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January 2009

Ms. Shelley Fitzpatrick
Business Administrator
Sandy Creek Central School District
124 Salisbury Street
PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

I am writing to ask your help in sharing what we hope is an exciting opportunity for students in your district. NYSIR once again, through its foundation is offering two separate memorial scholarships, each in the amount of \$3,000 payable over two semesters, to students in subscriber schools only.

The first scholarship is available to a special education student who is college bound. The goal of this scholarship is to reward a student who has worked through his or her special challenges to complete high school and gain acceptance into a college or university. The scholarship is in memory of Cristin Ann Bambino, daughter of NYSIR's Director of Risk Management, Robert Bambino. Cristin was a special education student who persevered through many obstacles and earned a Bachelor's degree and a Paralegal Certificate before her untimely passing.

Applicants for this scholarship must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words, that addresses the following topics:

- The student's accomplishments (clubs, athletics, volunteer activities, and academic achievements);
- Examples of how the student overcame his or her challenges;
- How the student can serve as a role model for other young people with special challenges; and
- What the student will study in college

The second scholarship is available to a student who has excelled in design in his or her high school career. The goal of this scholarship is to reward a student who has shown interest and promise in design and who wish to pursue this path in college. The scholarship is in memory of Paul Jensen, a marketing representative for NYSIR. Paul was a great craftsman, able to evaluate the best functional attributes of multiple designs and then conceptualize his own creative version. For example, he created canoe designs then converted them to sailing canoes, and then adapted a commercial roof rack to transport the canoes.

Applicants for this scholarship must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words, that explains:

- A way they would design, or adapt an existing design, for a specific purpose;
- How this design or adaptation could be accomplished;
- Why this design, or adaptation, would be useful.

Schematics or drawings are not required but may be attached to the essay to help explain the design or adaptation.

I ask that you share this letter and criteria with your guidance department so that counselors may let all seniors in your district know that the scholarships are available. I have also enclosed two scholarship application forms that should be attached to the essay when it is returned. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need for interested and eligible students.

While we do not request a recommendation or endorsement from you, we do ask that students submit their applications through you so that you are assured that they are sent and that they will be reviewed.

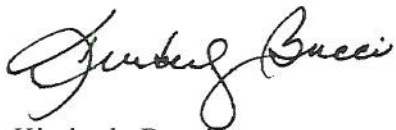
Applications should be postmarked **no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2009** and sent to:

Mr. Joseph Goncalves
Executive Director
New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal
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These forms are also available on the NYSIR web site, www.nysir.org.

A committee will review all applications and the scholarships will be presented on May 21 at our annual meeting. If you have any questions, please call Joe Goncalves at 1-800-476-9747, ext. 1468.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Bucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "K".

Kimberly Bucci
President, Board of Governors
New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal



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**THE CRISTIN ANN BAMBINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2009 APPLICATION FORM**

I. CRITERIA

This scholarship, in the amount of \$3,000, payable over two semesters, will be awarded to a college-bound special education student from a NYSIR-member school district to reward him or her for working through special challenges to complete high school and obtain acceptance to a college or university.

Please attach an essay, written by the student, not to exceed 650 words, that addresses the following topics:

- o The student's accomplishments (clubs, athletics, volunteer activities, and academic achievements);
- o Examples of how the student overcame his or her challenges;
- o How the student can serve as a role model for other young people with special challenges; and
- o What the student will study in college

II. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

Application must be signed by the School Official who manages the district's relationship with NYSIR or by the School Guidance Counselor and sent to Joseph Goncalves at the address below. Please make sure that your name and high school name are on each page of your essay. **(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)**

III. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of High School: _____

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

IV. TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL:

Name of School District : _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School Official or Guidance Signature

Print Name Here

Title

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**THE PAUL JENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2009 APPLICATION FORM**

I. CRITERIA

This scholarship, in the amount of \$3,000, payable over two semesters, will be awarded to a student who has excelled in design in his or her high school career. The goal of this scholarship is to reward a student who has shown interest and promise in design who is seeking an opportunity to pursue this path in college. The scholarship is in memory of Paul Jensen, a marketing representative for NYSIR. Paul was a great craftsman, able to evaluate the best functional attributes of multiple designs and then conceptualize his own creative version. For example, he created canoe designs that converted them to sailing canoes, and adapted a commercial roof rack to transport the canoes. The applicant must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words, that explains:

- A way he or she would design, or adapt an existing design, for a specific purpose;
- How this design, or adaptation, could be accomplished;
- Why this design, or adaptation, would be useful.

Schematics or drawings are not required but may be attached to the essay to help explain the design or adaptation.

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Application must be signed by the School Official who manages the district's relationship with NYSIR or by the School Guidance Counselor and sent to Joseph Goncalves at the address below. Please make sure that your name and high school name are on each page of your essay. **(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)**

III. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name of High School: _____

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

IV. TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL:

Name of School District : _____

Address: _____

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School Official or Guidance Signature

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