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Annual Scholarship Application 2024

Many Hands Thrift Shoppe was started in March of 2016 as an outreach program of First Parish Church. It is community based and dependent upon the work of many volunteers from Berlin and surrounding communities. **Many Hands** offers quality clothing, shoes, handbags, and jewelry at exceptional prices. Thanks to the patronage of the people of Berlin and surrounding towns, we have earned funds to aid in the operating budget of the church and have donated to several charities in local communities and internationally. One of our founding visions was to eventually offer an annual scholarship to students from Berlin. **This year we have extended our outreach to include students from Berlin or Boylston.** We feel very fortunate to be able to continue that mission for another year.

Award Description:

- The awards consist of eight, \$500 scholarships for **students of families residing in Berlin or Boylston** and who will be attending accredited colleges, universities or trade schools in the 2024-2025 school year and who will be in their **freshmen through senior year** of undergraduate study. If fewer than 8 applicants are qualified to receive the scholarship the allocated monies of \$4000 will be divided evenly between the chosen recipients.
- Determination of the award is made on the following basis:
 - A general evaluation of the completed application (see attached)
 - Transcript from high school or college
 - Proof of acceptance/attendance
 - Teacher recommendation (high school students only) ,
 - Statement of need (post high school students only)
 - Essay (see details below).

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a resident of Berlin, MA or Boylston, MA and a senior in high school accepted into a post graduate college, university or post graduate vocational institution/school **or** a student continuing to attend an accredited college, university or post graduate vocational institution/school .

- Applicant must be continuing their education at a university, college, or vocational institution in the next academic year (2024-2025)

Process:

- Applicant must submit a **500 word essay** covering the following subject:
Many Hands Thrift Shoppe mission is *“providing the residents of Berlin and the surrounding area access to affordable clothing, as well as creating an opportunity for many hands to volunteer for a worthy cause while supporting a caring environment in our community.”*
 - In your life, how have you worked with others to achieve a common goal? (you may include one or several scenarios)
 - Reflect on how your experience working with others has affected you
- Applicant must submit the most recent high school or college **transcript** (may be a copy of transcript or copy of most recent report card/grades)
- Proof of **acceptance/attendance** to a post-secondary institution – i.e. copy of acceptance letter or photo of college ID card
- Applicant must submit one **teacher recommendation** if currently a high school student or a **financial needs statement** if currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school. This needs statement should include what the scholarship will be used for and may include cost of schooling for the upcoming year
- Applicant must complete the attached application
- Application and supporting documents are due by May 31, 2024
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 15, 2024
- Application and supporting documents should be mailed to:

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PLEASE direct any questions about this scholarship to Audrey McNickol 508-981-5815 and leave a message. Thank you.

Many Hands Scholarship Application 2024

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School/ College Currently Attending:

Post-Secondary School Student Will Be Attending 2023-2024:

Provide a list of your extra-curricular activities, work experience, hobbies, community involvement and any awards you have received (may attach a separate sheet)

I certify that all the information provided is complete and correct. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to the publication of my name and likeness by Many Hands Thrift Shoppe and will provide a recent photo.

Signature

Date