



SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Seaford High School

January 27, 2026

Dear Seaford High School senior students and families,

Each year, Seaford High School hosts an evening awards ceremony honoring many of our senior students for various accomplishments. Many of these awards are accompanied by beautiful plaques or generous monetary gifts. This year's ceremony is on **Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6pm.**

Every senior student, **regardless of GPA**, has the opportunity for consideration for several awards and scholarship opportunities sponsored by local families or organizations. Some of these awards simply honor a student with a particular interest and many are sponsored in memory of a beloved family member that was a cherished member of the Seaford community. It is a true honor to be able to carry on the legacy of many of these programs and we strongly encourage you to read this packet in detail to see if you qualify for any of these opportunities.

We encourage you to complete all three steps of the applications process listed below.

Step #1 – SHS Awards Application Questionnaire

First, to qualify for one (or more) of the many awards distributed at year end ceremonies, seniors must fill out an online questionnaire by **Friday, February 27, 2026**. This link will be available on the Seaford High School Web Site under Students & Families → Academic & Senior Awards → Senior Awards → [SHS Awards Application Questionnaire](#).

Step #2 – Essay Applications

Next, read through the enclosed packet which details scholarships offered to our students, and determine if you meet the criteria for any of these awards. Each application cover sheet details the criteria for the respective scholarships, and each of these applications require you to submit a typed response as part of the application process. The following apply to all scholarship opportunities on the following pages:

1. Each scholarship in the attached packet requires you to complete a written response.
2. All responses must be **typed and proofread** (please feel free to ask one of us to proofread for you).

3. Each response **must include the corresponding application cover sheet** that's in the attached packet. If you need an additional copy of the cover letter, please print the cover sheet in the library or stop in the main office for a copy of the packet.
4. All responses/cover sheets must be submitted to Ms. Coacci in the main office **by Friday, February 27, 2026.**

Step #3 – Additional Community Awards

Consider applying for other awards offered by community organizations that work closely with Seaford High School.

- **The Patriot Award** is sponsored by the Seaford 9/11 Memorial Committee. This award honors five fallen alumni of Seaford High School by way of recognizing students who excel in the areas of service, character, and commitment. The application for this award will be available on the Seaford High School Web Site (Students & Families → Academic & Senior Awards → Senior Awards → [Patriot Award](#)). Prior to starting your application, you will want to prepare by using the attached worksheet. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate asking Mr. Figs (room 225/tfioriglio@seaford.k12.ny.us). The application deadline for this award is also **Friday, February 27, 2026.**
- **The Lions Club Award** AND the **Kiwanis Club Award applications** are also included in this folder and are due to Ms. Coacci in the main office by **Friday, February 27, 2026.**

If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to ask Ms. Schnabel or Ms. Coacci in the main office. We are looking forward to celebrating many wonderful moments together in the near future!

Yours in Seaford Pride,
Ms. Schnabel, Ms. Judson, Mr. Mantay and Ms. Coacci

Scholarship #1
The Anita Dougherty Memorial Scholarship
(For students pursuing teaching)

Anita Dougherty taught in the Harbor School and passed away several years ago. Her sister and her family will present this monetary scholarship in her name.

The criteria is as follows:

1. Student must be in need of financial aid.
2. Student must submit a 150-word essay on the following topics:

Why have you decided to become a teacher?

Why do you think you should receive this award?

How will this award help you?

What challenges have you had to overcome?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR:

Scholarship #2
The Robert D. Buley Scholar-Athlete Memorial Scholarship

The Robert D. Buley Memorial Scholarship is a monetary award that will be given to a Seaford High School student-athlete and graduating senior who will be pursuing a college degree. The candidate must be an enthusiastic, passionate, and hard-working student-athlete who participates in at least one varsity sport at SHS. We are seeking to find a candidate who possesses heart, passion, compassion, determination, and great sense of community like the scholarship's namesake.

Robert "Bob" Buley (1968 to 2015) is a 1986 graduate of Seaford High School and lived his entire childhood in Seaford, NY. In high school, Bob excelled particularly in English, as he was a deep thinker, an extremely creative writer, and outstanding public speaker. He was a running back for the SHS Football team (#34), competed in the middle-weight class for the SHS Wrestling Team, and also lettered in Varsity lacrosse. Bob remained friends with many of his SHS teammates throughout his entire adult life. Bob enthusiastically participated in Boy Scouts his entire life, and earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout in 1985. He was also an accomplished acoustic and electric guitar player with a strong love for music. Bob earned his degree in English from Springfield College in Massachusetts, where he played football, and he later earned his Master's Degree in Education from Adelphi University. Bob lived most of his adult life in Houston, Texas with his wife, Elena, and two sons, Ben and Sam. Bob was a deeply loved and passionate English teacher and wrestling coach at Santa Fe High School, Paul Revere Middle School, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, and Cy Creek High School in Houston. Bob's parents, Dale and Taise Buley, lived in Seaford and served the community for over 40 years, raising Bob and his four siblings, Ginny '74, Jim '76, Marilou '78 and Anne '88, all Seaford HS graduates. The entire Buley family is proud to award this scholarship to a deserving Seaford High School student in honor of our beloved Bob, a loving father, husband, son, brother, uncle and friend.

