



# Ashland Business Association 2019 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 the Emergency Fund. In addition, the ABA proudly presents scholarships to Ashland High School seniors.*

## Scholarship Application and Evaluation Process

### Awards:

The ABA will award two \$1,500 scholarships.

### Eligibility:

The ABA scholarship competition is open to any high school senior residing in Ashland, as long as he or she is graduating in 2019 and has been accepted to an accredited school for further education.

### Deadline:

Submit your completed application by midnight on **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. Letters of recommendation are due by **Sunday, April 7, 2019**. Under extreme circumstances, applications and letters of recommendation received after the deadlines may be considered at the discretion of the ABA.

### Format:

Applications **MUST** be completed and submitted online. Incomplete applications, including letters of recommendation, will not be considered.

### Letters of Recommendation:

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted by either email or regular mail. For **best results**, please be sure to **get in touch** with your recommenders **immediately** in order to get your recommendations in by March 31st (and maybe ask more than two people). For complete instructions and details, see Page 6 of this form.

### Evaluation:

Your application will be evaluated by a committee of Ashland Business Association members using the rubrics 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, Claudette Rowe at **508-246-7028** or email **Scholarship@AshlandBusinessAssociation.com**. For complete instructions, see **Ashland Business Association Scholarship Scoring Rubric**



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### Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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. An Idea for Community Improvement

Create a plan of action you could implement to improve one aspect of our community for less than \$1,000. Please see the suggestions on the last page of this application.

Scholarship winners will have their program ideas submitted to the Board of Selectman for actual funding and possible implementation through the Boston Athletic Association grant program.

**Name of your program:**

*Be creative.*

**Program description:**

*How does your program work? What does it accomplish?*

**Team players:**

*Who would be involved? What Town committees, groups, or organizations might you collaborate with?*

**Budget:**

*How you would spend the \$1000? What items or services might you need to purchase?*



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### 2. Personal Community Involvement

Select up to 3 school and/or community activities that you have 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.



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### 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.

### 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.



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## Letters of Recommendation

You must include 2 letters of recommendation. At least one recommendation must be from an employer, volunteer supervisor, or other similar non-teacher. Please complete the recommender information on this page. Each recommendation may be sent as an email attachment to **Scholarship@AshlandBusinessAssociation.com** or by hard copy to the ABA Post Office Box listed below.

### Letters 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.

### First Recommendation:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Recommendation:

Name of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SENDING AS:  Included Email Attachment  Separate Email  Regular Mail

FROM:  Employer  Volunteer Supervisor  School Counselor  
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### **An Idea for Community Improvement**

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

#### ***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.