

**The 2017 Sanford S. Shorr
Chamber of Commerce Education Awards**

This is an Education Award based on community service for students to continue their education past high school. The essential criteria consist of high character, service to community, school, and others. Applicants must demonstrate service that is over and above the basic graduation requirements.

These awards are made in honor of Sanford S. Shorr who served as the Executive Director of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce for 29 years. Sanford S. Shorr served the Chamber with distinction, dedication and impeccable character. His extraordinary leadership, integrity, his deep sense of service to his community and his adherence to the highest standards made an everlasting impact upon our Chamber and our city. The award winners should exemplify the high values, outstanding character and dedication to community service that have epitomized the life of Sanford S. Shorr.

Please check the boxes below to indicate which award or awards that you wish to be considered for:

- The **Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards** are made annually by the Midstate Chamber of Commerce for up to three graduating high school students.* Each of the three awards is for \$1,000.
- One additional **Sanford S. Shorr Education Award** of \$1,000 may be made to a student who is **returning** to college having completed least one full year of college.
- The **Hispanic Outreach Leaders in Action Committee** is pleased to add up to two \$1,000 awards for a graduating Hispanic high school student.*
- The Young Business Leaders of CT is pleased to add an additional \$1,000 award named the **Dan M. Hunter Community Service Education Award**. This award is given annually to an area graduating high school student who shows exemplary grades in the classroom, above average participation in school-related activities, and has proven to be a valued asset to the community in which he/she lives or attends school.* The guidelines of this award are based on the ideals of Dan Hunter, who believed in hard work, family, and serving his community.
- NEW** - The Chamber will also be accepting applications for the **Bruce H. Kannenberg & Jonal Laboratories, Inc. Education Award**. This is a 4 year award for \$1,000 per year for a *Meriden resident graduating from a Meriden Public School* who will be pursuing a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) or Business.

All applications must be completed in full with current letters of recommendation and required signature below. Annual disbursements will be paid to the student in two installments in the first and second semester, each payable upon receipt by the Chamber of a paid tuition statement to the student. Thank you for applying.

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Award Category: Graduating High School Student or Returning College Student

Name of School Currently Attending : _____

I have read this completed application and declare the information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Student Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if applicant is under age 18: _____

Due by February 28, 2017 to the Midstate Chamber of Commerce, 3 Colony St., Suite 301, Meriden, CT 06451, fax to 203-686-0172, or e-mail to info@midstatechamber.com.

* Any applicant may reside in Meriden, may be an employee of a Midstate Chamber member in good standing or may be a dependent of an employee of a Midstate Chamber member in good standing regardless of where you reside.

Please indicate the number of hours of community service required for graduation: _____
(Student must have completed their School's hours of community service graduation requirement.)

Please list details of service to your community and in your community during all of your High School years. (Extra curricular in-school activities such as band should not be listed in this section. For Returning students, please list all service after high school.)

Name of Organization	Hours	Contact Person	Phone or Email
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total community service hours to date: _____

Please list your most important school activities, groups or clubs in which you have participated and include any special awards, honors and offices which you held. (Returning students please list activities after high school.)

Activity / Club	Offices Held	Awards / Honors
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list your Extra Curricular Activities (such as sports). (Returning students please list activities after high school.)

Please list other awards or recognition which you may have received. (Returning students please list awards after high school.)

Please indicate recent Work Experience. (Returning students please list experience after high school.)

Employer's Name	Hours per Week	Date Started	Date Left	Position Title
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please indicate your school choices in the upcoming year. (Returning students please list the school you are presently attending and/or will continue at.)

School	Major	Minor or Concentration
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Portfolio Requirements for All Submissions

Please DO NOT indicate “See Folder” or “See Portfolio” on any section of this application. Folder information may be photo copied, typed or otherwise included with this application. All considerations will be made with only the information submitted with this application.

In addition to this completed application, please enclose the following:

- ❑ **3 Letters of Reference - At least one letter must be from a school service or community service reference** that speaks to the qualities or the values you have brought to your community service. Some examples of the values are commitment to the community, determination, creativity, organizational skills, integrity, self awareness, flexibility, judgment, leadership or enthusiasm. Letters of reference must be current (not more than 12 months old).
- ❑ **A copy of Academic Transcript or Permanent Record which indicates days absent and tardy for all of your high school years. This requirement will be weighed very heavily.**
- ❑ On a separate piece of paper, please type a brief essay on the following topic: **How has your service to school, community and others added meaning to or changed the life of others? How is an individual, organization or a community been made different because of your service?** Please include evidence of leadership, commitment, independent judgment, self direction and flexibility.

For the Bruce H. Kannenberg & Jonal Laboratories, Inc. Education Awards

In addition to the Portfolio Requirements above, please enclose the following:

- ❑ **Up to 2 Current Letters of Recommendation from individuals who can attest to your excitement and enthusiasm in your preferred STEM or Business field.**
- ❑ **On a separate piece of paper or file, please type a brief essay that describes some activities you have undertaken that demonstrates your passion and potential lifelong commitment for your STEM or Business career choice. You may want to explain how or why you have chosen to pursue life in the field of STEM or Business. Why is this important in life to you? How does it energize you?**

All applications will be reviewed by the Sanford S. Shorr Education Awards Committee of the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. Before distributing each portfolio to a member of the Education Awards Committee for their review, the Chamber will make every best effort to remove any and all information which may indicate the name and the gender of the applicant.

Thank you for applying.