



Dear Students and Parents,

Enclosed is the 2010 Canton Dollars for Scholars Application, along with information about how Canton Dollars for Scholars (CDFS) works. Please take a few minutes to read through what CDFS can do to help you. Since 1986, CDFS has provided scholarships worth over \$340,000 to 423 students.

Applicants must be high school seniors (this includes mid-year graduates) and Canton residents. Canton residents who are seniors at public, private, or parochial schools may apply. Applicants must anticipate enrolling full-time at a university or college, junior college, technical institute, trade school, school of nursing or other recognized training facility which provides post-high school education

Many local organizations fund scholarships through CDFS and we also offer general scholarships funded by monies raised through our annual fund drive.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2010**

**All applicants must be in good academic standing at the time the awards are given.**

- **Casey LeGeyt Memorial Scholarship** It is with honor that the Casey LeGeyt Memorial Scholarship be given to a Canton High School graduating senior. We are proud to present this scholarship and give back to a member of the community just as the community so generously gave their support and love to Casey and her family. This graduating senior exemplifies many of the qualities that Casey herself possessed...a genuine compassion for others, a love for her community and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. **Any student applying for this scholarship is required to write a 100 to 200 word essay describing the importance of the community in their lives and the difference that they have made in the lives of others.** (\$1000, number of scholarships will vary)
- **Casey LeGeyt Troop 66264 Scholarship Fund** On behalf of our sister Girl Scout, Casey LeGeyt, Troop 66264 has established a college scholarship fund in her memory. The candidate must have been registered and active as a Girl Scout for at least one year. Casey's legacy will live on through helping her Girl Scout friends in their pursuit of a college education. (\$600, number of scholarships will vary)

**Please answer one of the following questions using 50 to 100 words.**

Option one: How did scouting play an important role in your life? Have any of your experiences in scouting shaped your career path?

Option two: In the spirit of Casey's love of people and kindness to all, what Girl Scout community service project was most special to you? What did you gain from that experience?

Option three: What special words best describe Casey?

- **Wally Riiska Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship is in memory of Wally Riiska, a long time resident who enthusiastically supported the Canton community and Canton's youth. A consistent pattern of volunteerism and service to the community must be demonstrated. High academic achievement and ethical standards, as well as enthusiasm for Canton High School is essential. (\$500)
- **The Arthur D. Rhea III, Memorial Scholarship** Presented to a Canton High School student who best exemplifies the characteristics that Arthur D. Rhea displayed each day of his life: a never ending spirit of determination and perseverance, a positive and joyful outlook on the gift of each day, an ability to laugh, and a desire to leave the world a better place. (\$500)
- **The Geraldine Smith Scholarship** Presented to a Canton High School student who is pursuing a career in one of the various fields of education such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Special Education, etc. The applicant must be pursuing a career working with children from Pre-K to grade 6. This recipient must show dedication, concern and a zeal for providing the best education to our youth. (\$1000)
- **Stepping Stones Educational Center Scholarship** Presented to a deserving Canton resident graduating from high school who is entering the field of education related to young children. (\$1000)
- **Avon Canton Rotary** Presented to two Canton High School students who have displayed a pattern of service to their fellow students and community. Financial need will be considered. (2 @ \$1,000)
- **Avon Canton Rotary Technical/Vocational Scholarship** Presented to a Canton High School student who will be pursuing a technical or vocational career. Financial need will be considered. (\$1,000)
- **The Human Spirit Award** These scholarships are financed by a donor who chooses to remain anonymous. They are presented to Canton High School students graduating from high school who have significant financial limitations, OR challenging personal circumstances that could make attending an institution of higher learning almost impossible. Students must show they demonstrate drive and determination to achieve their goals.
- **The Shoppes at Farmington Valley Scholarship** Presented to a Canton High School graduating senior pursuing a career in retail or restaurant management. (\$500)
- **General Dollars for Scholars Scholarships.** Presented to Canton residents graduating from high School who plan to continue their education at vocational/technical schools and other specialized training programs, as well as to students who will enroll in traditional two and four year colleges and universities. Awards are made on the basis of academic performance, school and community activities, leadership qualities, high ethical standards, as well as financial need. (up to \$1,000; the number of scholarships will vary depending on community contributions)



