



Ascienzo Family Foundation (AFF) Scholarship 2024 Application

ascienzofamilyfoundation.org

Number & Amount:

- Up to **Two** (2) awards available
- **\$2,000**/year with a 2nd year possibility - see below

Applicant Requirements:

- Red Hook High School Class of 2024 prospective graduate
- Acceptance/attendance at a local college, either a 2 or 4 year school will be given preference, although all are encouraged to apply
- A willingness to contribute by way of advocacy and/or service to the AFF. This will be a commitment of 5 -10 hours during the year starting in September 2024 and ending in April 2025. Your role with us may include:
 - volunteering for a local non-profit organization whose work aligns with one of our mission goals
 - assisting with Red Hook Responds
 - attending remotely two AFF meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring
 - organizing a service project meeting one of our mission goals
- Completion of this application - a fillable pdf with your attached essay - by **April 15th** to be emailed to ascienzofamilyfoundation@gmail.com with the subject line "AFF Scholarship Application". We will review all applications and announce winners at Awards Night at the High School on June 6th.
- **NOTE:** A second-year scholarship and the opportunity to submit a grant application for up to \$2,000 the end of your 2nd year will both be considered upon successful completion of a first year with the AFF. We value your educational and community experience and provide this incentive for your involvement.

Details:

The Ascienzo Family Foundation ascienzofamilyfoundation.org is a local nonprofit organization, whose mission focuses on addressing food insecurity, providing educational opportunities to the underserved, and aiding the elderly. The AFF was founded in 2014

by former RH teacher, Nick Ascienzo, and its Board members currently include Ali Fraenkel (RHHS '11), Brittany Mosher (RHHS '05), Sophie Laing (RHHS '12), former Red Hook teacher Frances Thompson (RHHS '76), former teacher Sue Kaiser, and current teacher Jen Melitski at LAMS. We operate through a unique network of ambassadors- - all RHHS grads - spread out across the country, and local community partners. Our ambassadors have the opportunity to apply for grants on behalf of organizations for which they advocate. We also have an open application available for local community members through which they may apply for funds.

Your role may be flexible depending on your interests and our needs, but we hope that if chosen for the scholarship you are committed to service-learning and getting actively involved in nonprofits in the area.

You can familiarize yourself with our grants and team on our website, or learn more through instagram (@ascienzofamilyfdn) or twitter (@ascienzoFDN). Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at ascienzofamilyfoundation@gmail.com if you have more questions about the application. We're proud to sponsor this scholarship in support of your future and look forward to a possible two year relationship with you should you be selected.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

College to attend, if you've decided: _____

College(s) to which you've applied, otherwise: _____

Planned course of study, if determined: _____

Are there any organizations/activities, in school or outside of school, that you volunteer for or participate in? Please name, indicate your role (e.g. volunteer, supervisor), and list the months/years and hourly time commitment in the space below. You may elaborate further on your role in the personal essay in Part 2.

Name two teachers (you presently have or have had in your junior year), coaches, or community leaders who would recommend you based on your character. Please include a phone number and email address where the reference can be reached. A formal letter of reference from either is **not required**, but we may reach out to the references on our own.

Reference 1: _____ phone number: _____

email address: _____

Reference 2: _____ phone number: _____

email address: _____

2. ESSAY

We (the AFF Board) want to get to know you! This is an open essay, but should touch upon your aspirations and what makes you excited about getting involved in your community. You may include greater detail on your existing or past engagement in volunteering and how those experiences have shaped you and thoughts on any of our mission goals. You may also touch upon ideas you have for future engagement, and how you are hoping to contribute to and learn from this opportunity. Please limit your writing to **1000 words** in a separate document and attach to this application for submission.
