



North Central Zone  
(Covering Jefferson and Lewis Counties)

***“RETIRED EDUCATORS  
HELPING  
FUTURE EDUCATORS”***  
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**Northern New York  
Community Foundation**

APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED ITEMS:

1. Instruction Sheet
2. Page 1 of the application form (Parts I-II)
3. Page 2 of the application form (Parts III-VI)
4. Page 3 of the application form to be given to the person doing your letter of recommendation and appraisal form
5. Checklist to be completed when turning in your application for judging

Please, include a **portrait picture of yourself** that will be used for public relation purposes

**Applications must be turned into John Gaffney by **March 15, 2025****  
**119 Colorado Avenue**  
**Watertown, NY 13601-3003**

**RETIRED EDUCATORS OF NEW YORK (RENY)  
NORTH CENTRAL ZONE  
2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
INSTRUCTION SHEET**

Please, follow the instructions given for completing each part of the application form as listed below. Following these instructions is taken into consideration in the rating of the scholarship application.

Word Process or Neatly Print in Blue or Black Ink all parts of the application

If more space is needed on any part, put that information on a separate sheet of paper – Make sure your *name is on every sheet* submitted and label all extra pages

**PART I. APPLICANT INFORMATION** – Fill-in all information requested on the application form

**PART II. WORK EXPERIENCE** – List all work experience you have had in the last two years. Make sure to include any work experience for which you may have not received compensation but did on a regular basis. Examples may be babysitting for a younger family member, farm chores, etc. If you have no work experience in the past two years, please explain why.

**PART III. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – List any School and/or Community Activities you have participated in over the past two years. Make sure to include any activities involving working with other students. If you have been a committee chairperson, officer in an organization, and/or team captain, make sure to note this. If you do not participate in any extracurricular activities, please give reasons.

**PART IV. UNUSUAL FAMILY AND/OR PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** – List any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel warrant the attention of the committee that will evaluate your application.

**PART V. REVIEW OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT** – Make sure you include with your application your high school transcript that is enclosed in a sealed envelope for evaluation.

**PART VI. WRITTEN ESSAY** – On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay (*word processed*) of no more than 250 words on what has influenced you to go into a field of education AND why the North Central Zone of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY) should invest in your future. **Be sure to put your name and date at the top of the essay. Make sure you reread your essay checking your grammar and checking for spelling errors.**

**PART VII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND APPLICANT APPRAISAL** – Select a teacher, administrator, or guidance counselor from your school district to write a letter of recommendation and fill out the applicant appraisal form on your behalf. Have the individual who writes your letter of recommendation and completes your appraisal form place them in an envelope, seal it, sign across the seal and return it to you. Make sure you place this in your folder when you turn in your application.

**WHEN ALL PARTS ARE COMPLETED, PLACE INTO A POCKETED FOLDER ALONG WITH THE CHECKLIST, YOUR PORTRAIT PHOTO, SEALED HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND SEALED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND APPRAISAL.**

**NORTH CENTRAL ZONE  
RETIRED EDUCATORS OF NEW YORK (RENY)**

**2025 Scholarship Application**

**(For High School Seniors Graduating In June, 2025)**

**Please, Word Process or Neatly Print in Blue or Black Ink All Information Requested**

**PART I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

|                  |              |                       |                       |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Last Name</b> | <b>First</b> | <b>Middle Initial</b> | <b>Male or Female</b> |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

|                        |             |                 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mailing Address</b> | <b>City</b> | <b>Zip Code</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|

**Email Address (If You Have One):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number :( )** \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship grants are awarded to high school seniors planning to pursue careers in education. Select one of the academic majors below. You must select a likely teaching major.

- Early Childhood     Elementary     Middle School     Secondary\*     Special     Higher

**\*If secondary education (Junior High - High school), indicate one subject area:**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Economics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business              | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English/Language Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics          | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech and Dramatics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education    |   |   |

**College or University you plan to attend in the academic year 2025-2026:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERS (To include Mother, Father, Stepparent, Guardians, Brothers, Sisters):**  
(Also, indicate any in college at the present time with an \* Beside Their Name)

| <b>NAME</b> | <b>RELATIONSHIP</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|
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**PART II. WORK EXPERIENCE**

| <b>EMPLOYER</b> | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>DATES</b> | <b>HOURS PER WEEK</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
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**If no work experience, please give an explanation:**  
\_\_\_\_\_



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**PART VII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND APPLICANT APPRAISAL**

Please, complete the information below and include it along with your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope to the applicant. Thank you for taking the time to help this applicant.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSESSMENT – Place an "X" over the choice you wish to make**

|   |                       |                  |                        |               |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| The applicant's choice of post secondary education is                                       | Extremely Appropriate | Very Appropriate | Moderately Appropriate | Inappropriate |
| The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability  | Extremely Well        | Very Well        | Moderately Well        | Not Well      |
| The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals                               | Excellent             | Good             | Fair                   | Poor          |
| The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community                           | Excellent             | Good             | Fair                   | Poor          |
| The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources                             | Extremely Well        | Very Well        | Moderately Well        | Not Well      |
| The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative   | Extremely Well        | Very Well        | Moderately Well        | Not Well      |
| The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through and completes tasks | Extremely Well        | Very Well        | Moderately Well        | Not Well      |
| The applicant's respect for self and others   | Excellent             | Good             | Fair                   | Poor          |

Appraiser's Signature and Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please, contact:

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### 2025 Scholarship Application Checklist

Scholarships are being made available to any students currently in their senior year of high school residing in Jefferson or Lewis County and pursuing a degree in education.

When all items are completed for your application, please use and enclose the following checklist in a pocketed folder (**Do not staple or punch holes in the application**)

All pages are to be placed loose in the pockets of the folder in proper order. You are to also include the **Letter of Recommendation** and **Appraisal** along with your **High School Transcript**. A **portrait photo of yourself** is to be included to be used for public relations purposes.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. All pages are typewritten, word processed from a computer or neatly printed in blue or black ink
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Completed pages 1 and 2 of the application, signed and dated
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Include your essay in word processed format and your application with your name on it
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Proofread your application and essays for spelling and grammar
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Include your Letter of Recommendation and Appraisal sheet in a sealed envelope
- \_\_\_\_ 6. Include your High School Transcript from your guidance counselor in a sealed envelope
- \_\_\_\_ 7. Include a **portrait photo** of yourself
- \_\_\_\_ 8. Submit this checklist with your completed application
- \_\_\_\_ 9. Place all items in a pocketed folder (Do not punch holes or put staples in any of the sheets)
- \_\_\_\_ 10. Your completed folder must be submitted and received by **March 15, 2025** to:

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