



REALTYUSA 19TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Explanation of Purpose:

The RealtyUSA Scholarship is awarded to a student desiring a four-year college degree. The purpose is to encourage and support the young people of the Buffalo/Niagara region in their pursuit of higher education.

Amount of Scholarship:

First place receives \$1,000 cash scholarship.

Additional awards are given for selected finalists including:

- \$250 cash (2 awards)
- \$50 cash (3 awards)
- Honorable Mention Gifts

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Student must be a senior attending a high school in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Orleans or Wyoming County.
2. High school cumulative average of 88 or above for grades 9-12.
3. Acceptance and proof of enrollment in an accredited 4-year college.
(If acceptance is not yet received before submitting this scholarship application, please note on application under colleges to which you applied. Verification will be made at time of final selection.)
4. Evidence of well-rounded interests through participation in high school and community activities.
5. **Please submit the attached general application form fully completed with a recent photo, two letters of reference, essay, grade transcripts and parent signature. All incomplete entries will be ineligible for this scholarship.**
6. All entries must be submitted and postmarked by **April 25, 2014**

Selection Criteria:

1. Satisfactory response to all segments of this application.
2. Review of letters of reference.
3. Submission of a short essay or poem on one of the following topics:
 - a) What are the biggest challenges that our high schools face today?
 - b) What responsibilities do we, as U.S. citizens, have to our country?
 - c) This is the house that Jack built.
 - d) Albert Einstein once said, “The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”
4. All entrants give RealtyUSA the rights to publish any excerpt or the entirety of a submitted written work with the entrants photograph.

Who will make the selection and how:

RealtyUSA Scholarship Selection Committee

Selection Date: Final selection of winners will be completed and notified by July 15, 2014.

Contact Person: Mrs. Louise Van Wart Phone: (716) 691-5800
lvanwalt@realtyusa.com

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Please type or print legibly.

Name: _____

 Last First MI

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

 _____ Sex: _____

High School: _____

 Name Address

Family information: (All responses should pertain to the parent(s) or guardian(s) with whom applicant lives and/or whom applicant is dependent for financial support.)

Relationship Last First MI Occupation

Address

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Number of dependent children in family including applicant: _____

Number of family members in college next year: _____

Cumulative high school average: _____

(Transcript and latest report card is required & must be attached)

Rank in class: _____ Total in graduating class: _____

SAT Verbal: _____ SAT Math: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

Intended college: _____

Program of study: _____

Degree to be earned: _____

Yearly estimated cost of preferred college (include tuition, room & board): _____

Name: _____
Last First MI

Career goal: _____

Other scholarships for which you have applied: _____

School related activities (include grades in which participated and offices held): _____

Athletic activities (include grade and any leadership position): _____

Honors and awards: _____

Community and/or volunteer activities: _____

Special talents/Interests: _____

Present work experience: _____
Employer Address

Type of Job Hours per week Length of Employment

How much will you have saved for college in September? _____

How did you learn about our scholarship? _____

I hereby give RealtyUSA permission to use any portion of my entry poem/essay for publication.

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Attach this form to your written work. Please make sure your name is on each page of all submitted papers. Deadline for submission: April 25, 2014

Send to: Louise Van Wart / Scholarship Chair & Manager
RealtyUSA
3195 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14228-1640

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
REALTYUSA 18TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dear _____:
(Name of person completing recommendation)

_____ is applying for the scholarship offered by
(Candidate)

RealtyUSA.

Please provide a letter of recommendation for the candidate, assessing the student's personal and academic qualities. We are particularly interested in evidence about character, maturity, independence, values and the things the student is enthusiastic about, and special talent or quality the student possesses. We would like to know about both strong and weak points. Include in your letter how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant.

Please place the finished recommendation in a sealed envelope and return to the student directly or forward to:

Louise Van Wart
RealtyUSA
Scholarship Chairperson/Manager
3195 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14228-1640

Your prompt reply, on or before April 25, 2014 will help us in making our decision.