



# John Scibak Community Service Scholarship

*Administered by the South Hadley Democratic Town Committee in honor of Massachusetts State Representative John Scibak, on his retirement after sixteen years of service.*

## Application Qualifications

The John Scibak Community Service Scholarship, in the amount of **\$2,500**, will be awarded to a single recipient.

Based upon criteria established by Representative Scibak, any student is eligible to apply who:

1. Is a resident of South Hadley and a graduating high school senior of a Massachusetts high school.
2. Intends to pursue, during the upcoming school year, an associate or baccalaureate degree through a full-time course of study at an accredited college or university, or a degree/diploma/certificate at an accredited vocational or technical/trade school. The accreditation shall be by an accrediting body that is recognized as an appropriate higher education or post-secondary vocational school accreditor by the U.S. Department of Education.
3. Has exhibited good character.
4. Has a satisfactory scholastic record, with a grade point average of **3.0** or higher on a 4.0 scale and is in good academic standing at the time of the award.
5. Has not received a **full** scholarship or the equivalent in partial scholarships.
6. Has demonstrable community service and/or volunteer activities that were completed outside of school as an unpaid volunteer to support the mission of a charitable, civic, or community organization.
7. Provides a Letter of Recommendation/Support from a Supervisor regarding the completed community service/volunteer activity.
8. Submits a 500- to 1000-word essay, focusing on answering the following two questions:
  - How has your community service/volunteer experience made you think differently about others or yourself?
  - How has your community service/volunteer experience influenced your plans for college or work in the future?

## Application Checklist

**All application materials must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2019.**

- Completed application, with signatures where needed by applicant and parent/guardian.
- One (1) typed letter of recommendation from an adult that is not a relative and who can speak to the applicant's community service/volunteer activity (limited to one page).
- A 500- to 1000-word essay, to be typed, double-spaced in 12-point font, with the applicant's name typed in the upper right hand corner of each page.
- Disbursement of Scholarship Funds Disclaimer (Signed by parent/guardian)

**Please STAPLE ALL PAGES TOGETHER and DO NOT FOLD the application (please use a large envelope for mailing).**

### **Submit your application to:**

John Scibak Community Service Scholarship  
c/o South Hadley Democratic Town Committee  
P.O. Box 82  
South Hadley, MA 01075

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**A. Student Profile:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Academic Profile:**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_

To which college, university, or vocational/technical/trade school(s) have you applied?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your major area of study?

\_\_\_\_\_

At which school(s) have you been accepted?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Academic Profile, continued:**

**Scholarship Awards**—List any scholarship(s) you have been awarded and the amount(s):

Scholarship Name/Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Name/Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Name/Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards and Recognition Received**—School, church, community, other (USE THIS SPACE ONLY):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Activities**—List your volunteer activities, and include the number of hours spent on these activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Reference:**

**Letter of Recommendation**—Requested from:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISCLAIMER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian), acknowledge and understand that the scholarship award received by the winner will be a lump sum check paid directly to the scholarship recipient. (Student/applicant's name): \_\_\_\_\_.

The \$2,500 scholarship award will be issued upon **proof of enrollment**. If the scholarship is not claimed by September 1, 2019, it will be forfeited. No exceptions.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my child may receive.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature                      Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Reference, continued:**

STUDENT: Please give this page to the person providing your letter of recommendation.

**Reference for (student name):** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for agreeing to submit a typed letter of recommendation for the student above, who is applying for the John Scibak Community Service Scholarship. This should be a one-page letter directed to the South Hadley Democratic Town Committee and should include:

- Your name, email address (if applicable), and phone number
- Relationship to applicant (not a relative)
- How long you have known the applicant
- Information regarding the scope of the applicant's community service/volunteer activity
- Information regarding why the applicant should receive the scholarship award

**The completed letter should be given to the student to submit with their application.**