



Stoneham Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Overview

The Stoneham Chamber Scholarship Committee is pleased to distribute the 2021 scholarship application for high school graduating seniors. Since 2004, the Chamber has offered these scholarships in an effort to support the Stoneham community. The ability to fund these annual scholarships is directly tied to the generous support of Chamber members who underwrite programs such as this, as well as the Summer Concert Series, Town Day, the annual Tree Lighting, and many other events.

The Chamber currently offers three \$1,000 scholarships. The Kathleen E. Bray and John F. Mahoney Jr. scholarships are limited to Chamber members in good standing and their employees and/or children and grandchildren. The Business Scholarship are open to all graduating seniors who reside in Stoneham. **Please note: Applicants do not need to be pursuing a business degree to apply for a scholarship.**

The Kathleen E. Bray Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

Kathleen E. Bray was instrumental in the founding of the Chamber in 1984. She was a Chamber president and arts enthusiast who oversaw the Chamber's annual summer concert series for many years, and who served as the inspiration for the bandstand's placement on the Town Common. This award is reserved for Chamber members, their employees and/or children and grandchildren.

The John F. Mahoney, Jr. Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

John F. ('Jack') Mahoney, Jr. was the owner of J.F. Mahoney & Sons, Inc. and held strong personal and business ties with the Chamber of Commerce. He served as a Stoneham Selectman, and volunteered his time on many Town committees. John was named Father of Town Day, the Chamber's largest annual community event. This award is reserved for Chamber members, their employees and/or children and grandchildren.

The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship (1 @ \$1000)

These scholarships are awarded ideally to a student pursuing a business-oriented career. This award is available to all graduating seniors who reside in Stoneham.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate applications based on the following criteria: completion of application requirements, need, involvement in extracurricular activities/honors, quality of application essay, quality/content of references and quality of academic record. Scholarships are not necessarily needs based. Applicants are asked to provide two letters of reference, a current official transcript from their school and an essay.

Applications must be postdated or received no later than Friday, May 14th the Stoneham Chamber office at 335 Main Street, Suite 202, Stoneham MA 02180. the Chamber has offered. This application is also available online at stonehamchamber.org.

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Your completed application *must* be accompanied by the following:

- Official transcript
- Personal essay
- Two references (one academic, one personal)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Home address:

Telephone:

Email address:

Date of birth:

CHAMBER CONNECTION (Must be completed for application to be considered)

Please check the line that is appropriate and provide information where required.

- I am the child/grandchild of the following Chamber business member
- I am the child/grandchild of an employee of the following Chamber business member
- I am the employee of the following Chamber business member.
- I am graduating senior who resides in Stoneham. (Skip to next page)

Chamber business member name:

Applicant's relationship:

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Chamber business member:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School:

Graduation year:

Number of students in the family (not including yourself) enrolled in post-secondary education as of Fall 2020:

Number of students in the family:

Do you have any special circumstance regarding your financial situation? If so, please explain:

INSTITUTION/COLLEGE INFORMATION

School name:

Address:

Anticipated year of graduation:

Anticipated degree/certification:

Has acceptance been received? Yes / No Have you sent a deposit? Yes / No

Please indicate your specific career goals:

APPLICANT'S ESTIMATED ANNUAL PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition:

Books:

Room & Board:

Other (Study tools):

Total anticipated expenses:

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Please fill out the following section as completely as possible. Attach additional pages, as needed.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

| Activity | Position Held | Dates of Participation |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ to __/__/__ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ to __/__/__ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ to __/__/__ |

AWARDS

| Award | Award given by | Date Received |
|----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | __/__/__ |

WORK HISTORY

EMPLOYER 1: _____

Address: _____

Length of employment: _____ to _____

Position held: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

EMPLOYER 2: _____

Address: _____

Length of employment: _____ to _____

Position held: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

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Please attach the following items to the completed form for consideration of a scholarship award. Next to each item below, you will find that a point amount is allocated to show how each item is weighed.

1. Completed Application (10 Points)

2. Personal Essay (20 Points)

In your own words, please describe what has influenced your educational goals. *Please do not include any references that would identify you to the Review Committee.*

3. Teacher/Guidance Counselor Reference (5 Points)

The completed reference should not include the candidate's name or identifying labels. The person making the recommendation should sign and date his/her submission.

4. Personal Reference (5 Points)

This reference can be any adult who can speak to the candidate's character. The completed reference should include the author's relationship to the candidate. It should not include the candidate's name or identifying labels. The person making the recommendation should sign and date his/her submission.

5. Official High School Transcript (10 Points)

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021.

Please feel free to contact Megan Day at megan@stonehamchamber.org or call (781) 438-0001 for more information or if you have questions. Good luck!