

North Plainfield High School

**Clearinghouse
Scholarship
Application
2025-2026**

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SCHOLARSHIP CLEARINGHOUSE NORTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

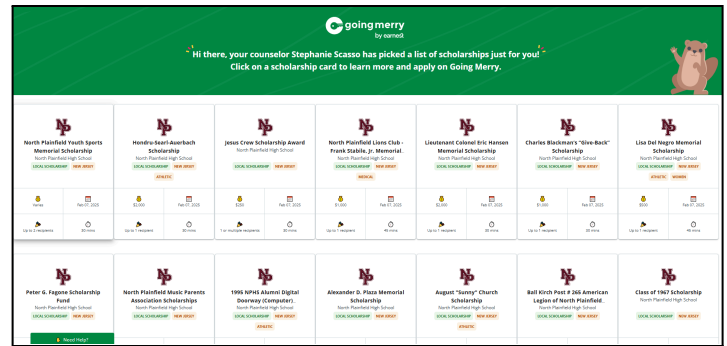


The scholarships listed in this bulletin are made available to seniors planning to continue their education in college and other institutions of higher learning. The grantors, who provide these scholarships, represent groups active in school and community projects in North Plainfield and nearby towns. Each grantor is represented on the North Plainfield Scholarship Clearinghouse Committee. This Clearinghouse serves as a means of unifying the many groups offering financial assistance to students in North Plainfield High School.

PROCEDURE

1. Access the Customized Scholarships

- a. Click on the [provided link](#) to view all of the customized scholarships offered by North Plainfield High School (NPHS).

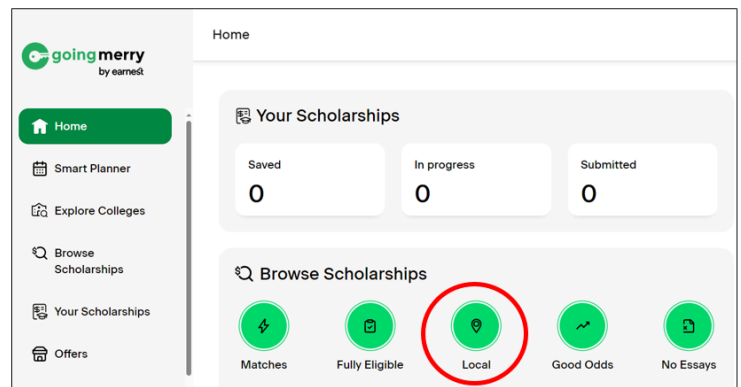


2. Create Your Account: [Log in or create an account on Going Merry.](#)

- a. Complete your profile and be sure to select *North Plainfield High School* as your school. This ensures that all customized scholarships will appear under the “Local Scholarships” section on your homepage.

3. View Available Scholarships

- a. Navigate to the “Local Scholarships” section on the main page of your homepage to view scholarships offered by NPHS.



4. Complete Applications

- a. Review the requirements for each scholarship carefully.
- b. Fill out all required items on the application forms to submit your application.
- c. Be sure to provide all requested information, as some scholarships require specific items, such as essays or personal statements.

5. Understand Scholarship Requirements

- a. Carefully read the qualifying criteria and instructions for each scholarship.
- b. Some scholarships may require a personal letter instead of answering questions on the standard application.

6. Make a Strong First Impression

- a. Remember, your application is your first contact with the scholarship committees.
- b. Ensure your application is professional, grammatically correct, and free of spelling errors.



