



Scholarship Application 2020

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage high school or home school students to continue their education in any trade, technical school, community college or university. This will also allow students from our school choice zone to benefit from this scholarship without bias.

The Estero Chamber of Commerce Scholarships are awarded in honor of Meg Judge, Founder of the Estero Chamber of Commerce. In honor of her commitment and service, two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. Eligible recipients will be attending their first year of college or a graduating high school senior with outstanding promise attending school in Estero, living in Estero or a parent who is employed by a member company of the Estero Chamber of Commerce. Scholarships will be awarded to students who are in good academic standing, have a desire to continue their education in a trade school or college, and have participated in leadership in school and community activities.

- Selection of the winners will be made by the Estero Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. Evaluations are based on application, community service, grades and essays.
- Applicants must be attending school in Estero or live in Estero.
- Students need a minimum grade point average of 2.5 to qualify for consideration.
- Applications accepted: February 15 - April 30, 2020. Committee selection: May 2020. Awards will be presented at the Estero Chamber Annual Luncheon June 11, 2020.

Students must submit the following items with their completed application. All items must be received for the application to qualify for consideration.

- A completed application and an essay describing why you are interested in your vocation, how it will serve you and your community, and how it will assist you in attaining your personal goals. Also discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. This essay must be typed, double spaced, and no more than two pages.
- Brief essay describing your community service and the importance of social responsibility. Provide the name of the community service organization, contact name and telephone number. Provide the number of hours per week you spend doing this activity.
- An official high school transcript with grades.
- Application can be sent to Pam@esterochamber.org or postmarked by April 30, 2020 and mailed to:

Estero Chamber of Commerce
10600 Chevrolet Way, Suite 106
Estero, FL 33928



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Student Information

Male Female Date of Birth: (Month/Year)

Student Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Street Address:

City/Town: State: ZIP Code:

Telephone: Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian: (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Street Address:

City/Town: State: ZIP Code:

Telephone: Cell Phone:

Other Information

School or College/University You Plan to Attend:

Acceptance Date: Pending Acceptance Date:

Planned Course of Study:

How did you hear about the Estero Chamber of Commerce Scholarship?

Questions, Essay, Transcript & Reference Letter

On separate paper, submit answers on the following items:

- Describe an experience or event in the past four years in which you demonstrated leadership skills.
- Honors and Awards: List any honors or awards you have received over the last four years.
- Are you currently working? If yes, where do you work and what are your responsibilities?
- List your extracurricular activities.
- Please include one non-relative reference letter and one Teacher/School reference letter.

Please submit an essay describing why you are interested in your vocation, how it will serve you and your community, and how it will assist you in attaining your personal goals. Essay must be typed, double spaced and no more than two pages.

The Estero Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the winners.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR GRADES.

Student Certification

I have personally prepared and signed this application. I certify that all statements regarding my application for this scholarship are true and I believe I am eligible to apply for this scholarship as either I live in Estero, attend school in Estero, or a parent is employed by a member of the Estero Chamber of Commerce.

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____

Parent/Guardian Certification

I give permission to the Estero Chamber of Commerce to use my name/photo of winner in Estero Chamber of Commerce marketing materials and/or publications should this apply.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____