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Class of 2025 Community Scholarship Consent Form

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the guidance office no later than **Tues., February 25, 2025.**

Seniors interested in applying for any community scholarship must submit this signed consent form, this packet (**do not separate packet**) and all required supporting documents. All essays and resumes should be **one-sided** and must include student's ID #, name of scholarship and title of essay in upper right corner of each page. Only complete packets will be accepted. **Please read all scholarship descriptions and instructions carefully.**

STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT ID # _____

COUNSELOR _____ POSSIBLE MAJOR _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____ STUDENT CELL PHONE _____

Category I Scholarships require separate applications which are available in the guidance office.

Category II Scholarships require an anonymous essay with a cover page. The cover page **MUST** include the student's full name, student's ID #, scholarship name and title of essay. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are noted in their description. Essays **MUST** include student's ID #, name of scholarship and title of essay in **upper right corner of each page**. Essays and resumes should **NOT** include your name, address, phone, or email.

Category III Scholarships require you to put a check mark next to any scholarships you wish to be considered for and attach **ONE** copy of your resume **complete with contact information**, which will be used for all scholarships with a check mark.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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CATEGORY I

Applications for Category I scholarships are available in the guidance office. All essays require a cover page. The cover page MUST include the student's full name, student's ID #, scholarship name and title of essay. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are noted in their description. Essays MUST include student's ID #, name of scholarship and title of essay in the upper right corner of each page.

_____ 1. **PLAINVIEW P.A.L.** – Multiple scholarships will be awarded to students who have been members of P.A.L. Applicants must have an unweighted grade point average of at least 75%.

Applicants must submit **ALL** of the following:

- A completed P.A.L. Scholarship application form
- Proof of acceptance at an accredited school of study or post-secondary school
- A 200-300 word typed essay including a paragraph each about your family, your future plans (both in college and after college), and the fondest memory of your P.A.L. experience

_____ 2. **SEPTA** – Multiple awards will be granted to graduating seniors with a disability to honor their achievements and help further their education in college, vocational programs, or other endeavors after high school. Students who have received special education services at any time during high school are eligible to apply. Applicants or their parent/guardian must be a SEPTA member to be considered for SEPTA awards.

Applicants must submit **ALL** of the following:

- A completed SEPTA Award of Excellence application form
- An anonymous essay which includes a cover page
- A faculty recommendation letter

****TOTAL NUMBER OF CATEGORY I SCHOLARSHIPS APPLYING FOR _____**

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CATEGORY II

ALL Category II scholarships require an ANONYMOUS essay with a cover page. The cover page MUST include the student's full name, student's ID #, scholarship name and title of essay. Any additional requirements for each scholarship are noted in their description. Essays MUST include student's ID #, name of scholarship and title of essay in the upper right corner of each page. Essays and resumes should NOT include your name, address, phone or email.

1. **ANTHONY MONACO MEMORIAL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP** – Awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in at least four seasons of high school athletics and has a minimum GPA of 85%. A 250-500 word typed essay must be submitted on how your participation in high school sports influenced you throughout high school.

2. **BRIAN HARLEY ASSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Two awards will be given to deserving seniors who have contributed in some significant way in humanitarian efforts. Applicant must submit a typed essay (minimum 500 words) on what activities you have been involved with during your high school career in serving your community.

3. **DEBBIE C. BERNSTEIN KINDNESS AND COMPASSION SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior in the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District who best exemplifies Debbie Bernstein's style and enduring commitment to leadership driven by thoughtfulness, empathy, compassion and kindness. Students will be asked to submit an essay demonstrating an actual life experience, in or out of the educational environment, in which they touched and/or transformed a life through kind and compassionate leadership.

4. **GOTTLIEB-WEINER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** – The Gottlieb-Weiner Family Scholarship honors our family matriarch, Toby Gottlieb, who started our POB connection with no idea that it would last a lifetime. The Gottlieb-Weiner family was raised in Plainview-Old Bethpage and attended JFKHS for multiple generations. From sports, to proms, to hanging out at our favorite places around town and everything in between, our family has had nothing but great memories and experiences since the late 1960's when it all began. Applicants must submit an essay (one page, max 500 words) describing how you, your family and friends are connected to POB, past and present and all it has to offer (i.e., restaurants, stores, parks, sports fields, teams, activities, etc.). All graduating seniors who will be attending college in the fall are eligible for this scholarship.

