

THE CHAMBER FOUNDATION, INC.

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THE NORMAN AND RITA NUSSBICKEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Chamber Foundation, Inc., the educational foundation of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce the availability of the 2009 Norman and Rita Nussbickel Memorial Scholarship. This endowment fund was established in 1987 by the Nussbickel family in memory of Norman F. Nussbickel. The scholarship now honors Norman's late wife, Rita, who passed away in 2006. The Chamber Foundation, Inc. and the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce provides additional support to this fund by earmarking a portion of the proceeds from the Chamber's annual Golf Outing held in their honor each June.

The history of the Norman Nussbickel Scholarship Award dates back to the Wappingers Falls Chamber of Commerce – one of the original partners in the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. Norman Nussbickel served as president of that Chamber for ten years until his death in 1983. It was under Mr. Nussbickel's leadership that the Chamber membership grew from 40 to more than 200 area businesses. And because of Mr. Nussbickel's commitment not only to the Chamber, but to the Dutchess County community, the scholarship was established to honor his legacy by investing in our youth—the leaders and communities of tomorrow.

Rita Nussbickel was a constant presence during Norm's leadership at the Chamber and was a strong supporter of the organization and the community in her own right. She served as Chair of the Scholarship Committee until her death in 2006 and was very committed to the growth of the fund—as it has helped so many students pursue their dreams of a college education. It is an honor to include her name on this important scholarship fund as a living testament to her commitment to community and the students that she so wonderfully supported for many years.

This scholarship enables students in the Wappingers Central, Beacon City and now Arlington school districts who have demonstrated leadership qualities in academics, athletics and community to pursue educational opportunities after their four years in high school. Students who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement are selected to interview with the Norman and Rita Nussbickel Memorial Scholarship Committee. Upon final committee decision, the award recipients are announced and presented their scholarship award at a special recognition dinner hosted by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. Each of the four award recipients will receive \$2,000.00 immediately prior to entering their freshman year.

With your completed and signed application you must include the following:

- An essay describing an event or experience that had a positive influence on who you are as an individual, **or**; discuss an important life experience and what you learned from it. Your essay should be no longer than one page in length.
- Your most recent high school transcript
- Two (2) current letters of recommendation from teachers/guidance counselor, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities.

Mail completed applications to:

The Chamber Foundation, Inc.
Norman and Rita Nussbickel Memorial Scholarship
The Nussbickel Building
2582 South Avenue
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 25, 2009



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2009 NORMAN AND RITA NUSSBICKEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$2,000

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 25, 2009

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Graduating Senior from Wappingers, Beacon or Arlington High Schools
- Good Academic Record
- Current Involvement in Community Service Work
- Current Participation in a School or Community Sport

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____ Cumulative GPA _____
(if available)

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

School for which aid is requested: _____ Expected Graduation: _____

My School is: 4 yr college/university 2 yr college voc/tech school other

I will be enrolled: full time half-time or more less than half-time

I will live: on campus off campus at home

Intended major/minor: _____

Cost of tuition for one year: \$ _____

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ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Please limit your Extracurricular Activities and Community Service to the last three years.

Extracurricular Activities – (You may attach a separate sheet in addition to filling out the chart if necessary)

List school activities in which you have participated. Include sports, student government, volunteer projects, etc.

Activity	Grades of Participation	Awards/Honors	Offices Held

Community Service – (You may attach a separate sheet in addition to filling out the chart if necessary)

List all community volunteer service you have performed. Include all special awards and honors.

Type of Activity/Organization	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Awards/Honors

Describe any special personal or family circumstances that you would like the Committee to take into consideration in reviewing your application.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the financial information will be considered confidential, for review by the Scholarship Committee of the Chamber Foundation, Inc. only.

Student Signature and Date _____

Parent Signature and Date _____

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COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

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THE NUSSBICKEL BUILDING
2582 SOUTH AVENUE
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK, 12590

****Relatives of Nussbickel Family and relatives of Committee members not eligible for scholarship.***