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7. **DEADLINE DATE:** Your application **MUST** be submitted online through [GoingMerry](#) no later than **February 6, 2026**.
8. Several organizations may wish to interview candidates.
 - a. The interviews will be scheduled on **March 26, 2026**, at NPHS at 6:00 PM. The Scholarship Chairperson will notify the Counseling Department, of which applicants they wish to interview by **March 2, 2026**. Students will be notified of the time and place to report or sent the virtual link.
9. Award winners may be announced on or about **April 10, 2026**.
10. The scholarship awards night will be held at **NPHS, on May 12, 2026, in the gymnasium**.
11. If you are fortunate enough to receive one or more of these awards, please:
 - a. **WRITE A LETTER OF THANKS** to the club or group whose scholarship you received. Bring the letter to Ms. Pena in the Counseling office, who will deliver your thank you letter to the chairperson of the scholarship that you received. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT!**
 - b. **NOTIFY THE ORGANIZATION WHEN YOU REGISTER AT COLLEGE.** (Most of the organizations will forward the scholarship money directly to the college upon notification of your registration). Some organizations will choose to mail the scholarship directly to you.
 - c. Address all letters to the Scholarship Chairperson of the organization.
12. Should you require further information or assistance, see Ms. Pena or Ms. Scasso in the counseling office.



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Scholarship List

<u>1995 NPHS Alumni Digital Doorway (Computer)</u>	<u>Lieutenant Colonel Eric Hansen Memorial</u>
<u>Alexander D. Plaza Memorial</u>	<u>Linda L. Bond-Nelson Memorial</u>
<u>American Red Cross Student</u>	<u>Lisa Del Negro Memorial</u>
<u>Ball-Kirch Post #265, American Legion of NP, James Tennant Memorial</u>	<u>Louis A. & Rosemary Caruso Memorial</u>
<u>Blumetti Family</u>	<u>Marjorie & Frank Mundy</u>
<u>Charles Blackman "Give Back"</u>	<u>Michael W. Zawrotnak Memorial</u>
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>North Plainfield Alumni Association</u>
<u>Class of 2025 "Canuck Spirit" Scholarship</u>	<u>North Plainfield Education Philanthropic Association</u>
<u>Danielle Elise Lopez Memorial</u>	<u>North Plainfield Lions Club</u>
<u>Deanne D'Armiento Memorial</u>	<u>North Plainfield Music Parents Association</u>
<u>Emily Thompson Memorial</u>	<u>North Plainfield Parks and Recreation Commission</u>
<u>Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica</u>	<u>North Plainfield PTA/PTO Council</u>
<u>Ginger Feola Canuck Pride</u>	<u>North Plainfield Youth Sports Memorial</u>
<u>Hondru-Searl-Auerbach</u>	<u>NPHS Field Hockey Booster Parents' Club</u>
<u>James R. Forster Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Perez "Resilience"</u>
<u>Jesus Crew Scholarship Award</u>	<u>Peter G. Fagone Scholarship Fund</u>
<u>Julie Ciampa Farnoly, NPHS '83 Memorial</u>	<u>Rotary Club of Plainfield/North Plainfield</u>



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1995 NPHS Digital Doorway Scholarship (Computer)

The Digital Doorway scholarship aims to mitigate financial barriers (specifically, technology) for a high-achieving minority student who will be attending either a 2 or 4-year college. The scholarship will provide a Computer / Laptop to a graduating senior.

Applicants must have at least a B average, have played a sport for at least 3 years and have participated in a high school or community organization. The applicant must have applied and been accepted to an accredited college or university. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, athletic achievement, and financial need.

Scan the QR code below to view the scholarship information:



Alexander D. Plaza Memorial Scholarship:

Presented to a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in law enforcement

Alex Plaza was a 2009 graduate of North Plainfield High School who excelled in both football and baseball. Growing up, Alex had a lifelong dream of following a family tradition and becoming a police officer. That dream was achieved when Alex became a police officer with the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States working in New York City. Tragically, Alex lost his life in an accident on November 27, 2015. This scholarship has been created to assist a graduating senior who hopes to achieve the same dream that Alex had and pursue a career in law enforcement.

Amount: \$1,000

Criteria:

1. Must be pursuing a career in law enforcement.

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American Red Cross Student Scholarship Award

The American Red Cross is proud to present a scholarship to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a commitment to humanitarian values and service. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing post-secondary education at a two-year or four-year college, university, or trade school.

