

Class of 2026

Patriot Award Application Information

The Patriot Award is dedicated to the lives and spirit of the 5 Seaford High School alumni who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; Tom Haskell SHS '82, Tim Haskell SHS'85, John Perry SHS '85, Rob Sliwak SHS '77 & Michael Wittenstein SHS '85.

The Award: Five seniors are selected, and each receives a \$2,000 award and is recognized at the Patriot Award Dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club to be held this June. To receive the Patriot Award, recipients are required to attend this dinner. All students regardless of academic standing are eligible for the Patriot Award.

Applications will be available online: Friday, January 30, 2026

Application deadline: Friday, February 27, 2026.

The Selection: The committee is made up of family members, teachers, community members, past Patriot Award recipients. They will choose 10-15 finalists based on sections 2 and 3 of the Application. Finalists will be interviewed by family members of our honored alumni and the committee chooses 5 recipients based on the application, the references and family interviews. Patriot Award winners are announced at Graduation.

Prior to completing the application, it is important that you view the video about the 5 alumni that is available online.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Fioriglio.

Prepare to fill out the application by gathering all of this information prior to logging in to the site.

Information Needed for Application

General Information

- Last name, first name
- Address
- Cell Phone Number

References

Three references, their relationship to you, their phone numbers & the best time to call them, emails.

- The **first reference** must be a member of the High School staff (teacher, club advisor, coach, guidance counselor, or administrator)
- The **second reference** must be an individual outside of the school (i.e., activity moderator, neighbor, relative, employer, or friend).
- The **third reference** may be anyone of your choosing.

Please ask your references if you may submit their name as a reference prior to submitting your application. If you are a finalist these individuals will be contacted by the selection committee.

Activities

Up to 5 Club, Sports, School Activities and up to 5 Community Activities

It is the quality, not quantity of your activities that the committee will be evaluating.

List your clubs/activities in the order of importance to you!

For each entry, you will list:

- the name of the activity
- the grade levels you participated in it
- your position within the activity
- the number of hours/weeks you participated in it.

Open-Ended Questions

You will answer EACH of the questions below **in 85 words or less**. *Due to the nature of the application process, any portion of your response beyond 85 words cannot be taken into consideration.* **Be clear, concise, and powerful with your words.** Answer the open-ended questions thoughtfully, carefully and sincerely.

- Service, Character, and Commitment are traits of our five lost alumni. How is one of these traits a factor in your life?
- What was your most memorable experience during your high school years and why was this important to you?
- What are your plans after graduation and ***what type of person do you aspire to be?***

Sample 85 Word Passage

Seaford pride embodies the spirit of resilience, unity, and a deep connection to the maritime heritage that defines our coastal community. At the heart of this pride is the symbolic Viking, an emblem of strength and exploration that resonates with Seaford's seafaring history. The Viking represents the courageous individuals who ventured into uncharted waters, forging new paths and embracing challenges—values that echo in the hearts of Seaford residents today. The color green, prevalent in Seaford's landscapes, becomes a powerful symbol within the concept of Seaford Pride.