



The Foundation for
**Community
Betterment**
Alexandria Bay Chapter

“COMMUNITY BETTERMENT” SCHOLARSHIP 2026 Award Criteria & Information

Alexandria Bay Chapter of the Foundation for Community Betterment is offering a “Community Betterment” Scholarship Award worth \$2,000 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 post-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?

Our volunteer team felt the need to encourage and recognize outstanding youth involvement in our community. We decided to create a 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 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 and recommendation required.

Two 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* and will be announced in the Graduation Day program. Following the receipt of the award letter, the recipient is responsible for sharing their institution name and student account information to process award.

How Do I Apply?

Please Complete and Return the Following for 2026 Applications:

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

Submit applications by April 30, 2026 to:

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

Any questions? Please email Foundation Director, Lauren Pifer, at Lauren@communitybetterment.org

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” — Mother Teresa

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ALEXANDRIA CENTRAL SCHOOL
— Application Form —

STUDENT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____

POST-SECONDARY NAME & ADDRESS:

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



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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.