The recipient of this award understands the importance of helping others and supports the Red Cross mission of saving lives. This student contributes to a culture of service by promoting community well-being, showing dedication to preparedness, and valuing the impact of blood donation. Through their involvement, positive character, and readiness to help, this student reflects the spirit of the Red Cross and strengthens our shared commitment to building a safer and more caring community.

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American Red Cross
Student Scholarship

Ball-Kirch Post #265, American Legion of North Plainfield, James Tennant Memorial Scholarship:

Ball-Kirch Post #265 is offering up to four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens, graduating high school seniors, and have made an application to an accredited institution of higher education. The applicants shall have a good academic record and actively participate in extracurricular and/or community activities. Time spent working part-time during the school year and summers will be strongly considered.

They shall also meet one of the following criteria:

- North Plainfield resident and the child or grandchild of an honorably discharged Veteran of any of the U.S. military Branches (i.e. U.S. Armed Forces, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, etc.)
- Child or grandchild of a current member of Ball-Kirch Post #265 American Legion, with 5 years of continuous membership.

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Ball Kirch Post #265
American Legion



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Blumetti Family Scholarship:

This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in memory of Rose, Madeline, James, and Salvatore Blumetti, who all graduated from North Plainfield High School. The recipient is a graduating senior accepted into a four-year college and involved in school and community activities.

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Blumetti Family
Scholarship

Charles Blackman “Give-Back” Scholarship:

One \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a senior who is continuing his/her education after high school. After getting teacher input, the recipient will be selected by members of the Counseling Department based on effort and character.

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Charles Blackman's
“Give-Back” Scholarship



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The Class of 2023 Scholarship

The Class of 2023 is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be attending a two or four-year college or trade school. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has actively been involved in their student council, community, and school.

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Class of 2025 "Canuck Spirit" Scholarship

The Class of 2025 is proud to present a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who embodies the true character of the Canuck. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is attending a two-year or four-year college or a trade school and who consistently demonstrates our school's core values: Caring, Appreciation, Respect, and Determination. The recipient of this award fosters a spirited, positive atmosphere within the school community and takes pride in the uniqueness of being a Canuck. This student understands the value of the Canuck spirit and contributes to strengthening our close-knit, caring community through their actions, attitude, and school pride.

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Danielle Elise Lopez Memorial

Danielle Elise Lopez (Danny) was a Black Belt in Shotokan Karate, a former student at John Jay College (NYC) and an active member of the US NAVY (2016 – 2020) until her passing in March 2020 at the age of 25. Besides her amazing sense of humor, she was a student of science fiction, fantasy, and anime. She spent many evenings writing fictional short stories and integrating social, political and philosophical concepts into her narratives.

In her memory, the Lopez family will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior presently attending North Plainfield High School who has been accepted to a 4-year college and who plans to major in Literature, Journalism or Film/TV writing program.

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Deanne D'Armiento Memorial Scholarship:

Deanne M. D'Armiento Memorial Scholarship has been established at North Plainfield High School in memory of Deanne M. D'Armiento, former NPMS science teacher. Ms. D'Armiento was the Girls' Track Coach for over 25 years. She also coached Girls' Basketball, Girls' Tennis, and was a staff member for the Varsity Football Team. Her positive energy and willingness to assist students and fellow teachers were admirable. Her family has established this scholarship to recognize students who work hard in the classroom, in athletic endeavors, and in the community to create positive opportunities for themselves as well as their classmates/teammates.

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior who will dedicate themselves to making a difference in the lives of others.

Criteria to apply:

- Education Major or plan to Major in a science-related field
- Participate in two of the following: NP Athletics, Community Service, Mentoring, or Extracurricular Clubs/the Arts.

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Emily Thompson Memorial Scholarship:

One \$500 scholarship will be available to any senior attending a 4-year college/university to major in education. Students studying Special Education will be given preference. Students must have at least a B average.

Emily Thompson was a much loved Special Education Teacher in both the North Plainfield Middle School and High School. Her dedication and heartfelt empathy gave hope and knowledge to all of those whose lives she touched. These scholarships are given in the hope that the students who receive them will dedicate themselves to making a difference in the lives they will touch.

