

## **GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### Instructions to students

1. Carefully answer all the questions on the application. Ask your parent/guardian and school counselor for assistance.
2. You must be entering an accredited college\*, trade or technical school, pursuing a certificate or degree in a wide range of programs. Examples of eligible programs in college are technical, such as computer science, medical technology, nursing, or engineering. Programs in trade or technical school can include plumbing, welding, cosmetology, culinary arts, and many others too numerous to mention. You can also apply if you are a continuing student in an approved program, whether or not you have applied for this scholarship in the past.  
\*the term "college" also refers to university
3. The personal statement, which you must attach to this application, is an extension of you. In most cases, it is the only picture of you the Scholarship Selection Committee will see. It is very important to:
  - a. Type or print clearly.
  - b. Sign this application and your personal statement.
  - c. Include anything you want to tell the Scholarship Selection Committee that would help them to know you better.
4. The Scholarship Selection Committee relies completely upon the application and the materials you provide in selecting scholarship recipients. Be accurate and thorough. Your information will be kept in the strictest confidence.
5. PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PERSONAL STATEMENT TO:

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
135 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BOX 300  
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07207-0300**

SUBMIT THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

**THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING ALL THE MATERIAL IS  
FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011**

**TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM**

TO THE STUDENTS: You and your parent/guardian should sign the release form and return it to your school counselor for completion.

This authorizes the high school to release a copy of your transcript to the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce:

SIGNATURE - Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE - Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COUNSELOR \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSELOR'S COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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Counselor's Signature Phone # Date

EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the student's transcript with this form and return to us no later than **FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011. Mail to:**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**135 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BOX 300**  
**ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07207-0300**



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*From IRS form 1040 – line 37 for 2010. If not available, use 2009 and/or explain below in section 3.

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1. How many other children in your immediate family? \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s) of brother(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of sister(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are any attending college, trade or technical schools? \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of institution(s) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please explain any unusual circumstances in your life (examples: serious family illness, foster care, IRS forms not available, etc.)

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December 1, 2010

To: Principals and School Counselors  
Union County High Schools

Enclosed are the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce scholarship applications for high school seniors who are planning to pursue a certificate, associate or bachelors degree. Preference will be given to students pursuing a certificate or associate degree, but scholarships are often awarded to students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Most scholarships are for \$1,000. Please feel free to duplicate the application for distribution to all eligible students.

The deadline for returning the scholarship applications is **FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011**. If you have any questions, please call Helen Durish at the Chamber office at 908-352-0900.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Coyle  
President