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HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2012

Hampshire County was formed in 1662 out of Middlesex County, an original county of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. For over 300 years, Hampshire County has provided courts, health care, human services, and regional solutions to local problems. During all that time, civic involvement by citizens has been the basis of the county. It is the people of Hampshire County, whether elected or volunteer, who have demonstrated the self reliance that makes community work. To continue in that tradition, the Hampshire County Councilors have established a scholarship fund to help support high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement. The criteria for four \$500 scholarships are:

- A 3.0 (B) grade point average or above
- Demonstrated civic/community involvement
- Must be a resident of a Hampshire Council of Governments member town (Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Westhampton, Williamsburg)
- To receive an award the Council will need verification of enrollment in a university or college for the Fall semester

To apply, graduating high school students should submit a 250 word essay on the importance of civic involvement with details of their own civic/community efforts. An activities sheet may also be included. The student must also provide an official copy of his/her high school transcript and the name and contact information of two individuals other than family members who can provide a reference for the student.

Applications should be postmarked no later than March 30th and addressed to:

Scholarship Committee
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