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Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica:

A scholarship of \$750 to an NPHS graduating student, with a demonstrated talent and devotion to the sciences, which is accepted in a two or four-year college or art school. Accomplishments in photography or other non-performing art may be considered a plus.

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Ginger Feola Canuck Pride Scholarship:

Two or more scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded to a senior student who exemplifies Canuck Pride and demonstrates the characteristics of C.A.R.D. (Caring, Appreciation, Respect, and Determination). This scholarship is in honor of our recently retired School Counseling Secretary, Ginger Feola, for her 39 years of tireless work and dedication to North Plainfield High School students, staff, community, and scholarship committee.

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Hondru-Searl-Auerbach Scholarship:

This scholarship in the amount of \$2000 is awarded to a graduating senior who has shown achievement in academics as well as athletics, and who intends to major in the arts or sciences, engineering, business, or healthcare professions.

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James R. Forster Scholarship Fund:

James Forster (known as Jimmy when he attended North Plainfield High School), graduated in 1971. He attended Wesleyan University and Rutgers University graduating with a BSEE in Computer and Electrical Engineering. He went on to forge a career in software engineering culminating with a 20-year career at Cisco Systems, Inc. The James R. Forster Scholarship Fund will award a \$2500 scholarship to an NPHS senior whose focus of study will be math, computer science, or engineering in a two (2) year or four (4) year college. This student will have demonstrated their commitment to the fields of math, computer science, or engineering in a number of ways including, but not limited to academic performance, extra-curricular school activities, skills competitions, part-time work experience, and volunteer work experience.

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Jesus Crew Scholarship Award:

A scholarship of \$250 for a graduating senior, with at least a 3.0, who is extremely purpose-driven & intentional about fulfilling their goals and dreams.

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Julie Ciampa Farnoly, NPHS '83' Memorial Scholarship:

Julie excelled academically in North Plainfield and at Douglas College. Her working careers encompassed speech therapy, teaching, and financial services, all after serving as the first waitress at Pepe's.

This \$750 award will go to a good student interested in the various healthcare fields.

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Lieutenant Colonel Eric Hansen Memorial Scholarship:

A \$2000 scholarship for a deserving Senior, NJROTC cadet has been established in memory of Lieutenant Colonel Eric Hansen, North Plainfield High School's longtime Senior Naval Science Instructor who passed away on May 7, 2022.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Being in the NJROTC program for at least two (or three) years, including their senior year.
- Maintaining at least a cumulative "B" average or better.
- Planning on either attending a 4-year college or enlisting in one of the military services.

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Linda L. Bond-Nelson Memorial Scholarship:

In memory of Linda Lee Bond-Nelson, who served on the North Plainfield Board of Education for 9 terms, from 1992 until 2019. This scholarship in the amount of two \$750 will be awarded to a North Plainfield High School graduating student who is actively involved in the arts at NPHS.

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Linda L. Bond - Nelson
Scholarship

Lisa Del Negro Memorial Scholarship:

Lisa Del Negro was a 2007 graduate of NPHS. Lisa loved North Plainfield and dedicated her life to helping others. She gave 100 percent of herself to everything she did and touched the hearts of many.

Through the Lisa Del Negro Memorial Scholarship Fund established in Lisa’s memory, Lisa’s family will award one (1) \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating female senior, who plans to attend any type of institution of higher learning. To be eligible for this scholarship you must have played a varsity sport (at least one year varsity, two years in the program).

To apply for this scholarship the applicant **must** submit a letter describing your career goals, ambitions, interests, and involvement in community and school activities. Please include information regarding your involvement in the sports you played, the activities you participated in, and what North Plainfield means to you, along with any other information you wish to include. If Lisa, or someone like her, has touched your life, please share your experience. No minimum grade point average is required.

