

Shenendehowa Central School District

Shenendehowa Council PTA

970 Route 146

Clifton Park, NY 12065

January 2012

Dear Shenendehowa Applicant,

We are pleased that you are applying for the **Shenendehowa Council PTA Award for Volunteerism**. It was developed by the PTA Council in 2001 as a tribute to James Grande's volunteer services, and in particular, on the Board of Education at Shenendehowa. Jim retired from the board in 2000 following 9 years of service. Through his commitment and tireless effort, he instituted numerous positive changes that still benefit students, parents, faculty and staff to date

This **\$750 scholarship** will be awarded to a student who is applying to a 2 or 4 year college who has demonstrated outstanding traits of character and service as evidenced by the participation in volunteer activities "*above and beyond*" at school and/or within the community. Please note that volunteer activities, whether at school or within the community, that were performed to satisfy ANY hourly requirements for a course, award, religious sacrament, or minimum requirement to be a "member in good standing" of a club or organized group should NOT be included on pages 2 and 3. Volunteer activities required for awards and religious sacraments can be noted on page 1.

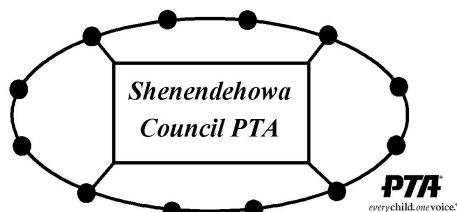
The areas that the selection committee will consider are:

1. The depth and/or breadth of volunteer activities
 - a. at school and/or
 - b. within the community.
2. Two paragraphs related to your personal experiences as a volunteer.
3. Awards, honors, and recognition for your volunteer activities.
4. Two letters of recommendation.

Complete this application and return it to the Guidance Office. The letters of recommendation must be submitted to the office by the people who complete them. **Please do not submit a resume or include information not related to your volunteer activities.** The application and letters of recommendation must be received by the Guidance Office by the end of the school day on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**.

It is very important that this application be filled out as completely as possible to ensure your greatest chance for being chosen for this award. Please remember that no application will be accepted after the end of the school day on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**.

Good luck with your future endeavors! *The Shenendehowa Council PTA*



"Connecting the dots" between district leaders and the community.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

I am applying to a (circle one) 2 year / 4 year college program

Have you been accepted at a recognized Institute of Higher Education?

If yes, which one(s)? _____

If no, where have you applied? _____

What is your intended major field of study? _____

Please complete the forms on pages 2 (in-school service) and 3 (out-of-school service) of this application, describing your volunteer activities in which you have been involved during the last four years. **DO NOT attach a resume if it includes more than volunteer activities.**

Two copies of the form for the letters of recommendation are attached. Have two people associated with your volunteer activities complete the form and have the forms sent directly to the guidance office. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that these letters are submitted by **Wednesday, February 29, 2012.**

Please list any special or civic honors, awards (i.e., PTSA Neil Hessen Award, Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Silver and/or Gold Awards), or other recognitions related to your volunteer work (i.e., religious sacraments or recognitions), received during grades 9 through 12, that may be of interest to the selection committee. Feel free to briefly explain the purpose of any award and why you received it. Attach an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

Please briefly describe how you would convince a friend who is not involved in volunteer work to begin volunteering.

Please briefly describe a particular situation, incident or success story from your volunteer experiences that affected you or someone else profoundly.

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Name: _____

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES within the SHENENDEHOWA HIGH SCHOOL

List your volunteer activities performed in conjunction with a **school service project, honor society (e.g., Tri-M, NHS), school club (e.g., Key, Leo), or local chapter associated with a non-profit organization (e.g., Best Buddies)** during the past four years. Indicate the grade(s) you were in when you participated. Note the approximate number of hours spent (e.g., per week/month/year/event, or during the summer) for each activity, starting with the most recent activity; list one-time or occasional activities last. Attach additional copies of this sheet only as necessary. **ONLY INCLUDE those hours performed BEYOND the minimum required to satisfy ANY club or course requirements to be a student/member “in good standing”**. Please print clearly.

Organization/Activity	Grade(s) (circle appropriate)	Time Spent	Position held (if applicable) and a brief description of your contribution to the activity
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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES within the COMMUNITY (“OUT-of-SCHOOL”)

List your volunteer activities performed in the community during the past four years. Indicate the grade(s) you were in when you participated. Examples include service to the community arranged on your own or through organized groups (e.g., non-profit organizations, religious or civic groups, fire departments, etc). Note the approximate number of hours spent (e.g., per week/month/year/event, or during the summer) for each activity, starting with the most recent activity; list one-time or occasional activities last. Attach additional copies of this sheet only as necessary. **ONLY INCLUDE those hours performed BEYOND the minimum required to satisfy ANY requirements to be a member “in good standing” of the community group. Recognition for Boy Scout Eagle Awards, Girl Scout Awards and/or religious sacraments can be noted on page 1.** Please print clearly.

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