



2018 “ACT RESPONSIBLY SCHOLARSHIP”

The “*Act Responsibly Scholarship*” was created in 2016 in memory of Police Officer III Noah Leotta. **One or more students will be selected to receive an award with a minimum value of \$2,500.00.** An Olney native, Noah was struck by a drunk driver while on duty, suffering catastrophic trauma. After a ten-day battle, he succumbed to his injuries in December 2015.

The “*Act Responsibly Scholarship*” is for students seeking careers “on the frontline for saving lives.”

Candidates will be pursuing post-HS study for career paths like these:

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Health Workers
- Behavior Prevention, Intervention and Treatment
- Public Safety

For over two decades, the Olney Chamber of Commerce has awarded scholarships to high school seniors living in the greater Olney area. Generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund by local businesses have allowed the Chamber to award multiple academic scholarships ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The first two “*Act Responsibly Scholarships*” (totaling \$6,500.00) were presented as part of that program.

The “*Act Responsibly Scholarship*” is now available to ALL Montgomery County High Schools seniors. Please note that applicants will be evaluated on how they exemplify and reflect the character displayed by Officer Leotta. Academic performance is reviewed, but is not a critical selection criterion. Final selection may include an interview.

Student(s) selected for the “*Act Responsibly Scholarship*” will receive the award and be recognized at the Chamber’s annual *Celebration of Excellence Awards Dinner* in June.

Postmark deadline for applications is **Friday, April 13, 2017.**

The application form follows.

TO APPLY

Complete the Olney Chamber of Commerce 2018 “*Act Responsibly Scholarship*” application form carefully. Answer all questions. **Legible** information is important for the selection committee to accurately assess the applicant’s qualifications. Typed entries are preferred.

Selection criteria include:

- Montgomery County resident
- Personal qualifications and recommendations
- Community and school service
- Adherence to application guidelines
- Academic performance

Complete entire form carefully and answer **all** questions. Forward application package to:

Olney Chamber “ARS” Committee
P.O. Box 550
Olney, MD 20830

The postmark deadline for applications is **Friday, April 13, 2018**. All information will be kept in strict confidence and will be retained by the Olney Chamber of Commerce. For additional information, contact the Olney Chamber of Commerce at 301-774-7117.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors interested in pursuing post-HS study for career paths “on the frontline for saving lives,” such as:

Police or Fire Department
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Health Workers
Behavior Prevention, Intervention and Treatment
Public Safety

Scholarship application must include:

- Completed application form
- Description of high school and extracurricular activities
- Description of educational and career objectives
- Description of community activities
- Most recent official transcript
- Essay, and
- **Three** letters of recommendation from:
 - faculty (limit **one**)
 - community members, religious organization members, employers

OLNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2018 "ACT RESPONSIBLY SCHOLARSHIP" APPLICATION
(Strictly Confidential)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Head of Household & Relationship to Applicant: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____ WTD GPA: _____

Name of school(s) selected: _____

Annual cost of tuition at school most likely to attend: _____

Amount provided by parents/guardian for first year: _____

How will you be contributing toward expenses for the first year? _____

Sources of income (other than parent/guardian): _____

Have you been awarded any other scholarships, or financial aid? Yes No

If yes, from what source(s) and amount(s)? _____

*We certify that the information contained in this application is correct:

Applicant's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Please provide concise typed responses to the following:

1. Please list or describe your activities during high school, offices held and number of years active, to include any of the following: School Activities, JV and Varsity Athletics, Community Activities, Religious Activities, Prizes and Honors, and Employment. (maximum one page)
2. Essay: Describe your personal and educational goals and how they align with the scholarship's "on the frontline for saving lives" objective. Indicate any events that played a part in developing your goals. Describe your extracurricular, service and employment activities that demonstrate your interest in/commitment to community safety and quality of life.