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Lisa Del Negro
Memorial Scholarship



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Louis A. & Rosemary Caruso Memorial Scholarship:

Louis Caruso was a lifetime resident and graduate of North Plainfield High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a past commander of the local VFW Starr-Richie Post. He spearheaded the effort to fundraise and build the World War II Monument that’s located on the grounds of the North Plainfield library. The monument is dedicated to those residents who served and gave their lives during the war.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Caruso was a prominent photographer in New Jersey, photographing more than 4,000 weddings. His collection of Presidential photographs started with Harry Truman, taken in 1948, up to Barack Obama in 2008.

The Caruso Family will award two \$500 scholarships in Louis’ memory to two graduating seniors who embody his spirit of leadership, public service, community involvement, and appreciation of the arts.

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Marjorie & Frank Mundy Scholarship:

The Marjorie & Frank Mundy Scholarship has been established at North Plainfield High School since 1994. This scholarship will be awarded to a financially deserving senior who shows intellect, aptitude, and desire to continue with an undergraduate education.

A 4-year scholarship in the amount of \$24,000 (up to \$6,000 over a consecutive four-year period) will be awarded each year to a graduating NPHS senior. This scholarship was made possible through the generosity of Marjorie Mundy, a former resident of North Plainfield and a member of the graduating class of 1924. Seniors may apply for this scholarship by completing the application and including a copy of the CSS Profile.

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Michael W. Zawrotnak Memorial Scholarship:

Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships are available to seniors, male or female, who will be attending a two or four-year college. These scholarships are not based on financial need.

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North Plainfield Alumni Association Scholarships:

- a. **North Plainfield High School Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship**
The North Plainfield High School Alumni Association will offer two \$500 scholarships each to a graduating female and male, who demonstrate academic achievement and community service, and who plan to continue his/her education upon graduation from high school.
- b. **Ernest Jaeger Scholarship:** The North Plainfield High School Alumni Association will offer one \$1000 scholarship to a graduating NPHS student with a grade point average "C" or better, in good standing, who demonstrates leadership/membership in student extra-curricular activities, contributed to the community and has applied and been accepted to a 4-year or 2-year college, university or trade school. Applicants must provide: Two letters of reference - one from a teacher who taught the student.
- c. **North Plainfield High School Alumni Association STEM Scholarship:** The North Plainfield High School Alumni Association will offer two \$500 scholarships, each to graduating students who have demonstrated excellence in Math, Science, Technology or Music. They will be awarded to college bound students who plan to major in the fields of math, science, engineering, technology or music.

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North Plainfield Education Philanthropic Association Scholarship:

One scholarship of \$500, is open to a senior who has made an application to an accredited four-year or two-year college or university, ranks in the top quarter of the class, and provides a letter of recommendation from an NPHS teacher who has taught the applicant.

Applicants who meet the above criteria may be invited for an interview. Special consideration will be given to applicants who plan to enter the teaching profession.

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North Plainfield Education
Philanthropic Association
Scholarship



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North Plainfield Lions Club Scholarships:

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Lions Club
Memorial Scholarship

- A. **Lions Club Memorial Scholarship**: One \$1000 cash award is open to students planning on attending a four-year college who are presently attending North Plainfield High School and who have attended NPHS for at least three years. Criteria for the scholarship are school record, community service and volunteering, and financial need.



North Plainfield Club Francis
J. Vitelli Scholarship

- B. **North Plainfield Club Francis J. Vitelli Scholarship**: One \$1000 cash award is open to students planning on attending a four-year college who are presently attending North Plainfield High School and who have attended NPHS for at least **three** years. Criteria for the scholarship are community service and volunteering, school record, financial need, and athletic accomplishment.



Frank Stabile, Jr.
Memorial Scholarship

- C. **Frank Stabile, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**: One scholarship in the amount of \$1000 is open to students interested in a career in nursing who are presently attending North Plainfield High School and who have attended NPHS for at least three years. Criteria include school record, financial need and reasons for seeking a career in nursing.



Gerald L. Schwartz
Memorial Scholarship

- D. **Gerald L. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship**: One scholarship in the amount of \$1000 is open to students who demonstrate a commitment to community service and volunteering who are presently attending North Plainfield High School and who have attended NPHS for at least three years.



