



**Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce  
Classroom to Career Connection**

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA – 2010**

Application Guidelines:

1. The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will award seven \$1,000 scholarships for students enrolled or planning entrance to a vocational school, business school, two or four-year College. We are grateful to Mr. Franco Coladipietro with the Law Office of Amari & Locallo, Mr. Tom Itrich with Huskie Tools, Bob Iden, Mayor of the Village of Bloomingdale, Joe Bohne, Old Town Bank and Trust of Bloomingdale, Kevin Mottlowitz of Stratford Crossing Shopping Center and Salomon Diaz of Outback Steakhouse for their generosity in providing these scholarship awards.
2. Applications are available to Bloomingdale residents, and employees and children of the members of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.
3. Applications will be mailed to local high schools and colleges. Applications are also available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, Village Hall, Bloomingdale Chamber Office and on our website at [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com).
4. Completed applications are due in the Bloomingdale Chamber office by April 9, 2010. Address of the chamber office is: 108 W. Lake Street, Bloomingdale, IL, 60108.
5. A committee from the general membership of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will evaluate applications based on the established criteria. Recommendations from this committee will be tabulated to determine the winners. A face to face interview may be required.
6. Scholarships will be awarded at the annual Scholarship Breakfast on June 10, 2010.

Applicant Criteria:

1. Bloomingdale resident, or an employee or child of a Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce member.
2. High school graduating senior or continuing post-secondary school student. You must be a full-time student (i.e., minimum of 12 quarter hours or 15 semester hours).
3. Students must have a G.P.A of at least 2.5 (on a 4 point scale).
4. Past winners of this scholarship are disqualified from reapplying.
5. Additional consideration given to: community service, work experience, extra curricula activities, leadership and special circumstances.

The following materials must be submitted together in one package.

1. Proof of enrollment or acceptance into college of choice.
2. Original high school transcript.
3. Completed application. The questions on pages 2 and 3 of the application can be submitted on a separate sheet, if you prefer.
4. A written essay describing your career goals and what influences motivated you to choose this career. This essay should be 500 words or less.

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**BLOOMINGDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
2010  
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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chamber Member Business Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank in Family** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Example: oldest of two children, second of five)*

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**In addition to completing the following questions, please compose an essay consisting of 500 words or less describing your career goal. Include information as to why you have chosen this profession and some of the things you have done to prepare for this career. Please attach your essay to this packet. The following questions can also be submitted as an attachment, if you prefer. Answer questions that are applicable.**

1. Discuss your educational plans. Include what school or educational facility you plan to attend or will continue to attend and why.

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2. What is your current plan to finance your post secondary education? Make note of any scholarships already received or applied for.

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3. Identify any jobs or volunteer experiences you have had in the past four years, including summer employment.

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4. Describe any school activities in which you have been actively involved. Indicate the number of years of involvement and any offices or special contributions you have made.

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5. Describe any out-of-school activities in which you have been an active participant. Indicate the number of years of involvement as well as any offices held or special contributions you have personally made. Include any community service, scouts, church groups, sports, volunteer positions, etc.

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6. Describe any special circumstances or life experience the committee should be aware of.

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**Please submit an official transcript from your high school along with this application.**

**Deadline for return of this form -- April 9, 2010 Noon to:**

(Please return to the chamber office via mail or in person.)

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