

2009 Scholarship Requirements

The **Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz** will award two (2) \$1000 educational scholarships in 2009 to recognize individuals who have had a positive impact in their community, school, or workplace. Applicants must demonstrate solid prior academic performance that shows their ability to succeed in a post-secondary degree program.

Applications will be reviewed by the Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz Scholarship Committee, and scholarship winners will be announced in **June 2009**.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a direct relative of a member in good standing of the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce. Direct relatives include the Chamber member himself/herself, children, spouses, and grandchildren. Any employee of a member business is considered to be a Chamber member.

Application Packet

To submit a complete application packet, please include the following:

1. A **completed application form** (available from the Foundation).
2. One (1) **letter of reference from a teacher/professor**. If applicant has been employed full time for more than two years, a letter of reference will be accepted from a direct supervisor.
3. One (1) **letter of reference from an individual other than a teacher/professor** who can address the level of dedication and impact the applicant has had on an organization or in his/her community.
4. A **typed personal essay** of no more than 500 words that explains the applicant's educational goals; the positive impact the applicant has had in an organization, the community, or a workplace; and how further education will help the applicant continue to contribute to the community.
5. A **résumé**.
6. A **current transcript** for enrolled students, GED score, or most recent transcript for those not currently enrolled in high school or college.

It is the applicant's responsibility to meet the deadline and to ensure the application packet is complete. Only complete application packets will be reviewed. Scholarship recipients will be required to acknowledge receipt of funds and attend an awards presentation to be held on June 17, 2009.

Deadline: Application packet must be received by the Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz by **May 15, 2009**.

Return the completed application packet to:

Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz
Attention: Scholarship Committee
124 Main Street, Suite 8
New Paltz, NY 12561

Questions, e-mail: scholarship@newpaltzchamber.org

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone (if applicable) _____

E-mail _____

School Currently Attending (if applicable) _____

Grade Point Average _____

College(s) or Educational Institution(s) you plan to attend _____

Intended Major or Course of Study _____

Name of Chamber Member _____

Name of Member Business _____

Your Relationship to Chamber Member _____

Please return this completed form, along with the requested collateral materials, to:

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Application must be received at the Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation at New Paltz on or before May 15, 2009.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I understand what is required of me in the event that I receive a scholarship.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____