



## 2026 Education Awards

The **Midstate Chamber of Commerce Education Awards** are open to high school students planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school after graduation, as well as one award for a student continuing college this fall who has already completed at least one full year of study.

These **monetary awards** are based on community service and involvement, academic achievement, and leadership and can help offset the cost of college. If you've been active in school, work, or community service, this is your opportunity to be rewarded for your service and commitment.

Please see page 3 for Application requirements. **To learn more and apply online, scan the QR code below.**

**Deadline: March 28, 2026.**

- **Sanford S. Shorr Education Award** is a \$1,000 award presented to graduating high school students who demonstrate exceptional community service to their school and community beyond basic graduation requirements. One additional award may be awarded to a student returning to college after completing at least one full year, based on community service beyond high school.
- **Dan M. Hunter Community Service Education Award** is a \$1,000 award presented to a graduating high school student who demonstrates strong academic performance, active participation in school activities, and meaningful community involvement making them a valued asset to the community in which they live or attend school.
- **Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action (HOLA) Committee Education Award** is a \$1,000 award for two (2) graduating **Hispanic** high school students who show outstanding character and a strong commitment to community service.
- **Frank A. & Charlotte G. Young Award** is a one-year award between \$1,500 and \$2,000 presented to a **Meriden resident**, who is a graduating high school senior, who excels in the field of science and/or math and plans to pursue a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) or Business.
- **Bruce H. Kannenberg & Jonal Laboratories, Inc. Education Award** is a 4-year award of \$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.



*Applicants for the Midstate Chamber of Commerce Education Awards must reside in Meriden OR be 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](http://www.midstatechamber.com).*

Scan this QR code where you will be able to:

- Find more information on the awards;
- Download this application; or
- Complete an online form



Please check which awards you are applying for (you may be eligible for more than one award, select **all** that you are applying for below).

Sanford S. Shorr Education Award     Returning Student Award     HOLA Education Award  
 Dan M. Hunter Community Service Award     Young Award     Kannenberg & Jonal Labs Award

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 28, 2026,*** 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](mailto:info@midstatechamber.com).

Applicants for the Shorr, Returning Student, HOLA & Hunter awards may reside in Meriden or may be employees or dependents of a Midstate Chamber member in good standing regardless of where you reside. *The directory of Members is found at [www.midstatechamber.com](http://www.midstatechamber.com). If you are not a Meriden resident, please complete 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)*

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

\*Returning College Applicants must include service after high school graduation.

Please list details of service to and in your community during all your High School years. (Extracurricular in-school activities such as bands should not be listed in this section. For **returning students**, please list all **services 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list your Extra Curricular Activities (such as sports). (Returning students please list activities after high school.)

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

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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.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor or Concentration</u>
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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:

- 2 Letters of Reference - At least one letter must be from a work supervisor or community service supervisor** that speaks to the qualities or values you have brought to your job or community service activities. 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 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?

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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.

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Thank you for applying.