

Athol High School Scholarship Association

Greetings!

Enclosed you will find an application to complete if you intend to apply for scholarship assistance from the AHS Scholarship Association. Please read the following carefully before filling out the application. Listed below are some important considerations to keep in mind.

1. Thoroughly complete the application.
2. Include the brief description of your plans and financial needs.
3. Enclose a transcript that indicates your Cumulative Grade Point Average. The transcript does not have to be 'official.' **A semester grade report is not acceptable!** (*See note on back.*)
4. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time students who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. To qualify as a full-time student you must complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Graduate level programs are not eligible for this financial aid.
5. Students enrolled in a 2-year program are eligible to receive an award for each of those two years. Likewise, students enrolled in a 4-year program are eligible to receive an award for each of those four years. Only students who are enrolled in a school-approved 5-year program are eligible to receive a fifth year of scholarship assistance.
6. Students selecting the deferred option should be aware that there is a six year time limit to claim any scholarship awards held in escrow. If you do not inform the Association of your decision regarding lending institutions within six years, the amount held in escrow will be returned to the general fund of the Association.
7. **Return the information (1, 2 and 3 above) to Cynthia Hughes, AHS Guidance, 2363 Main Street, Athol MA 01331. Completed applications must be received by April 1st!**

Please note that this application form is to be used by students currently in college. A different application will be provided to high school seniors at a later date.

If you have questions regarding the application process, contact Cynthia Hughes in the Athol High School guidance office, 2363 Main St, Athol MA 01331 or by phone (978-249-2436) or e-mail (guidance@arrsd.org).

Questions relating to the financial process or payment of scholarship awards should be directed to Diane Page, PO Box 338, Athol MA 01331 or by phone (978- 249-6172) or e-mail (dineyp82@msn.com).

THE DUNTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – For students seeking a professional degree. See reverse side for details.

Best wishes for a successful future.

***** NOTE REGARDING TRANSCRIPTS *****

**FOR STUDENTS IN COLLEGE OR WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL FOR
A YEAR OR MORE**

A copy of your college transcript that includes the most recent semester you have completed and your Cumulative Grade Point Average is required with this application. The transcript does not have to be ‘official.’ A transcript lists all courses taken at college and is not the same as a semester grade report. A semester grade report will not be accepted! Waiting for this current year’s spring semester transcript exceeds the scholarship deadline date.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the Scholarship Association receives your transcript by the deadline. If the records office at your college is involved in this process, you should be certain that your request is handled in a timely manner.

If you have been out of high school for a year or more and have never attended college, please include your high school transcript and indicate that this is a first time application so that the committee will understand why only your high school transcript is attached.

Applications without the appropriate transcript will not be processed!

**ATHOL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION
THE FRANCES G. AND “RED” DUNTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Frances G. and “Red” Dunton Award is for graduates of A.H.S. who are seeking a professional degree on a full-time basis such as a law degree, a Ph.D. in Psychology, or a D.D.S. in dentistry as a few examples. The Dunton Scholarship will not be awarded to candidates working toward a Master’s degree. The length of time required for such graduate degree shall be a major factor in choosing the recipient(s). A program requiring only one year for completion would probably not be considered. Not all applicants will automatically be awarded a scholarship.

Candidates must complete the application process each year that they wish to be considered for an award. Applications may be obtained on-line or by contacting Cynthia Hughes at AHS Guidance, 2363 Main St, Athol MA 01331 (978-249-2436) (guidance@arrsd.org). The application must include a financial need statement, proof of Bachelor and or Master degree(s), and a brief description of career plans and need for scholarship assistance. Payment will be made directly to the recipient(s) as a cash award.