A one-page essay is required explaining why the applicant believes he/she should be awarded this monetary scholarship.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND: _____

MAJOR: _____

Scholarship #3
The Robert Meyer Memorial Music Scholarship
(for a band or chorus student)

The Robert Meyer Memorial Music Scholarship will be awarded to a Seaford High School graduating senior who is not a top student but has found himself or herself through music – either chorus or band.

Each applicant must submit a 150-word essay on the following topic:

How has music inspired me and affected my high school experience?

Good luck to all of you!

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

CUMULATIVE GPA:

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR:

Scholarship #4
The Rachel Ann Hayden Memorial Scholarship
(For students pursuing nursing)

Rachel Hayden graduated from Seaford High School in 2014. Her family would like to present a monetary scholarship in her name.

The criteria is as follows:

1. Student must be pursuing a nursing career.
2. Student must submit a 1-2 page essay on the following topic:
Why have you planned to pursue a career in nursing after high school?

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND: _____

MAJOR: _____

Scholarship #5
The Walter A. Weidtman, Jr. 219 Memorial Award

Walter Weidtman graduated from Seaford High School in 1984. His special friend and his family would like to present a monetary scholarship in his name. The scholarship will be payable to recipient's college.

The criteria is as follows:

1. Minimum average of 70
2. Must present proof of secondary college or trade school
3. Student must submit 1-page essay on the following topic:

How have I paid it forward in my life so far and how will I continue to pay it forward in life?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

CUMULATIVE GPA:

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Scholarship #6
The Bill Nieman Softball Scholarship
(For girls who are or were involved in Seaford Softball Little League)

Bill Nieman was an active member of our Seaford Community. His family would like to present a monetary scholarship in his name.

The criteria is as follows:

1. The student must be a female who played in Seaford Softball Little League for at least 3 years.

2. The student must submit a 300-word essay on the following topic:

*How did you grow as a player and a person by being involved in Seaford Softball Little League?
How did a Seaford Little League coach influence you or what values did this coach instill in you?
What specific memory can you take away from playing Seaford Little League that will live inside you forever?*

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

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MAJOR:

Scholarship #7
Seaford Symphony Music Scholarship
(For students currently involved in the Seaford Music Program)

The Seaford Symphony parent organization would like to provide a scholarship to a student who is currently involved in the Seaford music program.

The criteria is as follows:

1. The student must currently be active in the Seaford music program.
2. The student must submit a 250-word essay on the following topic:
How has being a part of the Seaford Music Program impacted your life?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Scholarship #8
The Lent Family Scholarship
(For students planning on pursuing healthcare, social work, or psychology)

The Lent Family would like to provide a scholarship to a student who is planning to pursue healthcare, social work, or psychology.

The criteria is as follows:

1. The student must be pursuing a career in healthcare, social work, or psychology.
2. The student must submit an essay on the following topic:

What experiences have led you to choose this career path?

What do you hope to directly impact within your chosen career field?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR:

Scholarship #9

The JAG Physical Therapy Scholarship

(For students planning on becoming a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer)

The JAG Physical Therapy would like to provide a scholarship to a student who is planning to become a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer.

The criteria is as follows:

1. The student must be pursuing a career as a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer.
2. The student must submit an essay on the following topic:
Why are you interested in becoming a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or athletic trainer? What experiences have you had that have had an impact on your decision? What impact do you hope to have on the field or your future patients?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR:

Scholarship #10
The Seaford Chamber of Commerce Kindness Award

The Seaford Chamber of Commerce would like to provide a scholarship to a senior student who defines their high school career by being kind or fulfilling acts of kindness.

The student must submit an essay on the following topic:

What does kindness mean to you?

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

Scholarship #11
The Margaret (Peg) Henggeler Memorial Scholarship

Margaret (Peg) Henggeler wasn't just an alum – she was a lifelong Viking at heart. Her love for education started in the hallways of Seaford High School, shaping the teacher she would become. The Henggeler family would like to provide a scholarship to a student who is planning to become a teacher. Student must have confirmed plans to attend college with a focus in teaching education.

The student must submit an essay on the following topic:

What does it mean to you to be a teacher?

Please provide a response no longer than one typed page.

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HOME ADDRESS:

COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND:

Scholarship #12
The Dr. John Loose Viking Voyage Scholarship Fund

Dr. John Loose is a proud Seaford High School graduate who created the *Dr. John Loose Viking Voyage Scholarship* to give back to the Seaford community. This scholarship is designed to recognize a student who is involved in the Seaford music program and/or is interested in pursuing a career in the health sciences. Dr. Loose hopes to support students who have discovered their passions through their time at Seaford and are excited to continue that journey beyond high school.

Essay Prompt:

How has your experience at Seaford High School helped shape your interest in music and/or the health sciences, and how do you plan to carry those experiences with you as you pursue your future goals?

Please provide a response no longer than one typed page.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

INVOLVEMENT IN MUSIC PROGRAM: _____

INTEREST IN HEALTH SCIENCES: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
