

“Uncle Joe” Lesniak Service Above Self Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to foster and encourage the ideals of service to others and to demonstrate an abiding commitment to education, the Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Rotary Club invites applications for the “Service Above Self” scholarship.

This scholarship is intended for students who have graduated, or will graduate from one of the service area high schools by June 30, 2020, and will attend a four year college or university. Potential recipients must be a resident of Schaumburg Township, the Village of Schaumburg, or the Village of Hoffman Estates. William Fremd High School students who have a Hoffman Estates address are eligible for this scholarship.

This program provides an opportunity for qualifying individuals to apply for a financial scholarship which would be used to pursue advanced education of a Baccalaureate Degree or higher. The primary criterion considered will be the applicant’s exceptional level of COMMUNITY SERVICE.

AWARD:

“Service Above Self” scholarship recipients will be awarded up to \$5,000 payable to the college or university to which the recipient will be attending during the 2020-2021 academic year. The recipients will also be recognized with their families at a scholarship luncheon during a club meeting of the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates in April 2020.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for the “Uncle Joe” Lesniak Service Above Self Scholarship, the student must have an above-average cumulative grade point average, participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, have an exceptional level of community service, and has demonstrated leadership potential while attending high school and/or college. Finally, the student must also be able to supply the following:

1. Official transcript from high school and college (if applicable).
2. Three letters of recommendation, each not to exceed one page, describing the applicant’s involvement in community service. This can include any service organization or any organized activity in which the applicant has exhibited a high degree of leadership. You should provide two service activity letters of recommendation and one scholastic letter of recommendation.
3. Rotarians live by the motto, “Service Above Self” and apply the test, known as “The Four Way Test” to our everyday work and personal life. Please research the Four Way Test and then provide us with an essay of 500 words or less detailing how applying the Motto and the Four Way Test apply to your life now and in the future. It must be typed in Times New Roman and 12 point font.

