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Class of 2022 Community Scholarship Consent Form

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the guidance office no later than **TUES, MARCH 1, 2022.**

Seniors interested in applying for any community scholarships must submit this signed consent form, this packet, and any required supporting documents. All essays and resumes should be one-sided. Only complete packets will be accepted.

STUDENT NAME _____ COUNSELOR _____

ADDRESS _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____ STUDENT PHONE _____

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

Category II Scholarships require an essay and or resume. Requirements for each scholarship are noted in their description. Anonymous essays and resumes should **NOT** include your name, address, phone, or email. A cover page including student's full name, scholarship name and title of essay must be attached to all anonymous essays.

Category III Scholarships Please put a check mark next to any scholarships you wish to be considered for and attach your resume complete with contact information.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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CATEGORY I

A cover page including student's full name, scholarship name and title of essay must be attached to all anonymous essays.

_____ 1. **PLAINVIEW P.A.L.** – Multiple scholarships will be awarded to students who have been members of P.A.L. Proof of acceptance at an accredited school of study or post-secondary school, in good standing is required. A grade point average of at least 75% (unweighted) is necessary. Candidates may have to be interviewed. A typed essay of 200-300 words is required, including a paragraph each about your family, your future plans (both in college and after college), and your fondest memory of P.A.L. The necessary application is available in the guidance office. (**Essay is NOT anonymous**)

_____ 2. **SEPTA** – Six different 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. An essay, which must include a title and a faculty recommendation letter are required. The necessary application is available in the guidance office. Students who have received special education services at any time during high school are eligible. Applicants or their parent/guardian need to be a SEPTA member by March 15, 2022, to be considered for SEPTA awards. (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

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CATEGORY II

You must include an essay for each Category II scholarship you are applying for. A cover page including student's full name, scholarship name and title of essay must be attached to all anonymous essays.

1. **ANTHONY MONACO MEMORIAL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP** – A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in at least four seasons of high school athletics and has a minimum GPA of 85. You must submit a type-written essay (between 250-500 words) on how your participation in high school sports influenced you throughout high school. (**Essay is NOT anonymous**)

2. **BRIAN HARLEY ASSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Two awards will be given to deserving seniors who have contributed in some significant way in humanitarian efforts. You must submit a type-written essay (between 250-500 words) on what activities you have been involved with during your high school career in serving your community. (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

3. **DEBBIE C. BERNSTEIN KINDNESS AND COMPASSION SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who best exemplifies Debbie Bernstein's style and enduring commitment to leadership driven by thoughtfulness, empathy, compassion, and kindness. Students must 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. (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

4. **MARK KOEHLER SCHOLARSHIP** – Graduating seniors are eligible for this award if they have participated 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 about themselves and their involvement in these organizations. How they plan to incorporate their continued community service efforts in their future will also be evaluated. (**Anonymous essay with cover page, and anonymous copy of transcript**)

5. **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." (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

6. **MICHAEL SECKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** - This award is presented to two graduating seniors who are active members of the POB Business Department. Please submit an essay (650 words or less) answering the following question: How has your experience in business classes helped prepare you for your future? (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

7. **PLAINVIEW HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This award will be presented to a student planning further education in a medical field. (i.e., doctor, x-ray technician, physical therapist, etc.) On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you are deserving of consideration for this scholarship. Tell something about yourself, your interests, your major field of study in college, your hobbies, awards, noteworthy accomplishments, etc. **Please include a teacher or counselor recommendation.** (**Anonymous essay with cover page**)

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8. **PLAINVIEW HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** – This award will be presented to a student planning a career in Nursing. On a separate sheet of paper, explain why you are deserving of consideration for this scholarship. Tell something about yourself, your interests, school and community activities, hobbies, awards you have received. Also include your reasons for wanting to be a nurse and any other information you believe would help us with our decision. **Please include a teacher or counselor recommendation. (Anonymous essay with cover page)**

9. **PLAINVIEW-BETHPAGE LIONS CLUB** – This award will be presented to a graduating senior who is planning to attend a four-year college, has maintained a good grade point average, and has been actively involved in community service. Financial need is also a consideration. Submit a short essay, indicating something about yourself and the reasons for financial need along with a resume of your four-year career at POB JFK High School. **(Anonymous essay AND anonymous resume with cover page)**

10. **PLAINVIEW LITTLE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS** – Multiple awards for seniors of good character who are former Little League players and or umpires, have participated between the ages of 8-17 for 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 your Little League experiences in developing “character, courage and loyalty.” **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

11. **PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD IN MEMORY OF MARCIA FINKELSTEIN** - This award will be presented to two graduating seniors. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay on the topic: You are making a business proposal using your creativity and problem-solving skills. What is the proposal and how will it affect Plainview-Old Bethpage in ten years? **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

12. **PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-** A required essay of approximately 500 words about what our town means to you and how it has enriched your education. Also discuss how it has helped influence your choice of career that you will be pursuing. **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

13. **PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE JFK HIGH SCHOOL PTA SCHOLARSHIPS** – Awards to 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). Include a resume of your four-year career at POB JFK High School. Applicants or their parent/guardian need to be a PTA member by March 1, 2022, to be considered for PTA awards **(Anonymous essay AND resume with cover page)**

14. **PLAINVIEW OLD BETHPAGE SOCCER CLUB** – 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. **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

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15. 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 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. **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

16. RAE SALTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION – Awarded to graduating senior(s) who exhibit community service along with scholarship and financial need. Applicants must have a strong B average. The senior must submit a brief essay on why they should receive the award. Also include at least one strong recommendation from a teacher/mentor, and a resume of their four-year career at POB JFK High School. **(Anonymous essay AND resume with cover page)**

