

2019 FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Our Mission is to enhance the quality of life for our Soldiers, their families and local communities by providing quality, lost-cost second hand merchandise from around the world for them to purchase; to provide a venue for military families to consign and sell their unwanted items thus enabling them to supplement their incomes; to provide charitable donations to activities/organizations that benefit

these Soldiers and their families as agreed upon by a majority of the Fort Drum Community members.

The Fort Drum Thrift Shop Inc. is awarding \$9,000.00 in scholarships in 2019 to six qualified applicants. *Awards will be granted to both Undergraduate and Graduate students.*

Awards will be broken down as follows:

- \$2,500 (two awards)
- \$1,500 (two awards)
- \$500 (two awards)

Below you will find everything you need to fill out and submit an application.

The selection of scholarship recipients is based on:

Academic Achievement: demonstrated by high school/college grade point average information (GPA) and class ranking. Leadership: based on self-reliance. Additional determining factors include:

- Participation in school activities.
- Honors received.
- References of two educators from the school.
- Participation in community activities.

Eligibility requirements:

- Scholarship awardees must be accepted into or attending any accredited four-year college, junior college or community college, or enrolled in Graduate school within the United States.
- Applicants must be accepted by the qualified institution prior to actually receiving a scholarship. Must provide a copy of acceptance letter.
- Applicants must commence their training in the first academic year following their senior year of high school or the following academic year of the college currently attending.
- Applicants must be in their senior year of high school or currently in a full time accredited college or community college. If an applicant is awarded a scholarship while in his or her senior year of high school and does not graduate at the end of his or her senior year, he or she is no longer eligible to receive a scholarship.
- Students completing high school in fewer than the normal four years are eligible to apply.
- All scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, political affiliation or social or economic status.
- Scholarships are not renewable.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Before you send in your application materials, please make sure you have included the following:

- Completed application with your signature and the signature of your school guidance counselor.
- A copy of your high school/college transcript.
- Your personal essay of 400-500 words, typed and double spaced.
- The reference sheets and accompanied letters of reference.
- Mail all application materials, should be postmarked on or before March 16th, 2019.

Retain a copy of the above documents for your records. Incomplete packets will be rejected automatically.

A PDF file of the application may be downloaded at <http://www.fortdrumthriftshop.com>

Please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting your application.

- USE AT LEAST A 9" X 11" ENVELOPE. DO NOT FOLD THE APPLICATION.
- DO NOT USE STAPLES. You may use paper clips.
- DO NOT PUT THE APPLICATION IN A BINDER OR FOLDER. This will be removed and disposed of before going to the judges.
- DO NOT INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH WITH YOUR APPLICATION. This will be removed and disposed of before going to the judges.

Completed application materials should be postmarked on or before March 16th 2019 and sent to:

Fort Drum Thrift Shop Inc.

C/O Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 485

Fort Drum, NY 13602

Questions may be sent to: fdtsvicechairman@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the scholarship?

- The Fort Drum Thrift Shop Inc. is awarding \$9,000.00 in scholarships for the 2019 academic year to six qualified applicants. Awards will be distributed as follows – two \$2,500 scholarships, two \$1,250 scholarships, and two \$750 scholarships.

Who is eligible?

- High school seniors who are graduating in 2019 or students currently in a full time accredited college or community college (Graduate or Undergraduate students may apply). **Must have a valid Military ID.**

Who qualifies as a Reference?

- Applicants are required to submit two personal references. References should come from teachers, coaches, sponsors, tutors, counselors, professors, volunteer coordinators, employers, and/or anyone who works or worked with you on a day-to-day basis. **No Family members or friends.**

Do I have to use the reference sheets in the application or will letters of recommendation be okay?

- Yes. The reference sheets use a numbering system for judging purposes. References must be filled out on the proper form and sent in with your packet. You must also include letters of reference in addition to the reference sheets.

Does the copy of the transcript have to be certified?

- Both unofficial and official transcripts will be accepted. Transcripts do not have to be sealed in a separate envelope. However, most official transcripts will be sent in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT SEND IT SEPARATELY.**

What are you looking for in the essay?

- As part of this application, we ask that you write and attach an original essay of 400-500 words (typed and double spaced). This essay should describe your goals and passions. Examples may include what has led you to where you are, why you are in your chosen major, what hardships have you had to overcome that may have impacted your academic performance in the past, etc.?

You may also include a separate list of honors, awards community involvement, and accomplishments following your essay.

- Avoid making it an “I” list, with everything starting with “I did...” or “I went...”

- Be creative. Write something that will grab the judges' attention.

Is there anything else I can send that may be helpful to the judges?

- You may also include a list of achievements, awards, accomplishments and school clubs to which you belong. This can be included with the list of community events and organizations with which you are involved. Remember to keep this list separate from your essay.

What do you mean by community events and organizations?

- This would include church groups, civic groups, volunteer work, Boy or Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, etc., any organization outside of school with which you are currently or have been involved.

What is the deadline for the application?

- The application and all other materials must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2019.

I plan to go to a vocational school. Am I still eligible?

- No.

Is the scholarship renewable?

- No. The Fort Drum Thrift Shop Inc. Scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable award.

If I am awarded a scholarship, what do I have to do to get the money?

- If you are selected for a scholarship, the committee will notify you by letter. The letter will contain further instructions regarding the presentation ceremony.

How will the scholarship money be paid?

The money will be provided directly to the students, in the form of a check, to use as they need for their college expenses.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE THE INFORMATION BELOW

SECTION ONE: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

SECTION TWO: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year) _____

Grade Point Average _____ out of _____

Name and signature of high school guidance counselor or college educator verifying the academic information above:

Name (please print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

SECTION THREE: ESSAY

As part of this application, we ask that you write and attach an original essay of 400-500 words (typed and double spaced). This essay should describe your goals and passions. Examples may include what has led you to where you are, why you are in your chosen major, what hardships have you had to overcome that may have impacted your academic performance in the past, etc.?

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SECTION FOUR: REFERENCES

- Please print copies of the reference forms provided in this packet. Provide a copy to your two references (see FAQ sheet for more information on who qualifies as a reference). Be sure to include their personal statement with the completed reference form. Submit completed forms with the rest of your application materials.

SECTION FIVE: TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

I hereby declare that all information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. The essay is my own work. I also agree to abide by all scholarship policies as detailed in this document.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

REFERENCE FORM

REFERENCES FOR THE FORT DRUM THRIFT SHOP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

Please print the information below:

Name of Applicant

Your Name

Your Relationship to the Applicant

Please rank the Applicant in each of the categories below by circling the appropriate number for each item. *Please also provide a personal statement pertaining to the applicant and why you feel they are the ideal applicant for the Fort Drum Thrift Shop scholarship.*

* The Applicant must mail this and all other application materials on or before **March 16, 2019**

RATING SCALE

Rate the Applicant compared to the typical student in your school.

4 - Outstanding 3 - Above Average 2 - Average 1 - Below Average

- Leadership in school 4 3 2 1
- Leadership in community 4 3 2 1
- Character and integrity 4 3 2 1
- Self-reliance 4 3 2 1
- Initiative 4 3 2 1
- Creativity 4 3 2 1

I hereby declare that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and/or opinion.

Signature of Person Completing This Form

Date

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.