Joe Tevlin Memorial
Scholarship

- E. **Joe Tevlin Memorial Scholarship**: One \$1000 cash award is open to students planning on continuing their education by attending trade school, who are presently attending North Plainfield High School and who have attended North Plainfield High School for at least three years. Criteria for the scholarship is: school record, community service and volunteering, and financial need.



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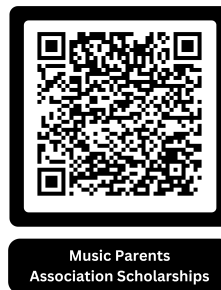
North Plainfield Music Parents Association Scholarships:

North Plainfield Music Parents Association will be awarding scholarship(s) to its choral, instrumental, and guard programs graduating seniors.

To be considered for the scholarship, graduating seniors must meet the following criteria:

- Participated in a choral, instrumental, or guard program at NPHS for at least two (2) years
- Applied/accepted to an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college

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North Plainfield Parks and Recreation Commission Scholarship:

Two scholarships, \$750 each are available to graduating seniors who will be attending an institute of higher learning. A letter must be provided stating what N.P. Recreation-sponsored activities you participated in and in what years, (three years minimum participation required). In that letter, please state how your participation in those activities influenced you.

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North Plainfield PTA/PTO Council Scholarship:

Amount: Three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be a current North Plainfield High School Senior.
- The scholarship is available for further education at an institution of higher learning (two-year college, four-year college, or technical school).
- Applicants are chosen for a personal interview with the Council upon meeting the requirements.

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North Plainfield Youth Sports Memorial Scholarship

Two scholarships open to senior athletes, one male and one female, based on the following: must have played a varsity sport (at least one-year varsity, two years in the program), two coaches recommendations (a form can be obtained from the counseling office), **must exemplify the desire, dedication, and sportsmanship that was characteristic of the late Mike Sheehy.**

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NPHS Field Hockey Booster Parents' Club Scholarship:

(1) \$200 scholarship will be awarded by this Association to recognize a graduating senior for their participation and support of the NPHS Girls Field Hockey Program by having demonstrated team spirit, effort, good sportsmanship, participation in team activities, and to encourage the continued pursuit of personal and academic integrity.

To be considered for this scholarship, an interested student must meet the following criteria:

1. At least (1) year of participation in the NPHS Girls Field Hockey Program.
2. Accepted to an accredited college or advanced education program.
3. A personal letter describing how Field Hockey has impacted you as a student-athlete and how it has helped you transition to the next stage of your life.

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Perez "Resilience" Scholarship:

This scholarship in the amount of \$2000 is awarded to a graduating North Plainfield High School student who has applied and enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.

This award will be based on school involvement, financial need, and a personal interview demonstrating what resilience means to them.

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Peter G. Fagone Scholarship Fund:

The Peter G. Fagone Scholarship has been established at North Plainfield High School in memory of Peter G. Fagone, former Principal of West End Elementary School.

This scholarship will be awarded to a financially deserving senior who shows an intellect, aptitude, and desire to continue with an undergraduate education and who will be pursuing a career in education.

A 4-year scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 (up to \$500 a semester over a consecutive four-year period) will be awarded each year to a graduating NPHS senior. This scholarship was made possible through the generosity of Felicia M. Fagone, a former resident of North Plainfield and the spouse of Peter G. Fagone. Seniors may apply for this scholarship by completing the application and including a copy of the CSS Profile.

Scan the QR code link below to view the scholarship information



Rotary Club of Plainfield/North Plainfield Scholarship:

- A. **Leo Albert Friese Memorial Scholarship:** Up to three scholarships (amount to be determined) for students of high scholastic standing, high achievement in mathematics and science, and who plan to major in a science or mathematics field at a four-year institution.
- B. **F.S. Mathewson Memorial Scholarship:** Up to three scholarships, (amount to be determined), are open to male and female seniors who are members of the Interact Club of North Plainfield High School and are applying to college. This award is based on acceptable academic achievement, financial need, leadership, character, and community service.

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