

## **Patriots Community Service Award**

The Patriots Community Service Award is given annually by the Mendham Township Recreation Commission to a deserving senior from West Morris Mendham High School. It is awarded to a student who has voluntarily contributed and selflessly given back to the community, particularly in the area of recreation, including the performing arts. The fund awards a single, \$500 scholarship to help defray college costs.

### **Award Criteria:**

Award selection is based on participation in community service activities and volunteer work that has benefitted the residents of Mendham Township or a nearby community; cumulative academic grade point average; and the content of a 250-word essay submission.

General criteria will include, but not be limited to: other resources available, honesty, integrity, community involvement, leadership, and perseverance, use of good judgment and common sense, and high ideals.

Students will be asked to provide a summary of community service projects in which they have been involved, performed or organized that have benefitted the residents of Mendham Township or a nearby community. [NOTE: Upon final review of all applications and essays, finalists may be called for an interview.]

A committee comprised of no less than three Recreation Commission members and the Recreation Director will review the qualifications of all eligible students and make a recommendation. The Recreation Commission shall vote and finalize the recommendation.

1. Eligible students must be a resident of Mendham Township and a graduate of Mendham High School and must have spent at least their last four (4) semesters at Mendham High School.
2. Applicants must have an academic average of 3.0 or better when applying for this scholarship in order to be eligible.
3. Students must apply in writing by May 27 in order to be eligible for this award.
4. By June 1 of their senior year, students must show proof of acceptance to a college or institution awarding an Associate or Bachelor's Degree.
5. Said students must be enrolled at said institution for the fall after the scholarship is awarded. Part-time students are eligible to apply. This determination is made by the receiving institution.
6. The recipient selected will be notified on or before June 14.
7. This money must be used only for academic-related costs (tuition, room, board, and books).
8. Students accepting this award must have expended this scholarship no later than 12 months from the date of his/her graduation from Mendham High School. Requests to extend this timeline must be in writing and will be considered for extenuating circumstances only.
9. Said student must notify the Recreation Director if he/she intends to delay attendance to said institution/school prior to September following graduation. Failure to do so may result in his/her forfeiture of said scholarship.

**Mail completed application and essay to: Recreation Director Lori Dent, P.O. Box 520, Brookside, NJ 07926**