

2025 Midstate Chamber of Commerce Education Awards

The Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards are in honor of Sanford S. Shorr who served as the Executive Director of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce for 29 years with distinction, dedication, and impeccable character. His deep sense of service to his community is the basis for these awards. SSS & HOLA award applicants should exemplify the same high values, outstanding character, and an exemplary commitment to community service. The Chamber's Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action (HOLA) Committee raises funds annually for their award.

Please check the boxes below to indicate which award or awards that you wish to be considered for:

- The **Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards** are awarded annually by the Midstate Chamber of Commerce for up to three graduating high school students. Each of the three awards is for \$1,000. This award is **based on community service** for students to continue their education past high school. **The essential criteria consist of high character, and service to community, school, and others.** Applicants must demonstrate community service hours that are over and above the basic graduation requirements.
- One additional **Sanford S. Shorr Education Award** of \$1,000 may be made to a student who is **returning to college having completed at least one full year of college.** This is an award **based on community service beyond high school.** **The essential criteria consist of high character and service to the community, school, and others.**
- The **Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action Committee** is pleased to award up to three \$1,000 awards to a graduating Hispanic high school student(s).

Applicants for the above awards may reside in Meriden or maybe an employee or dependent of a Midstate Chamber member in good standing regardless of where you reside. *The directory of Members is found at www.midstatechamber.com.*

If you are not a Meriden resident please complete the below:

Please provide name of Chamber Member Business: _____

Please provide Applicant's Relationship to Business: _____
(Employee or dependent of employee – please give name of employee)

The following awards are distributed through the Chamber but funds are held through the Meriden-Wallingford Community Foundation and are not solely based on community service:

- The Chamber will also be accepting applications for the **Frank A. & Charlotte G. Young Award**. This is a one-year award of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to be awarded to a **Meriden resident** (graduating high school senior) who "excels in the field of Science and/or Math and will be pursuing a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) or Business.
- The Chamber will also be accepting applications for the **Bruce H. Kannenberg & Jonal Laboratories, Inc. Education Award**. This is a 4-year award for \$1,000 per year for a **Meriden resident graduating from a Meriden Public School** who will be pursuing a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) or Business.

All applications must be completed in full with current letters of recommendation and the required signature below. Annual disbursements will be paid to the student in two installments in the first and second semesters, each payable upon receipt by the Chamber of a paid tuition statement to the student. Thank you for applying.

Name of Student / Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

I have read this completed application and declare the information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Student Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if the applicant is under age 18: _____

Due by March 14, 2025 to the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, 546 So. Broad St., Suite 2C, Meriden, CT 06450, fax to 203-686-0172, or e-mail to info@midstatechamber.com.

Please indicate the number of hours of community service required for High School graduation: _____
(Student must have completed their School's hours of community service graduation requirement.)

*Returning College Applicants must include service since high school graduation.

Please list details of service to your community and in your community during all of your High School years. (Extra curricular in-school activities such as band should not be listed in this section. For **returning students**, please list all **service after high school.**)

| Name of Organization | Hours | Contact Person | Phone or Email |
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Total community service hours to date: _____

Please list your most important school activities, groups or clubs in which you have participated and include any special awards, honors and offices which you held. (Returning students please list activities after high school.)

| Activity / Club | Offices Held | Awards / Honors |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
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Please list your Extra Curricular Activities (such as sports). (Returning students please list activities after high school.)

Please list other awards or recognition which you may have received. (Returning students please list awards after high school.)

Please indicate recent Work Experience. (Returning students please list experience after high school.)

| Employer's Name | Hours per Week | Date Started | Date Left | Position Title |
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Please indicate your school choices in the upcoming year. (Returning students please list the school you are presently attending and/or will continue at.)

| School | Major | Minor or Concentration |
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Portfolio Requirements for All Submissions

Please DO NOT indicate “See Folder” or “See Portfolio” on any section of this application. Folder information may be photocopied, typed, or otherwise included with this application. All considerations will be made with only the information submitted with this application.

In addition to this completed application, please enclose the following:

- 3 Letters of Reference - At least one letter must be from a school service or community service reference** that speaks to the qualities or values you have brought to your community service. Some examples of the values are commitment to the community, determination, creativity, organizational skills, integrity, self-awareness, flexibility, judgment, leadership, and enthusiasm. Letters of reference must be current (not more than 12 months old).
- A copy of your Academic Transcript or Permanent Record that indicates days absent and tardy for all of your high school years. This requirement will be weighed very heavily.**
- On a separate piece of paper, please type a brief essay on the following topic: **How has your service to school, community, and others added meaning to or changed the lives of others? How has an individual, organization, or community been made different because of your service?** Please include evidence of leadership, commitment, independent judgment, self-direction, and flexibility.

For the Bruce H. Kannenberg & Jonal Laboratories, Inc. Education Awards

In addition to the Portfolio Requirements above, please enclose the following:

- 2 Current Letters of Recommendation from individuals who can attest to your excitement and enthusiasm in your preferred STEM or Business field.
- On a separate piece of paper or file, please type a brief essay that describes some activities you have undertaken that demonstrate your passion and potential lifelong commitment to your STEM or Business career choice. You may want to explain how or why you have chosen to pursue life in the field of STEM or Business. Why is this important in life to you? How does it energize you?

All applications will be reviewed by the Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards Committee of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. Before distributing each portfolio to a member of the Education Awards Committee for their review, the Chamber will make every best effort to remove any information that may indicate the name of the applicant.

Thank you for applying.