

The William P. Caputo Scholarship

Prospect Heights School District 23 graduates

2012 Application Form



Bill Caputo was dedicated to education. Serving on the Prospect Heights School Board for nearly 20 years, he championed scholastics, culture and the educational environment as an opportunity to grow. In his honor, this scholarship continues his efforts towards educational availability and awareness.

– The William P. Caputo Family

The William P. Caputo Scholarship Application

The William P. Caputo Scholarship Fund will provide a Scholarship to a Prospect Heights School District 23 graduate who is planning to attend a university, accredited college, or school of higher learning in the United States.

Amount of Scholarship:

The William P. Caputo Scholarship Fund will donate a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to a student who meets the criteria set forth in this application as determined by the Selection Committee. The scholarship will be awarded annually.

Eligibility:

Students attending their last year of high school or secondary education, who previously graduated from MacArthur Middle School, Prospect Heights, Illinois, School District 23, may apply. Students must plan to continue their educational career.

Basis of Award:

Applicants must provide a high school transcript of grades. A maximum of two recommendations may be submitted, but are not required for consideration. Applicants also must prepare a brief personal essay.

Application Submission to:

Jennifer L Caputo
200 E Randolph Street
5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Due: April 15, 2012

The annual recipient will be announced officially in June at the District 23 Promotion Ceremony. The award recipient should attend the ceremony and will be notified by the Selection Committee no later than May 15.

Application Information:

I. Scholarship Awards:

- A. The William P. Caputo Scholarship will be awarded annually.
- B. Scholarship Award will be presented in June of each year.
- C. Scholarship recipient will be notified by letter from the Selection Committee.

II. Scholarship Application Process:

- A. All applications and supporting materials should be delivered to the attention of the Scholarship Committee in care of **Jennifer L Caputo, 200 E Randolph Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601**
- B. Applications shall include:
 - i. Completed application form.
 - ii. Copy of High School Transcript including grade point earned and completed course work to date.
 - iii. Personal response to an essay prompt prepared by the applicant.
 - iv. (Optional) Letter(s) of recommendation.

III. Educational Institution Classifications:

- A. Eligible institutions of higher learning shall include any post-secondary institution in the United States requiring a high school diploma for entry:
 - i. Any public or private four (4) year accredited College or University.
 - ii. Any public or private two (2) year accredited College.
 - iii. Any public or private accredited vocational or technical College or training institution.

IV. Scholarship Award Disbursement:

- A. Scholarship Award money shall be deposited with the University, College, or institution of higher learning to which the award recipient is admitted.
- B. Scholarship Awards are non-transferable.

V. Scholarship Selection Criteria:

Scholarship recipients shall be selected based on:

- A. Academic performance or improvement during the high school career. There is no minimum grade point average to apply.
- B. Personal response to essay prompts.

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Name _____
Last First Initial

Address _____
Street Unit# City State Zip

Home Phone () _____ Age: _____
Area

School Presently Attending: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Year graduated from MacArthur Middle School: _____

University, College, or Institution you plan to attend or have applied to: _____

Career interest: _____

School activities, honors earned, and offices held: *(separate sheet as necessary)* _____

Community activities and special interests: *(separate sheet as necessary)* _____

Summer employment and/or after-school jobs: *(separate sheet as necessary)* _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal Essay:

Please write an essay in response to ONE of the prompts listed below.

The essay should be a typed response of 250 words or less and submitted on a separate sheet.

NOTE: Include your Name and Address on the upper right hand corner of the essay.

Option A: How have your years in School District 23 influenced your life, and/or inspired you to pursue higher education?

Option B: Describe a significant experience or achievement that has special or personal meaning to you and influenced your plans for the future.

Option C: Describe an obstacle or barrier you have had to overcome in order to reach or aspire to your goals.