

## **“COMMUNITY BETTERMENT” SCHOLARSHIP Award Criteria & Information**

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Alexandria Bay Chapter of the Foundation for Community Betterment is offering a “Community Betterment” Scholarship Award worth \$500 to the Alexandria Central School senior who demonstrates outstanding commitment to “Community Service and Betterment.” Once awarded, scholarship money will be sent directly to the secondary school that the selected student will be attending.

### **What is “The Foundation for Community Betterment?”**

The Foundation for Community Betterment is a local and national network of generous individuals who believe a simple gesture that touches just one life can positively impact an entire community. As our logo symbolizes, it is our hope that our simple actions can create a “Ripple Effect” of kindness in our community, through the actions of the recipients we support.

### **What is Our Mission?**

The Foundation for Community Betterment is dedicated to engaging individuals of all ages in community enhancement by creating an immediate, positive impact in the lives of individuals or organizations that share our philanthropic vision, but who lack the means to succeed.

### **Why was the “Community Betterment Scholarship” Award Created?**

As a result of 20+ years of creating a Community Betterment Weekend of fundraising events, our volunteer team felt the need to encourage and recognize outstanding youth involvement in our community. We decided to create a \$500 scholarship award to recognize and support the high school senior(s) whose good deeds and volunteer service show a positive contribution to our community, making a difference in the lives of others. The senior must also be enrolling full-time in an accredited post-secondary institution or trade school.

### **Who Can Apply?**

Eligible candidates must be a current student at Alexandria Central School and be continuing their higher education. The \$500 award will be granted to the student who demonstrates outstanding leadership, ambition, and impact as exemplified through their commitment to community service.

### **How will the Recipient be Chosen?**

A recipient will be chosen based on the impact of their service to their school or community—after review of their submitted application & recommendation required.

Multiple members of our local Foundation for Community Betterment Board and one representative of Alexandria Central School will decide on the proper recipient.

A final letter will be drafted from the Foundation for Community Betterment acknowledging the Award Recipient which will be presented at *Awards Night* prior to Graduation (in June) and will be announced in the Graduation Day program.

### **How Do I Apply?**

**Please Complete and Return the Following for Applications:**

- 1) Recipient Application
- 2) One Letter of Recommendation

**Submit applications by June 1 to:**

Ms. Michelle Mourino  
ACS Counseling Office  
ATTN: Community Betterment Scholarship

Any Questions, email: [info@communitybetterment.org](mailto:info@communitybetterment.org)

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**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**ALEXANDRIA CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
*— Application Form —*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY NAME & ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Foundation for Community Betterment has three specific recipient criteria when determining gifting in our community: Impact, Network and Creating a “Ripple Effect” of goodness. We will use these same criteria in determining our COMMUNITY BETTERMENT SCHOLARSHIP Award Winner.**

**Please tell us about your community service background story—including a list of community service activities you’ve completed in your career at Alexandria Central School. Additionally, we ask that you answer the following questions as related to your service:**

**1. Impact** – Explain how you have made a meaningful difference for a person, group of people or organization in our special community.

**2. Network** – A letter of recommendation speaking to your level of service is required. We seek to empower community leaders to help define your philanthropic spirit. Grant recipients must always be recommended by someone in our community’s network of supporters.

**3. The “Gift that Keeps on Giving”** – recipients must possess a philanthropic spirit through their past actions. Long after the scholarship is awarded, we want to understand how your commitment to bettering Alexandria or improving the lives of others results in the “Gift that Keeps on Giving.” Please explain how your service creates a “ripple effect” of kindness.

## Congratulations!

{{student\_name}}  
{{label}}

Dear {{salutation}}:

Congratulations! It is our pleasure to inform you that our Selection Committee has selected you as a recipient of our \$500 “Community Betterment Scholarship” Award for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Your scholarship has been made out to {{School}} and enclosed.

If your college plans change and you no longer plan to attend this institution, please email us immediately at [info@communitybetterment.org](mailto:info@communitybetterment.org) with your new information:

- Your Full Name
- University Name and Address
- Student ID number

Once again, we congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish you continued success in your educational pursuits. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 410-394-9868 or [info@communitybetterment.org](mailto:info@communitybetterment.org).

Sincerely,

Alexandria Bay, NY Chapter of The Foundation for Community Betterment

*Your Scholarship Award is Made Possible Through the support of volunteers and donors during:*

*Community Betterment Weekend  
July 22 & 23, 2022*

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