17. RONIT AND DAVID BIRNS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP – This scholarship will be awarded to one worthy graduating senior who plans to attend a four-year college. The individual must demonstrate exactly how and why they volunteered and or raised awareness for those impacted by a chronic illness that they want to bring awareness to. Students will be required to submit a type-written 250–500 word essay outlining the how, what, and why they have contributed toward a specific chronic illness and why it is important to them. **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

18. 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 exceptionally kind, good-hearted person who was passionate about animals, science, protecting the environment, and curing cancer. Spencer's ultimate goal was to cure cancer. The Reis family will choose scholars based on a submitted essay of 200 – 300 words. Please submit an essay on the following topic: What Have You Done in Time of Need and How Do You Plan on Continuing this Process? **(Anonymous essay with cover page)**

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CATEGORY III

Put a check mark next to any scholarship(s) you wish to be considered for and attach your resume complete with contact information.

_____ 1. **BENJAMIN W. SOFE MEMORIAL** – This scholarship is awarded to a responsible graduate who plans to go on to higher education and has shown significant improvement while in high school. This award is meant to recognize and encourage persistence in the face of a challenging situation.

_____ 2. **BROOKE ZIMMERMAN** – This scholarship is awarded in memory of Brooke Zimmerman (Class of 1998) and will be given to a graduating senior who has shown an interest in and displayed their talent in the area of art and/or photography.

_____ 3. **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF THE PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE COMMUNITY, INC AWARD**
The purpose of this award is to recognize and celebrate 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.

_____ 4. **CRESTWOOD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL** – 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 must possess. There will be two awards.

_____ 5. **FRISCH FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCE** – This 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.

_____ 6. **GIEIR-LEVITT POST NO. 655 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA, INC. XX OLYMPIAD-SPORTS MEMORIAL AWARD** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student (male or female) who has distinguished himself/herself in any high school team or individual sports program.

_____ 7. **GIEIR-LEVITT POST NO. 655 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA, INC. COMMUNITY BROTHERHOOD AWARD** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student (male or female) who best exemplifies service to the community and caring for others. Selection will be made without regard to scholarship standing or religion.

_____ 8. **JAMIE PURZAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Jamie graduated POBJFKHS in 2004. One award will be given to a graduating senior who has endured a difficult situation or hardship and despite it, demonstrated a positive attitude.

_____ 9. **JORDAN ABRAMOWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing higher education and who exhibits similar character traits to Jordan.

- 1) Shows compassion for other people
- 2) Gives back to the community or causes in which he/she believes. (For example: volunteer with kids, seniors, community centers, fundraises for causes, etc.)
- 3) Makes a difference in lives of other people, without expecting anything in return.
- 4) Applicants must show school and community involvement along with good character.

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10. **KAREN SMITH MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP** – This educational grant will be awarded annually to a senior for whom art has become a passion in their life and who plans to pursue a career in the Arts. This scholarship began with the Class of 2020 in remembrance of Karen Smith, a former art teacher at POBJFKHS.

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

- 1) Demonstrated a commitment of excellence in the field of science over the course of their academic career at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School; and
- 2) Made various other contributions to Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK HS through participation in activities such as sports, music, or community service.

12. **LINDA LIPPOLT RAY OF SUNSHINE SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship was established in memory of Linda Lippolt, a former teacher at Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary School. It 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. This award winner should exemplify leadership qualities and should be a positive role model for his/her peers.

13. **LUCIAN VENEZIANO MEMORIAL** – This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates academic excellence in the study of history. The senior should demonstrate school and team spirit and exemplify leadership qualities regarding academics, team sports, technology and/or the arts while demonstrating modesty, humility, and a sincere desire to help others. Pursuing some form of continuing education will be considered a plus.

14. **MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF PLAINVIEW OLD BETHPAGE – ENSEMBLE** – This scholarship will be awarded to one student in each high school music ensemble (band, choir, and orchestra) who have appreciated all that the music department has to offer. Students must submit their high school resume and a statement of their music achievements.

15. **OPA GRILLE SCHOLARSHIP** – This award is given to a student who has demonstrated a great deal of effort academically, as well as proven themselves to be a quality role model for others. This student should show leadership qualities and the desire to help others. They should have a 90 or higher GPA and limited financial resources.

16. **PLAINVIEW DINER AWARDS** – Two awards to graduating seniors who have shown ambition, leadership qualities, high integrity and have been active in school activities. Financial need is a consideration.

17. **R.A.G.E. – RESIDENTS AGAINST GARBAGE EXPANSION** – RAGE 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. RAGE endorsed a rigid town-wide recycling program that would make the Town's resource recovery plant unnecessary. Scholarships will be given to one deserving environmental studies male student and one deserving environmental studies female student.

18. **RECHLER EQUITY PARTNERS** – 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.

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

20. **RUTH GAIPTMAN MEMORIAL** – This scholarship will be awarded to one worthy graduating senior who will be entering college to study any area of the fine arts: Theatre, Music, Art, Dance, Film, Broadcasting and Audio Visual. The student must be involved in the art they are seeking future education in.

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_____ 21. **STEVE POLLICINO MEMORIAL** – Like all of you are, Steve Pollicino was a resident of the town of Plainview. He enjoyed raising his family in this community. Both of his children graduated from this high school in the years 2000 and 2007. At the age of 48, Mr. Pollicino went to work at the World Trade Center for Cantor Fitzgerald in Tower One and never came home. The family has established this scholarship not only to honor the essence of his life which was highlighted by an unconditional smile and a positive nonjudgmental presence, but more importantly, to remember the almost 3,000 innocent victims that because of hatred, were killed on 9/11. The family wishes to acknowledge how kindness can make a difference in a subtle, routine unwavering manner.