

Lenox Memorial Middle and High School

Guidance Department

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Dear student,

The cost of a college education continues to rise and LMMHS encourages all seniors to pursue scholarship opportunities. Enclosed you will find the application for the Town of Lenox Scholarship and the James F. Hurley Award.

To apply, students must follow the directions closely and complete the Town of Lenox Scholarship application in full. In addition, students are required to submit the Town of Lenox Scholarship essay and their college essay or a well-written writing sample. To be eligible for the James. F. Hurley Award students must be *seniors in high school* and submit an *additional essay* with their application. Essay prompts are found in the instructions. All materials must be submitted to the Guidance Office by Monday, April 13th. Please note, the Town of Lenox Scholarship application may also be used by community organizations for additional scholarship consideration.

Each year LMMHS students benefit from local scholarship programs. Additional scholarship opportunities can be found on the LMMHS Guidance web page and on the scholarship bulletin board. The Guidance Department does not process or submit scholarship applications for students, but will answer any questions you may have. The office phone number is 413-637-5560 or contact by email at tromeo@lenoxps.org and pmurray@lenoxps.org.

Sincerely,

Tara Romeo
Guidance Department Chair

Pam Murray
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Lenox Memorial Middle and High School cultivates critical and creative thinking, literacy, and social responsibility within a nurturing environment; we value integrity and the pursuit of excellence.

THE COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Seniors and postgraduates who are residents of Lenox)

Instructions:



- Complete this application form – in pen or type
- Attach Town of Lenox Common Scholarship essay
- Attach college essay or writing sample

Deadline is April 13th, 2020 - Late submissions will not be considered



APPLICATION:

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Current School Attending: _____

Residential Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Employed at: _____ Position: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Employed at: _____ Position: _____

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CONFIDENTIAL

In an effort to determine need the following information must be completed.

Please list all other dependent children in your family. Indicate the grade level and school which they are presently attending:

If your family has had unusual medical or other emergency expenses, please explain:

How much money have you earned or saved toward your college expenses?

Name of college you expect to attend:

Major planned:

Where have you been accepted?

Have you applied for other financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered, NO please explain why:

If you have already received notification of other aid, indicate the source and the amount:

Please complete your estimated costs for the 2020-2021 college year:

Estimated Cost

Tuition: _____

Room & Board: _____

Fees: _____

Books/Supplies: _____

TOTAL COST _____

Additionally, please include on a separate piece of paper:

- List of extracurricular activities
- List of community involvement
- List of volunteer service
- List of jobs

In consideration of my academic record, extracurricular activities, community involvement, volunteer service and the high cost of tuition, I respectfully petition that a scholarship be awarded to me for the academic year 2020/2021.

I affirm that to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is correct.

I authorize the Guidance Department to provide my cumulative grade point average to the Scholarship Committee. I also give permission for this application to be used by other community organizations for additional scholarship opportunities – unless indicated otherwise in a written letter to the Town of Lenox Scholarship Committee.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average*: _____

(Provided by the Guidance Department after application is submitted)

*Seniors who are residents, **not attending LMMHS**, must submit all requested documentation including a current transcript and report card with the GPA attached.

*Postgraduates must submit a current college transcript with a minimum GPA of 3.0 clearly highlighted and proof of full-time enrollment (12 credits) with a tuition bill or course registration for next semester.



TOWN OF LENOX SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Instructions:

- **Lenox residents who are seniors, Lenox residents who attend school elsewhere, including home-school and postgraduates:**

A thoughtful response to the question: Who or what has substantially influenced your life and your character? How has that influence shaped you, your interests or preferences perhaps? Your values? Describe and discuss, applying a specific situation as evidence of that influence. (600 word limit)

All essays should be double spaced using a 12 point font with one inch margins. Please proof read and check for spelling and grammar.

The following criteria will be used for scholarship award consideration:

- Academic performance, grade point average
- Quality of essay
- Community involvement
- Extracurricular activities
- Volunteer service
- Financial need



COLLEGE ESSAY OR WRITING SAMPLE

Please attach to the application a college essay or a recent writing sample.

The Hurley Award

High school seniors only

The James F. Hurley Award recognizes individuals whose content of character is enhanced by their intellectual passion and remarkable personal promise. Applications are holistically reviewed and all students are encouraged to apply. As one would expect for any award named after the longtime chair of the LMMHS humanities department, this award requires a little more effort than the standard town scholarship. Award amounts may vary, but they can provide meaningful assistance for your educational costs.

To apply, you must be a *high school senior* and submit the following to be considered for this award:

- 1) Completed Town of Lenox Scholarship application form.
- 2) Town of Lenox Scholarship Essay: A thoughtful response to the question: Who or what has substantially influenced your life and your character? How has that influence shaped you, your interests or preferences perhaps? Your values? Describe and discuss, applying a specific situation as evidence of that influence. (600 word limit)
- 3) A copy of your college essay or a meaningful, well-written paper.
- 4) Answer *one* of the essay prompts listed below.

Candidates may be asked to interview with members of the scholarship committee at LMMHS.

Note: The Scholarship Committee is interested in understanding you as an individual. We will review your grades and your resume - all the factual stuff that makes up your candidacy; what is required now is a sense of who you are as a distinct person.

Thus, in no more than 600 words please respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Life presents challenges. Many we overcome, some we struggle with, some loom on the horizon. These challenges can take many forms. They may be incidental or they may be very substantial. Please address a challenge that you have confronted and discuss how you dealt-or deal- with it. Most importantly, what have you learned from that experience and what of value will you take with you in the future?
2. If you could hold a personal conversation or interview with any individual-living or not, even one who is fictional-who might that be? Explain why. They need not be famous nor spectacularly influential. They simply must be significant to you. What would be the circumstance for such a conversation: a setting, a situation, etc.? What questions would you ask? Why? What would you want them to know of yourself and what is important to you?