

Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships 2006

Description

The Chamber of Schenectady County and The Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, Inc. are pleased to announce the Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships. The twofold goal to enhance our community's quality of life is:

1. To prepare an educated citizenry for responsible roles within the workforce to strengthen the economic vitality of all communities within our county.
2. To create a corporate citizenship promoting the importance of community service and participation in community affairs.

The Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships will recognize students whose educational and career goals are committed to those principles. Two Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, will be awarded to students entering a two- or four-year college or university in the Fall of 2006 to study in any field.

Eligibility Requirements

- High school senior legally residing and/or studying in Schenectady County.
- Intent to enroll full-time as a matriculated student in a two- or four-year, degree-bearing college or university beginning in the Fall of 2006
- Achievement of a high school academic grade point average ranging between 75% and 85%.

Application Procedure

1. Submit *completed* application packet, to include:
 - a. Application form.
 - b. Official high school transcript including attendance record and SAT scores.
2. Two letters of recommendation from a person within your school such as a teacher, school administrator or guidance counselor; and one individual from the community other than a family member or relative. The letters should address the merits of your candidacy for this award and comment specifically on your character and abilities. At least one must also address your community service involvement or employment experience. There is a form attached that you may give to the people from whom you request letters.
3. The Committee will consider only *completed application packets* received by the Selection Committee by **Monday, May 1, 2006**.
4. The *completed* application packet is to be mailed to:
Chairperson, Selection Committee
Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships
The Chamber of Schenectady County
306 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Selection Schedule

- The Committee will begin its review of the application materials on **May 2, 2006**
- The Committee will select those finalists to be interviewed by **May 8, 2006**
- Finalist candidates will be interviewed during the week of **May 15-19, 2006**
- The scholarships will be awarded at the noon meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Schenectady County, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, **June 7, 2006**.

Award Disbursement

- The two-year, \$1,000 award will be paid directly to the college or university at the rate of \$1,000 per year (\$500 per semester) to cover tuition, college expenses, fees, books, instructional supplies and living expenses.
- The student must remain a full-time, matriculated student to receive the entire monetary award.

THE CHAMBER OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY

MISSION STATEMENT

To drive a strong business climate throughout Schenectady County.

THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

To create, advocate and nurture business, education and community partnerships, which influence change in the educational system and which address educational and workforce opportunities for students in Schenectady County.

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STUDENT NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

PARENT NAME(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE

COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE)

1.

2.

3.

DESIGNATED COURSE OF STUDY (ACADEMIC MAJOR)

List any school and community activities and employment in which you have been involved during high school. For each activity, list the inclusive dates of your participation, leadership positions you held and any recognition or awards you received.

| ACTIVITY OR EVENT | INCLUSIVE DATES (MONTH, YEAR) |
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I hereby certify the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Write an essay, no longer than two pages using a 12-point font size that answers the following in two parts:

Part I

- A. Identify and describe what you perceive as the three most important challenges facing the County of Schenectady.
- B. Discuss how your community service and/or work experiences have contributed to your development, especially in terms of how your future occupation or profession will aid the Schenectady community.

Part II

Select a significant personal experience or accomplishment that took place during the past two or three years. Describe that experience or accomplishment, why it was important, what you learned from it and how it might relate to your educational and career goals.



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STUDENT NAME

LETTER DUE DATE

The student named above is preparing an application for the above Scholarship. S/he is seeking a letter of support from you regarding his/her candidacy for the Scholarship. In your letter, please address the following points regarding your knowledge of the candidate:

(ATTENTION STUDENT: Be sure one letter-writer can speak about your community service and/or employment)

- _____ Character
- _____ Abilities
- _____ Participation in community service
- _____ Participation in employment

Please return your letter to the candidate/guidance counselor by the date above to:

NAME

ADDRESS

Thank you for your assistance!