

Worcester Public Schools
EARLY DEADLINE Scholarships 2017 – 2018
October, November, December Deadlines

... from our **Scholarships & Financial Aid Book**

HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARD

Grants are awarded for applicants with Hispanic background, in various categories of excellence. In each category three winners are selected at \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. The National Hispanic Heritage Youth Award Recipients receive \$5,000 academic grant, and a laptop computer. Applicants may apply to as many categories as they like within ONE region.

Eligibility Guidelines: applicants must be a graduating high school senior, planning to enroll in college in the fall, a citizen or permanent resident of the US, of Hispanic/Latino descent (at least one parent), minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), willing to travel to the awards ceremony in your selected region. If you are receiving your GED and 21 and under, you may also apply. www.hispanicheritage.org.

Deadline: October 15, 2017.

HORATIO ALGER NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Applicants must be enrolled full time as a high school senior, progressing normally toward graduation, and planning to enter college no later than the fall following graduation; have a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution); critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred; if higher, an explanation must be provided); involvement in co-curricular and community activities; demonstrate academic achievement (minimum grade point average of 2.0); and be a United States citizen.

Deadline for application is October 16, 2017.

Application available at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP SCHOLARSHIPS

The COMMUNITY scholarship, open to all, recognizes and rewards public school students in the greater Worcester area who exhibit academic achievement, demonstrate leadership and possess a commitment to community service. The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. will fund 16 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

There are also 14 *AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) scholarships*, valued at \$2000, available specifically for high school seniors who have completed two years in an AVID Elective Class and are currently enrolled in the AVID program.

Application materials required are;

- completed application
- official copy of most recent high school transcript
- class ranking, if not indicated on transcript

Only online applications will be accepted.

Applications are available on our web site, www.hanover.com/scholarship.

Applications will be accepted from October 1st to November 30th. Award winners will be announced in February 2018.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation must be submitted by mail, to the address indicated on our web site.

A reception honoring all recipients, and their parents/guardians, will be held at the Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. in Worcester in May 2018.

NHS SCHOLARSHIP (National Honor Society Scholarship)

Applicants for this award can win up to \$6,000. Must be in Grades 5 -12, have participated in a volunteer activity that occurred in the last twelve months, be a legal resident of one of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia.

Complete an online application at www.principals.org/prudential by **November 1, 2017 (access key: spirit)** and then print it out and submit it to a school principal or to the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a Girl Scout council, county 4-H group, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or affiliate of Hands-On Network. In November, participating schools and organizations select Local Honorees and in February from these winners, two State Honorees - one middle level and one high school student - are chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. Finally, ten (10) National Honorees are selected by a panel of prominent judges and announced in May at a special ceremony in Washington D.C.

For additional information contact: The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, 877-525-8491, email: spirit@principals.org.

NOTE: State Honorees receive \$1,000, engraved silver medallions and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington DC.

National Honorees receive additional \$5,000 awards, engraved gold medallions, crystal trophies for their schools or organizations and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Applicants for this award can win up to \$6,000. Must be in Grades 5-12, have participated in a volunteer activity that occurred in the last twelve months, be a legal resident of one of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia.

Complete an online application at www.prudential.com/spirt or www.principals.org/prudential by November 7, 2017 (access key: spirit) and then print it out and submit it to a school principal or to the head of one of these officially designated local organizations: a Girl Scout council, county 4-H group, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or affiliate of Hands-On Network. In November, participating schools and organizations select Local Honorees and in February from these winners, two (2) State Honorees – one (1) middle level and one high school student - are chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. Finally, ten (10) National Honorees are selected by a panel of prominent judges and announced in May at a special ceremony in Washington D.C. For additional information contact: The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, 877-525-8491 or email: spirit@principals.org.

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FRANCIS OUIMET SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Honor scholarships from \$1,500 - \$7,500, renewable to high school seniors and graduates for full-time undergraduate study. The student must have worked for two years at a Massachusetts Golf Course (caddie, bag room, pro shop, greens crew, etc.), show clear financial need, high academic achievement and service oriented, interview, recommendations, essay, transcript and proof of eligibility. The student must also maintain a 2.0 GPA. Additional information can be found on the web site at www.ouimet.org.

Applications must be received before December 1, 2017 at:

Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, 300 Arnold Palmer Blvd., Norton, MA 02766-1365.

Marion Mackerwicz, Scholarship Administrator 774-430-9090.

THE ELKS - MOST VALUABLE STUDENT (National Competition)

Four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship.

Apply by December 1, 2017 to:

Worcester Lodge of Elks, 233 Mill St., Worcester, MA 01602 Attn: Scholarship Committee.

For additional information, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/MVS.cfm

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The High School Scholarship Program is designed to assist high school students of Hispanic heritage obtain a college degree. It is available to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time at a

community college or four-year institution during the upcoming academic year. Award amounts range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Eligibility requirements: be a graduating high school senior, be of Hispanic heritage, be a United States citizen or a legal permanent resident, be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at an accredited college, have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.0, must apply for federal financial aid. Application can be downloaded from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund website www.hsf.net.

Deadline: December 1, 2017.

WORCESTER LATINO DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

A community based organization with the goal of providing scholarships to Latino students who have achieved a GPA of 2.7 and above and plan to attend an institution of higher learning. For additional information and an application please contact Worcester Latino Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 16564, Worcester, MA, 508-755-6323 or 508-414-2079. ***Deadline: December 1, 2017.***

+++ Additional scholarships found on these web sites may have early deadlines +++

www.scholarshipguidance.com/all_scholarships.php

www.studentscholarships.org

www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/herter.asp

www.dcu.org/whats-new/scholarship.html

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarshipguidance.com/all_scholarships.php

Every effort has been made to contact sponsoring organizations listed in this directory for updated information on each scholarship. We apologize for any inconvenience due to outdated information.