5. **JOSEPH MORELLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in memory of Joseph Morello. Mr. Morello was an Earth Science teacher at POBMS for 18 years. He was loved by students and staff and had become a pillar in the POB school community. Mr. Morello dedicated his life to inspiring his students with his love of science and his passion for education. He brought Earth Science to life for his students every day that he was teaching. This award will be given to a high school senior that demonstrates a similar passion for science education. Applicants must write an essay (max 500 words) describing why they want to pursue a career in science education. Those who have memories with Mr. Morello are encouraged to include them in their essay.

6. **KATHLEEN MCNALLY DILLON SCHOLARSHIP** – Kathleen McNally Dillon was a 1975 graduate of POBJFKHS. She went on to have a very distinguished career as a NICU nurse and NICU nurse manager. This scholarship in her memory will be issued to a deserving student who is planning a career in nursing or a medical field. Applicants must submit an essay explaining why they wish to become a nurse or enter the medical field.

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7. **MARK KOEHLER SCHOLARSHIP** – Awarded to a student who has been involved in community service activities. Community service activities include, but are not limited to, participation in the fire department, Boy/Girl Scouts of America, organized religious societies or volunteer work such as Habitat for Humanity, food pantries, shelters, etc. Applicants must submit an essay explaining how they plan to incorporate their community service efforts in the future. *Applicants must also submit a copy of their transcript.*

8. **MICHAEL EICHENBAUM MEMORIAL LACROSSE SCHOLARSHIP** – A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior lacrosse player, male or female, who will be attending college in the fall. Applicant must submit an essay explaining “How playing high school lacrosse has prepared me for my future and made me the person I am today”.

9. **MICHAEL SECKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - This award is presented to two graduating seniors who are active members of the POB Business Department and are pursuing a degree in business. Applicants must submit an essay (650 words or less) answering the following question: “How has your experience taking business classes helped prepare you for your future?”

10. **NANETTE STRENGER MEMORIAL LEARNING ALLY SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, continuing to an accredited college or university, who exemplifies Nanette’s commitment to being an empathetic and helpful ally who wholeheartedly gave time and energy to assist families of students facing learning challenges. Applicants must submit a type-written essay (500 words or less) answering the following question: “What is a lesson you learned while helping and supporting a peer or their family to navigate a peer’s learning challenge and how has that lesson impacted you?”

11. **PLAINVIEW-BETHPAGE LIONS CLUB AWARD** – Awarded to a graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year college and is actively involved in community service. Financial need will be taken into consideration. Applicants must submit an essay explaining something about themselves, reasons for financial need, their GPA and the name of at least one college acceptance. *An anonymous resume including involvement in community service is required.*

12. **PLAINVIEW HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP** – One award for a student planning further education in the medical field, i.e., doctor, x-ray technician, physical therapist, etc. Applicant must submit an essay explaining why they are deserving of this award. Applicants are asked to include something about themselves, their interests, major field of study in college, hobbies, awards, noteworthy accomplishments, etc. *Students must also submit a teacher or counselor recommendation.*

13. **PLAINVIEW HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** – One award for a student planning a career in nursing. Applicant must submit an essay explaining why they are deserving of this award. Applicants are asked to include something about themselves, reasons for wanting to be a nurse, their interests, hobbies, awards, noteworthy accomplishments, etc. *Students must also submit a teacher or counselor recommendation.*

14. **PLAINVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP** – An award for seniors of good character who are former Little League players and/or umpires, having participated between the ages of 8-17 for at least six years, and who are planning to go on to higher education. Applicant must submit a 350–400 word essay describing their Little League background (indicate years played, reason for requesting award, extra-curricular school and community service and college plans). Also indicate the value of Little League experiences in developing “character, courage and loyalty”.

15. **PLAINVIEW POWERBALL/MEGA-MILLIONS FACEBOOK PAGE SCHOLARSHIP** – Awards will be given to two graduating seniors who have participated in long term community service projects. Applicants must submit an essay detailing their involvement in their community service projects. Your essay should address why it is important and how it has impacted your life and the lives of others. One of the two awards will be geared towards a student with an IEP, so students are encouraged to share that information if applicable.

