



Ashland Business Association 2024 Scholarship Application

The ABA is dedicated to increasing the success of its member businesses within the Ashland community and beyond. We promote businesses, provide education and networking opportunities, partner with the Town on various projects, and support local non-profits and community projects. In addition, the ABA proudly presents scholarships to Ashland graduating seniors.

Scholarship Application and Evaluation Process

Awards:

The ABA will award TWO scholarships for \$1500.00 each.

Eligibility:

The ABA scholarship application is open to any high school / vocational school senior residing in Ashland, who is graduating in 2024 and has been accepted to an accredited school or apprenticeship program for further education.

Deadline:

Submit your completed application, including letters of recommendation by midnight on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

Format:

Applications **MUST** be completed and submitted using this form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Letter of Recommendation:

One letter of recommendation must be submitted by either email or regular mail. **Get in touch** with your recommender **immediately** to get your recommendations in by April 30th. For complete instructions and details, see Page 5 of this form.

Evaluation:

Your application will be evaluated by a committee of Ashland Business Association members using the criteria in the appendix to this application (posted online at the address below). Please review this information before beginning your application. After the initial review, top scoring applicants will be interviewed before final scholarship winners are determined.

Questions?

If you have any questions or problems, call Scholarship Committee Member, Chrissy Reynolds, Annemarie's Dance Centre at **508-881-5109** or email **Scholarship@AshlandBusinessAssociation.com**. For complete instructions, see **Ashland Business Association Scholarship Scoring Criteria**.



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Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

School or college you are planning to attend: _____

Course of study you have selected: _____



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1. Ideas for Community Improvement

Create a community action plan. Share an idea on how to improve our community. Make sure to state the desired result and your steps on how to accomplish the project. Assume you have been given \$1000 to assist with your plan.

Examples of Ideas for Community Improvement

There are countless possibilities for projects that can help our community. Here are just a few suggestions to get you thinking – be creative

Projects focused on:

Bettering the Town of Ashland such as improving the appearance of public spaces, suggestions for the use of public spaces, or repairs to public property.

Supporting Individual Businesses in Ashland such as helping to determine services that are needed, drawing more customers to businesses, or assisting with the technology needs for businesses.

Improving the Well-Being of Residents such as assisting individuals and families through home and yard care, providing supportive services for residents in need, or supporting the Ashland Emergency Fund and the Ashland Food Pantry.



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2. Personal Community Involvement

Select up to 3 school and/or community activities that you have led or participated in since beginning high school and that you feel have been significant to your education and experience. Activities may include class offices, functions, athletics, clubs, or other activities of your choosing. Briefly describe each activity, including your involvement and time commitment. Describe the positive impact that at least one of the activities has had on the community.

3. Employment Experience

Briefly describe up to 3 jobs you have held since starting high school. Include employer, dates, job responsibilities, and any significance or learning experience related to the job.



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4. Accolades

Briefly describe up to 3 prizes, honors, or other awards that you have won, earned, or achieved since starting high school and why each was meaningful to you.

Letter of Recommendation

You must include 1 letter of recommendation from an employer, volunteer supervisor, or other similar non-teacher. Please complete the recommender information on this page. Recommendation may be sent as an email attachment to **Scholarship@AshlandBusinessAssociation.com** or by hard copy to the ABA Post Office Box listed below.

Recommendation should include:

- The length of time and capacity in which the recommender has known the applicant,
- The applicant's strength of character,
- The applicant's demonstrated commitment to service (volunteer or employment), and
- Why the recommender believes the applicant deserves this scholarship.

Name of recommender: _____

Contact e-mail or phone: _____

SENDING AS: Included Email Attachment Separate Email Regular Mail

FROM: Employer Volunteer Supervisor School Counselor
 Teacher Personal Reference Other _____

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