protection of the environment, and strengthening the social safety net. On a local level, they promote civic responsibility for all, encouraging Americans to understand how our Republic works, to know their representatives at all government levels, to get involved in civil discourse, and most importantly, to vote. Towards those goals, the Club is awarding this scholarship to any graduating ALJ student from Garwood who has taken an active role in promoting civic responsibility for themselves and others. One who has registered to vote, gotten involved in community projects and/or encourages others to take part in our government, be it political campaigns, contacting their representatives to let them know of their views on issues, or through school actions or reports, letters or other means that have indicated their respect for the rights, beliefs or opinions of others.

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GARWOOD LIONS CLUB

In memory of Dominic Barbuto and Duke Bertolamy

The Garwood Lions Club is offering scholarships to graduating Garwood students who have attended Arthur L. Johnson High School for four years. Each of the two awards is given to the boy and girl having the highest academic average for four years of study in the high school.

SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

TYLOR COLLINS SCHOLARSHIP

In loving memory of Tylor Collins

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Tylor Collins, and is being offered to one or more graduating seniors. **No minimum GPA is required to apply, and financial need is not a consideration.** The recipient/s of this award **must be attending a college or a trade school, or enlisting in the military**, and will be chosen by the Tylor Collins Scholarship Committee. **Recipient must be present at the Senior Awards Night to receive the scholarship.**

NO APPLICATION IS NECESSARY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, however, applicant must write a detailed essay. The essay topic for this year is: *Describe a situation where you stood up to a bully for someone else. How did you prevent the bullying from happening again?*

The essay must be no more than three (3) pages long, with one (1) inch margins, double spaced, and in Times New Roman font.

PLEASE INDICATE ON THE BACK OF YOUR ESSAY THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING, OR THE BRANCH OF THE MILITARY THAT YOU PLAN TO ENLIST IN. ALSO INCLUDE YOUR HOME ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF YOUR ESSAY.

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THE MICHAEL BAKER MORE THAN WORDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Michael Baker More Than Words Scholarship Program is offering Arthur L. Johnson seniors an opportunity to earn scholarship money for continuing their education. The final amount of the scholarship is to be determined, and will be paid directly to the college or trade school of his or her choice. Interested students should **complete a short essay on why they should receive the scholarship, and how they will use the money**. All essays should be returned to the School Counseling Office at ALJ. Final award decisions will be made by the organizing committee of the scholarship fund.

Criteria:

- Special consideration will be given to special education students, students who are entering nursing school, and students who are planning to enter the teaching profession.
- Applicants must be current students in good standing in their senior year at Arthur L. Johnson High School.
- Students must submit a short essay describing how they plan to use the scholarship and why you believe you are a good candidate.
- Recommendations from teachers and administrators at Arthur L. Johnson High School will be considered.
- Students who have shown exceptional work ethic, perseverance during a difficult time in their lives, and ability to work well with other students will also be given strong consideration.
- Scholarship can be used for continuing the student's education at a four-year or two-year college or university, as well as a trade or technical school. Money will be directed by the scholarship fund to the institution the student plans to attend.
- Applicants must adhere to all deadlines set by the administrators of the general Arthur L. Johnson scholarship program.

THE CARLEEN NEVARGIC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In loving memory of Carleen Nevargic

A scholarship is being offered in the name of Mrs. Carleen Nevargic. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded directly to the award recipient. Carleen Nevargic's son, Peter Nevargic, will decide the outcome of this award. Award recipient's name will be placed on a plaque that will be proudly displayed in ALJ in perpetuity.

Criteria:

- Male applicants **ONLY**
- Must have attended ALJ all four years of high school
- Applicant **MUST** be attending an institution of higher learning in the fall
- Financial need **IS NOT** a requirement

THE ESSAY:

The applicant must submit an essay of at least 300 words and not to exceed 400 words, that explains, in detail, how he has been greatly affected by a female figure in his life; especially his mother, or, grandmother, sister, aunt, teacher,

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etc. The applicant must relate how this woman has afforded him the opportunity, inspiration, and the means to be who he is today and the man he will be in the future.

All essays must be typed, double-spaced, 1" margins, justified, Times New Roman font, and the applicant's name must appear bolded and centered at the top.

After meeting the aforementioned criteria, this essay, its content and expression, will be the sole determinant of the award's outcome.

DOROTHY A. QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Dorothy A. Quinn.

Financial information is not a criteria for this scholarship.

Criteria:

- Must be a Clark resident
- Applicant must have attended all four years at Arthur L. Johnson High School and will be graduating in June, 2020
- Include letter of acceptance to an accredited two or four year college

or

- Indicate which branch of the military you will be enlisting in

ESSAY:

Time spent with your mother or grandmother can bring some of the most pleasant memories. In a 3 to 4 page essay, please share your most favorable memory, in detail, of the time spent with your mother or grandmother.