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16. PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE JFK HIGH SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIP – Awards graduating seniors who are planning to continue their education in an academic, business, or vocational institution. A PTA committee will select individuals who have displayed responsibility and demonstrated service to their community, school and or family. Submit a type-written essay that explains why you feel your service was important. Please do not include service that was specifically done for a competition class (i.e., DECA/Marketing) or was required for a specific honor society (i.e., performing at Musical Mornings for Tri-M). Applicants or their parent/guardian must be a PTA member to be considered for PTA awards. *Applicants must also submit an anonymous resume which includes their activities during their years at POBJFKHS.*

17. PLAINVIEW OLD BETHPAGE SOCCER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – Awarded to graduating seniors who have a minimum of five years of POB Soccer Club experience at any level, and in any capacity. Applicant must submit a 250–500 word essay on the topic “How soccer has influenced and/or changed my life” as it relates to the POB Soccer Program. Students of past and present POB Soccer Club Executive Board members and member-elect are excluded from consideration for all club scholarships.

18. PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD IN MEMORY OF MARCIA FINKELSTEIN - This award will be presented to two graduating seniors in honor of Marcia Finkelstein, former member of the POB Chamber of Commerce. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay describing the making of a business proposal using their creativity and problem-solving skills. They must explain what the proposal is and how it will affect Plainview-Old Bethpage in ten years.

19. PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP - Applicants must submit an essay (approximately 500 words) about what our town means to you and how it has enriched your education. Also, explain how it has helped influence your future career choice.

20. POB FANTASY FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP – The award will be presented to a graduating senior who plans to attend college or trade school and has a minimum grade point average of 75%. Applicants must submit a one-page essay on the following topic: “How have I paid it forward in my life and how will I continue to pay it forward?”

21. POBAOA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP – The Plainview-Old Bethpage Association of Administrators will award a scholarship to one graduating senior who is dedicated to their personal growth as a leader after high school. For consideration, you will be required to submit an essay in response to the following prompt:
True leaders are conscientious and reflective, putting into practice all they have learned from other leaders and role models that have come before them. As an aspiring leader representing the Plainview-Old Bethpage Community, what leadership style(s) and qualities do you look to embody and why?
You can draw from examples in history, modern day politics, world leaders, activists, or personal experience. Essay should not exceed 500 words. It must be double-spaced with conventional margins and include a title. Finalists will be required to attend a follow-up interview.

22. RAE SALTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP - Awarded to two graduating seniors who exhibit community service along with scholarship and financial need. Applicants must have a strong B average. Applicants must submit the following: a brief essay on why they should receive the award, *a teacher recommendation letter, and an anonymous resume.*

23. SPENCER CARES SCHOLARSHIP - This award is presented to graduating seniors in memory of Spencer Reis, a member of the class of 2015. Spencer was an especially kind, good-hearted person who was passionate about animals, science, protecting the environment and curing cancer. The Reis family will choose recipients based on a submitted essay of 200-300 words on the topic: “What have you done in a time of need and how do you plan to continue this process?”

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CATEGORY III

Put a check mark next to any scholarships you wish to be considered for and attach ONE copy of your resume complete with contact information, which will be used for all scholarships with a check mark.

_____ 1. **BAHA'I RACE UNITY AWARD** – Award will be given to a student whose actions exemplify unity and cohesiveness within the community and is a champion of social justice.

_____ 2. **BENJAMIN W. SOFE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – A scholarship awarded to a responsible student who plans to go on to higher education and has shown significant improvement while in high school. To recognize and encourage persistence in the face of a challenging situation.

_____ 3. **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE COMMUNITY – CAROL MESCHKOW MEMORIAL AWARD** - This award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of a graduating senior who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to Grass Roots Community Activism; Environmental, Aquifer and Open Space Preservation Advocacy; Public Health Education and awareness within the greater POB Community and beyond. The recipient should possess leadership and act as a role model for their peers, be involved in volunteerism that benefits the greater good of the community and/or actively engage in other extracurricular activities on a consistent ongoing basis.

