



Northcenter Chamber of Commerce Garrett FitzGerald Memorial Scholarship 2018

Introduction:

The Northcenter Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Garrett FitzGerald Memorial Scholarship. This award, given annually to an exemplary high school junior in our community, will honor a student that exemplifies the best of our late Executive Director and friend, Garrett FitzGerald.

Garrett served as Executive Director of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce for nearly a decade. He was a leader in promoting the economic development and vitality of the Northcenter Chamber, helping grow its membership, its events and its capacity. He also served on the Illinois Civil Service Commission and in the community as a Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Neumann Family Services, a member of the Board of Directors at St. Benedict School, as well as the Bell School Local Advisory Council and the 4th Congressional District Citizens' Utility Board. He was a great networker, a dedicated public servant, but above all, a friend to everyone he met.

The selected high school junior will be granted a scholarship of \$1,000 to offset the costs of college application fees, college visits and tours, tests and test prep classes, tuition payments, books or school supplies and other related expenses that stem from preparation for higher education.

Eligibility:

- High school *juniors* who reside or attend school within the Northcenter neighborhood. The students must be entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2018.
- The eligible Northcenter neighborhood area includes residences and/or schools within the following boundaries (proof of residency will be required):
 - W. Montrose Avenue between N. Clark Street and N. California Avenue
 - N. Clark Street between W. Montrose Avenue and W. Irving Park Road
 - N. Ashland Avenue between W. Irving Park Road and W. Addison Street
 - W. Addison Street between N. Ashland Avenue and N. California Avenue
 - N. California Avenue between W. Addison Street and W. Montrose Avenue
- Immediate family members of Board of Directors or staff members of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce are not eligible.

Applicants must submit all of the following in their completed scholarship packet:

1. Scholarship Application form -- ALL sections must be completed & signed by the applicant
2. Essay (see attached)
3. Two letters of recommendation: One letter must be from a school official and printed on school letterhead; the other must be from a non-relative adult who has known the applicant for at least one year. Both letter must include the author's handwritten signature and phone number.
4. A current resume (include volunteer experience, extracurriculars, work experience, etc.)
5. Completed applications must be received either electronically at lindsay@northcenterchamber.com or submitted to the Northcenter Chamber office at 4054 N. Lincoln Avenue no later than 5 p.m. on **Friday, June 1st, 2018**. **Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.**



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6. Applicants who live in the Northcenter neighborhood boundaries are required to include proof of residency with their application. Options include:
- A copy of your driver's license or state ID card
 - A copy of your report card or transcript **OR** official signed letter from your school on school letterhead
 - A utility bill (water, electric, gas, cable, Internet) of the parent or legal guardian received within 60 days of application submission.
 - A copy of the most recent W-2 statement of the parent or legal guardian.
 - A copy of any official government correspondence including a property tax bill, SSI or benefits statement.
 - If the applicant is living in an alternative housing situation (e.g. a shelter or transitional housing), the applicant may provide a letter from a shelter or social service organization on said organization's letterhead. This letter must include a signature and contact information from a representative from said alternative housing.

Expectations of Applicants:

The applicant will be required to provide written documentation of how they have used the funds. This can include, but is not limited to, receipts detailing what the allocated funds were spent on, written and photographed documentation from college visits, et cetera. **This documentation must be submitted to the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce within 18 months of receipt of funds.**

A check will be presented to the applicant onstage before the first concert at Northcenter's Summer Concert Series, Wednesday, July 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. **OR** the second concert on Wednesday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. The applicant is expected to attend, along with a parent or legal guardian. The applicant is welcome to bring additional guests. The payment will be made out to the applicant or parent/guardian for the intended use of the scholarship.

The applicant agrees to be photographed and honored publicly, and have their name and photograph featured in the Northcenter Chamber's newsletter, community guide and social media presence, as well as any local publicity around the scholarship.

We expect that the applicants will use the funds awarded in good faith towards preparation, application and attendance at an accredited two-year college, four-year college or vocational/trade school, barring any extreme circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

I certify that I have read and understand the expectations and conditions of the application.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (If applicant is under 18)

Date



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Applicant Information

Submissions may be sent to Lindsay Eanet by email at lindsay@northcenterchamber.com or mail to Northcenter Chamber of Commerce at 4054 N Lincoln Ave., Chicago IL 60618

Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

School Attending: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

If you are awarded this scholarship, how would you plan to spend the funds?

I certify that all of the above information is truthful and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (If applicant is under 18)

Date



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Essay

This is a longer piece that responds to the prompt below. Responses should be between 500 and 1,000 words. Essays must be type-written with correct grammar and spelling.

What does the term “leadership” mean to you? What are the qualities that make a good leader? Describe a time in your life where you demonstrated these qualities and the outcome.



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Scholarship Application

Checklist for Applicants

___ Application form

___ Signature on Terms and Conditions page

___ Essay (with correct grammar and spelling)

___ Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a school official on school letterhead, both with signature and phone number of the author)

___ Resume

___ Parent/Guardian signature on application (if under 18 years of age)

___ Proof of residency