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete the attached Dollars for Scholars Application.
2. Attach to your application a resume that lists your extracurricular and community service activities
3. Enclose your High School transcript including GPA
4. Attach SAT scores from the College Board
4. Written paragraph– See Page 6

Mail your application and attachments to: Canton Dollars for Scholars  
P.O. Box 671  
Canton, CT 06019

**Your application package must be postmarked by Saturday, May 1, 2010. Incomplete applications will make students ineligible to receive an award.**

## CANTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

### SECTION I

1. STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

2. STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

3. STUDENT'S HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. STUDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

4. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH STUDENT WILL GRADUATE:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Town State Zip

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

**SECTION II**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. STUDENT LIVES WITH: (check any that apply)

Father\_\_\_\_ Stepmother\_\_\_\_ Guardians\_\_\_\_ Father deceased\_\_\_\_ Parents separated\_\_\_\_

Mother\_\_\_\_ Stepmother\_\_\_\_ Relative\_\_\_\_ Mother deceased\_\_\_\_ Parents divorced\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC PLANS**

1. NAME OF SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND (If undecided, list only your top 2 schools)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Town State Zip

2. EXPECTED ACADEMIC MAJOR OR CAREER GOAL

- Education  What grade level/field\_\_\_\_\_
- Business  What type\_\_\_\_\_
- Health Care  What field\_\_\_\_\_
- Engineering  What type\_\_\_\_\_
- The Arts  What field\_\_\_\_\_
- Sciences  What field\_\_\_\_\_
- Technical Institution  What field\_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL PLANS**

ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND

Tuition and Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED TO DATE:

Financial Aid Received From the School You Will Attend:

Grants/Scholarships: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Study Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Stafford Loans: \_\_\_\_\_ (Do not include personal or PLUS loans)

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Only include monies given to you through your school. DO NOT include PLUS loans or personal loans





**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I hereby certify that the information provided to Canton Dollars for Scholars in this application and attachments is true and correct. I further agree to immediately advise the Canton Dollars for Scholars, in writing or by telephone, of any changes affecting my need for scholarship assistance. This includes, but is not limited to, the receipt of any other scholarship awards, aid from the school of my choice, or monies or assistance which will defray any portion of the cost of attending the school or training facility which I will attend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature



## **Facts and Frequently asked questions about Canton Dollars for Scholars**

**What is Canton Dollars for Scholars?** Canton Dollars for Scholars is a volunteer driven community based organization in existence since 1986. It is based on a program of Scholarship America, a national network of more than 1,200 grassroots community based, volunteer driven scholarship foundation in cities, towns and neighborhoods throughout the United States. The goal of Canton Dollars for Scholars is to unite local citizens and encourage local students to reach for and achieve their educational goals.

**How does Canton Dollars for Scholars select the general scholarships?** Canton Dollars for Scholars uses an anonymous method of selection which means that all identifying information is removed from the application. Then 4-6 selection committee member volunteers evaluate each application independently and the scores are then averaged together for a total ranking of each applicant. The general CDFS scholarships are given to the top scorers of this ranking system taking into consideration those students who have previously won other awards. **Since 2006, CDFS scholarships were not awarded to students who had won \$1,000 or more from other scholarships who coordinate with CDFS.**

**What other scholarships coordinate with Canton Dollars for Scholars?** The number of cooperating scholarship committees has been growing in recent years. Since 2006, we cooperated and shared information with the Cawasa Grange, Sam Collins, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and selected Canton High School awards.

**How does Canton Dollars for Scholars select the Human Spirit Award?** The Human Spirit Award is selected by the private donor who chooses to remain anonymous. CDFS collects the scholarship applications that were completed and delivers them to the donor. They then make their selections and conduct possible interviews based on their own method of selection. After their selections are made, the CDFS selection committee meets to make the remainder of the selections.