_____ 4. **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE COMMUNITY TITLE IX GENDER EQUITY AWARD** - This award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of a special graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to their pursuit of gender equity on behalf of the school and greater community. The graduating senior should possess leadership skills, serve as a role model for their peers, be involved in humanitarian service activities that benefit the school and community, and/or actively engage at school in the arts, sports, or other extra-curricular activities on a consistent basis.

_____ 5. **CRESTWOOD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established to promote wholesome character growth among the local youngsters. Academic distinction, extracurricular activities and community service are a few of the characteristics that the students should possess.

_____ 6. **FRISCH FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE** – Award will be given to a graduating senior who has excelled in and has shown a demonstrated interest in the field of finance and the stock market.

_____ 7. **JEFFREY M. BERNSTEIN ANTI-BULLYING SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior in the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District who has demonstrated a commitment to anti-bullying through word and deed.

_____ 8. **JORDAN ABRAMOWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing higher education and who exhibits similar character traits to Jordan:

- Shows compassion for other people
- Gives back to the community or causes in which he/she believes (volunteers with kids, seniors, community centers, fund raises for causes, etc.)
- Makes a difference in lives of other people without expecting anything in return
- Applicants must show school and community involvement along with good character

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_____ 9. **KEVIN D. BERKOWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has:

- Demonstrated a commitment of excellence in the field of science over the course of their academic career at POBJFKHS
- Made various other contributions to POBJFKHS through participation in activities such as sports, music, or community service

_____ 10. **LINDA LIPPOLT RAY OF SUNSHINE SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior and former Parkway student who has demonstrated an interest in working with children and who plans to pursue a career in education. The recipient should exemplify leadership qualities and be a positive role model for their peers.

_____ 11. **LUCIAN VENEZIANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in the study of History. Applicants should possess school spirit, leadership qualities and a desire to help others. Pursuing some form of continuing education is not required but will be taken into consideration.

_____ 12. **OPA GRILLE SCHOLARSHIP** – This award is given to a student who has demonstrated a great deal of effort academically, proven to be a positive role model, possesses leadership qualities and the desire to help others. They should have a 90% or higher GPA and have limited financial resources.

_____ 13. **R.A.G.E. – RESIDENTS AGAINST GARBAGE EXPANSION SCHOLARSHIP** – R.A.G.E is a civic organization which successfully stopped a proposed expansion of the Old Bethpage landfill, forced its closing, and prevented the Town of Oyster Bay’s proposed construction of a resource recovery plant. R.A.G.E endorsed a rigid town-wide recycling program that would make the town’s resource recovery plant unnecessary. Scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female environmental studies student.

_____ 14. **RECHLER EQUITY PARTNERS SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be given to a graduating senior who excels in science and plans to pursue a college degree in the field of science.

_____ 15. **RINALDI SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has shown the most academic improvement throughout all their years in high school.

_____ 16. **RUTH GAIPTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a senior planning to study an area of the fine arts: Theatre, Music, Art, Dance, Film, Broadcasting or Audio Visual. The applicant must currently be involved in the art they plan to study in college.

_____ 17. **STEVE POLLICINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Steve Pollicino was a resident of Plainview, where he enjoyed raising his family. His children were 2000 and 2007 graduates of POBJFKHS. At age 48, Mr. Pollicino was an employee of Cantor Fitzgerald at the World Trade Center in Tower One and unfortunately did not make it home on 9/11. Steve’s family established this scholarship to honor the essence of his life which was highlighted by an unconditional smile and a positive, nonjudgmental presence and to remember the almost 3,000 innocent victims that because of hatred, were killed on 9/11. The recipient of this award will be recognized for his/her good nature in addition to making a positive difference for anyone he/she encounters.

_____ 18. **SUSAN RUSINEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Susan Rusinek was a Special Education Aide in the POB school district for most of her adult life. She was dedicated to both students and staff and was always there as someone you could lean on. This scholarship, presented in her memory, will be issued to two deserving students who have demonstrated empathy and inclusivity.

****TOTAL NUMBER OF CATEGORY III SCHOLARSHIPS APPLYING FOR _____**