

Veronica O'Neil College Scholarship

The Veronica O'Neil Scholarship is given annually to a deserving high school senior or college student who has been an employee of Mendham Township. It is awarded in memory of Mrs. O'Neil, who was an active member of the Mendham Township Recreation Commission for many years. She was a longtime community organizer and volunteer. She left a legacy of expanding recreational opportunities for Mendham youth, from establishing an annual musical play at the Middle School to promoting Brookside Beach. She is fondly remembered by all who were touched by her leadership.

The fund awards a single, \$500 scholarship in her name to help offset college costs for a student who exemplifies Veronica O'Neil's spirit of community service.

Award Criteria:

Award selection is based on employment in the township and an attitude and values that reflect the community spirit exemplified by Mrs. O'Neil, plus the content of a 250-word essay submission and the recommendation of the Beach and Recreation Directors (or other township supervisors).

General criteria will include, but not be limited to: honesty, integrity, school and/or community involvement, leadership qualities, perseverance, use of good judgment and high ideals.

Upon final review of all applications and essays, finalists may be called for an interview.

A committee comprised of no less than three Recreation Commission members and the Recreation Director will review the qualifications of all eligible students and make a recommendation. The Recreation Commission shall vote and finalize the recommendation.

1. Eligible students must have been an employee of Mendham Township.
2. The student must have an academic average of 3.0 at the completion of seven (7) semesters to be eligible.
3. Students must apply in writing by May 27 in order to be eligible for this scholarship.
4. By June 1 of their senior year students must show proof of acceptance to a college or institution awarding an Associate or Bachelor's Degree.
5. Said students must be enrolled at the institution for the fall after the scholarship is awarded. Part-time students are eligible to apply.
6. The recipients selected will be notified on or before June 14.
7. Students accepting this award must have expended this scholarship no later than 12 months from the date of his/her graduation from high school. Requests to extend this timeline must be in writing and will be considered for extenuating circumstances only.
8. Said student must notify the Recreation Director if he/she intends to delay attendance to said institution/school prior to September following graduation. Failure to do so may result in his/her forfeiture of said scholarship.

Mail completed applications:

Recreation Director, Lori Dent
P.O. Box 520
Brookside, NJ 07926

Veronica O'Neil Scholarship Application 2014

Deadline: May 27, 2014

The Veronica O'Neil Scholarship is given annually by the Mendham Township Recreation Commission to a deserving high school senior or college student who has been an employee of Mendham Township. The fund awards a single, \$500 scholarship to help defray college costs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

GPA: _____

Please attach a 250 word essay about yourself and why you should be considered for this award. Selection is based on employment in the township and an attitude and values that reflect the community spirit exemplified by Mrs. O'Neil, such as honest, integrity, school and/or community involvement, leadership qualities, perseverance, use of good judgment and high ideals: