

Leaders of Tomorrow SCHOLARSHIPS



Dear Principal or School Counselor,

Each year the New York Lottery invites high schools across the state to nominate two graduating seniors for a New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded to student leaders who have demonstrated strong academic ability, participated in extracurricular activities, and displayed a commitment to community service. The \$5,000 scholarship is distributed in payments of \$625 per semester to one graduating senior from each participating public and private high school in New York State. The scholarship may be applied to the cost of attendance at any New York accredited college, university, trade school or community college.

Once again this year we're pleased to share the enclosed application package to help you identify students from the class of 2009 who might be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. All applications received will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary selection panel comprised of professional educators, administrators, counselors and other qualified staff. Members of the panel will determine which student from your school will be awarded the scholarship. The second nominee will be eligible to receive the scholarship in the event the original recipient cannot accept the award.

Applications nominating two seniors from your high school should be returned before April 8, 2009, in order for the Lottery to administer all awards in a timely manner. Applications received after the deadline may be disqualified.

Since 1999, you have helped the New York Lottery award more than 10,000 LOT Scholarships to high school graduates throughout New York State. We look forward to working with you to help a new generation of New Yorkers prepare for the challenging jobs of the future.

If you have any questions about the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Program, please call the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA) at (518) 525-2686 or email jlefkovits@uamail.albany.edu. Thank you for helping the New York Lottery fulfill its education mission.

Questions about the program?

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Overview

Goal: In keeping with the New York Lottery's mission to raise revenue for education, the Lottery's Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarships are awarded to student leaders who demonstrate strong academic performance, participate in extracurricular activities, and display a commitment to community service.

A \$5,000 scholarship is distributed in payments of \$625 per semester to one graduating senior from each participating public and private high school in New York State. The LOT Scholarships help New York's students earn their college degree and prepare for the challenging jobs of the future.

Award Criteria: Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a LOT Scholarship award:

1. Graduate high school in June 2009
2. Earn at least a "B" average based on seven semesters of high school (include transcript)
3. Demonstrate leadership skills and participate in extracurricular and community activities
4. Be a U.S. citizen or qualifying non-citizen and a New York State resident
5. Plan to attend a New York State accredited college, university, trade school, or community college that participates in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
6. Parents/Guardians may not be employed by the New York Lottery or one of its contractors.

- Conditions for Maintaining Award:**
1. The scholarship must be used within five years, commencing with the first academic year the scholarship was awarded.
 2. The scholarship will be revoked if the student begins study at an out-of-state institution or does not maintain the 3.0 cumulative grade point average requirement.
 3. To receive payment of the scholarship, the student must submit a FAFSA and TAP application or a Scholarship and Grant application to Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) by May 1 of each year.
 4. The award cannot exceed the cost of attendance.

Deadline: Applications from schools must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 8, 2009, and mailed to:

CASDA-LOT
University at Albany - East Campus
Five University Place - A409
Rensselaer, NY 12144

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Process

The New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship program awards \$5,000 in college financial assistance to deserving high school students across New York State. In an ongoing effort to improve the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship program, we have taken into account the many suggestions we have received from school administrators, school counselors and parents, and have produced this guide to clarify our procedure.

The New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships are for those hardworking students with experience in extracurricular and community activities who have demonstrated leadership skills, and who might not necessarily qualify for more traditional scholarship awards.

We rely on you to determine a process for choosing the **two** candidates your school submits to us for consideration. Last year, many schools convened scholarship committees, some had the school counselors represent their caseload and others went through a formal selection process of their own design. The application evaluation rubric is available to school committees upon request.

The following are some things we would like to make you aware of, based on prior suggestions:

- We **MUST** have **two** applications from each school to reduce the chance of a school missing out on a guaranteed scholarship if the original winner does not qualify or does not accept the award. In this scenario, the alternate would receive the award.
- Applications must be returned to the guidance office by a date designated by your school. Please add a student deadline, as determined by your school, to the attached poster. School submissions to CASDA-LOT must be postmarked by April 8, 2009.
- A school transcript must be attached to each student's application at the time of submission.
- A signed application is considered an endorsement of the student for the scholarship.
- The scholarship is for the cost of attendance at a New York State accredited college, university, trade school, or community college.
- No attached sheets will be accepted (essay and transcript only).
- Applications may be photocopied.
- Keep a copy of the nomination forms for your records.
- Students must be U.S. citizens or qualifying non-residents and New York State residents.

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Part 2 - Student Essay

Write an essay of no more than one double-spaced, typed page (no smaller than 12 point) on the following topic:

Your education helps you meet your responsibilities as a citizen of New York State and the United States. Part of that education takes place outside the classroom in the form of time and effort invested in the surrounding community. Think about a contribution you have made, over a period of time, to an individual, a group, or project in your community. Describe the service or contribution and write about its value to the individual, group, or community and to yourself. Be sure to consider how your experience, combined with your college education, will prepare you to meet your responsibilities to yourself and your community.

Handwritten responses and off-topic essays will not be considered. All essays must have an original title.

Part 3 - To be completed by the High School Principal *(please print or type)*

12 Digit BEDS Code _____

Name of Principal _____

Contact Name in Guidance Department _____

Name of High School _____

School Address _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

County

Telephone _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Number of Seniors (October 2008): _____ School Type: Public Private

Student Academic Information

Expected Graduation Date: _____

GPA after seven semesters of high school (percentage out of 100): _____

Please attach transcript

Head of Guidance/Scholarship Signature* _____ Date _____

Principal Signature* _____ Date _____

**Signature is considered endorsement of student and verifies above information is true.*

Part 4 - To Be Completed by a Parent/Guardian (please print)

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of Applicant (Student) _____

We understand that if the applicant is selected for a New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) Scholarship, he/she will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in payments of \$625 each semester. We understand these payments will be made directly to the applicant's school on his/her behalf. We understand each annual amount will be paid in prorated installments for each eligible term of study as determined by the applicant's college or university. We understand and agree that in order to remain eligible for payment of this award, recipients must maintain full-time status and maintain no less than a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. We understand and agree that this scholarship will be applied toward cost of attendance only for undergraduate course work at an accredited institution eligible to participate in New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). We understand and agree that this scholarship will be subject to the same laws and regulations prescribed in New York State Education Law section 605-a unless specified otherwise.

We understand and agree that if a LOT recipient accepts a full-cost-of-attendance scholarship from another source, he/she will forfeit acceptance of this award. We understand and agree that a LOT recipient will only be eligible to receive payment in each of the five academic years immediately following his/her high school graduation.

We understand and agree that the applicant must fully disclose requested information and permit the New York Lottery, its agents, contractors and the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) access to enrollment status, grades and financial aid awards or such other documents in order to verify that qualifications are maintained. We understand and agree that the applicant, if selected, must apply for payment of his/her award each year on prescribed forms. Failure to meet the above requirements will result in the revocation or suspension of this scholarship.

We understand and agree the applicant must furnish the program administrators with the documentation requested when he/she has been accepted to and plans to attend an accredited institution. We understand and agree that, in the event that the applicant defers college attendance for the upcoming academic year, the applicant must notify the program administrators of his/her intentions by August 15 of the upcoming academic year or the award will be forfeited.

We understand and agree that the New York Lottery reserves the right to feature scholarship winners and/or their names and likenesses in printed and other media. Such likenesses will not be used under any circumstances to market products other than the LOT Scholarship.

We affirm under penalty of perjury that the applicant is not a child of a New York Lottery employee or one of its contractors.

We affirm under penalty of perjury that the information and statements contained herein are true and accurate representations.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Student qualifications for application:

1. Expected to graduate in June 2009
2. Maintain at least a "B" average based on seven semesters of high school; include transcript
3. Experience in extracurricular and community activities
4. Demonstrated leadership skills
5. Plans to attend a New York State accredited college, university, trade school, or community college
6. Parents/Guardians are not employed by the New York Lottery or one of its contractors.

Student qualifications for maintaining award:

1. Attend a New York State accredited college, university, trade school, or community college
2. Maintain full-time student status
3. Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, as determined by school
4. Non-acceptance of a full-cost-of-attendance scholarship from another source
5. Submit FAFSA and TAP applications or a Scholarship and Grant application to HESC by May 1
6. Provide program administrator with proper transcripts/documents to confirm eligibility
7. Complete studies within five years of high school graduation date

School submissions:

- Each high school must recommend two eligible seniors for the LOT Scholarship.
- Both student applications must be submitted at the same time.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- One senior from every participating public and private high school will be selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Application checklist (postmarked by April 8, 2009):

- Completed application form, signed by student
- Student essay
- High school information completed
- Student transcript attached to application
- Signed parent/guardian agreement

Timeline:

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Could you use a
\$5,000 scholarship
to the New York
school of your choice?

See your school administrator
or school counselor for details

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Students of today are New York's Leaders of Tomorrow!

One graduating student with experience in extracurricular and community activities who has demonstrated leadership skills will receive a New York Lottery Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Application Deadline:

Add school deadline here