

200 CLUB

BERGEN COUNTY



2018 Scholarship Information

February, 2018

Dear Student:

We are pleased to announce that the **2018 200 Club of Bergen County Scholarship Program is now open**. Since the inception of this program, from 1986, the 200 Club has awarded over \$2 million in scholarship money.

There are three (3) components to the 200 Club of Bergen County Scholarship program. PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION OUTLINED.

Affiliation Scholarships

200 Club Membership Scholarship

Essay Scholarship

IMPORTANT.....

*******The graduating high school senior may apply for all three scholarships should the criteria apply, however, they can only be the recipient of one of the scholarships.**

Criteria for the Affiliation Scholarship:

To be **eligible**, the student must be a graduating high school senior and the child or stepchild of an active, retired or deceased Bergen County law enforcement officer, fire fighter or ambulance corps member. This includes: FBI, DEA, ATF, NJ State Police, Palisade Interstate Commission Police, Port Authority Police, Prosecutor's Office, Sheriff's Office who **work** in Bergen County. Applicants may qualify on **their own merit** if they are members of the ambulance corps, police or fire auxiliary and have been so before *September 1, 2017*. **You may find the Affiliation Scholarship on our web site.**

The 200 Club of Bergen County will be awarding **five (5) student's \$5000.00 each.**

As a BONUS, the 200 Club will also award an Appropriation Grant to those departments whose students were the recipients of the Affiliation Scholarship.

Criteria for the Membership Scholarship

To be **eligible**, the student must be a graduating high school senior and the child or stepchild of a **200 Club of Bergen County member in good standing for three (3) or more years.**

PLEASE NOTE – You do NOT need to have an affiliation to Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Services for this scholarship.

Parent/Guardian may be an individual member of The 200 Club of Bergen County or may be under the umbrella of the departments mentioned above.

If you are applying for the Affiliation Scholarship, and your parent/guardian is also a member of the 200 Club you will automatically be entered into the Membership Scholarship and it is NOT necessary to file a separate application for the Membership Scholarship.

If you are applying just for the 200 Club Membership Scholarship please find the Membership Scholarship application on our web site.

If our records DO NOT reflect that the Parent/Guardian is a 200 Club member or if the department of affiliation is not listed as a member you will NOT be eligible to apply.

PLEASE NOTE that the CURRENT 2018 DUES must be paid at the time of the application being sent.

The 200 Club of Bergen County will be awarding one **(1) student \$3,000.00**

Criteria for the Essay Scholarship

To be **eligible**, the student must be a graduating high school senior in Bergen County. You do not need to have an affiliation to Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Services or be a 200 Club of Bergen County member.

We do ask that you please reach out to your Guidance Department at your high school to inform them that you are applying for the 200 Club Essay Scholarship as we cannot accept more than three (3) submissions per school.

The 200 Club of Bergen County will be awarding **four (4) student's \$500 each**. *The winning essays will be printed in our Valor Ad Journal and posted on our 200 Club website.*

The essay must be a minimum of 500 words. The topic of the essay:

Within your age group how do you feel First Responders (Police, Fire & Emergency Medical Personnel) are perceived? Do you feel a majority of young people understand what is involved in terms of the education and training needed in order to be a First Responder? Would you ever consider serving in any of these disciplines and if so why or why not?

Your guidance department has been informed of the Essay Scholarship and you **MUST submit your essay through them.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Scholarship deadline for all three (3) levels of our scholarship program is Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 at 5:00 PM and will not be extended to anyone.

Once again, the graduating high school senior may apply for all three scholarships should the criteria apply, however, they can only be the recipient of one of the scholarships.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Andrea Betancourt** or **Joanne Rinaldi-Stutzer** at the 200 Club Headquarters (201) 229-0600.

Thank you.