



## The Nyack Young Writers Scholarship

August, 2020

*I'm still awake and it's a quarter-to-four in the morning. Somehow, I would like to provoke and encourage you, young writer, to enter this once-in-a-lifetime contest. I want to convey that I am not simply asking you to enter your name, as you would enter a lottery or some raffle. I want to convince you to sit down for however many hours it may take and consider how you can channel all of your anger, love, imagination, and anxiety into words on paper. I want you to speak your truth. I'm bored and lonely tonight, young writer, please write something that will help.*

**The Nyack Young Writers Scholarship** recognizes two Nyack High School seniors, judged to have written and submitted the most outstanding prose or poetry. The scholarship awards \$3,500 to the first-place recipient, and \$2,000 to the second-place recipient, to assist in offsetting costs in pursuing a college degree at the school of his or her choice.

The scholarship is intended as a call to action for a young, aspiring writer, or for a student passionate about simply sharing his or her voice with the world. The sponsors of this scholarship and eventual readers of your work hope this scholarship will encourage exceptional imaginative expression as opposed to typical academic achievement. They ask that you submit something you are proud of, a story or a collection of poems that will elicit laughs and tears, and shed light on human love or hate or fears or lusts or pain or faith or time or trust or distrust.

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must be students entering their senior year at Nyack High School. The Nyack Young Writers Scholarship award is an outright grant, to be used in offsetting expenses, including tuition, room and board, or books/other materials.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit your completed application to the Nyack High School Guidance Department. **Filing deadline is October 20, 2020.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and the fund holder. Students will be notified of award or denial on or before **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed and signed application
- A writing submission, either:
  - Prose, fiction or non-fiction, 1,500-12,000 words, double-spaced.
  - Poetry, at least 60 lines (Please, no more than eight poems).
- Additional criteria:
  - Submissions must be in English
  - Do not include any graphics – text only
  - Submissions must be standalone pieces
  - Plays or screenplays will not be accepted

***Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.  
Your writing sample(s) will not be returned.***

Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email [admin@rocklandgives.org](mailto:admin@rocklandgives.org)

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**APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned area of study/career goals (if any):**

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**Certification and Permissions - Please Read and Sign**

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Rockland Community Foundation to verify such information and to release it to the fund holder for the Nyack Young Writers Scholarship. Falsification of any information or failure to attend college will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the Rockland Community Foundation the right to use<sup>1</sup> my biographical information, my submission, and my image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award, and to promote the goals of the scholarship, for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/  
Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> The student will retain ownership of their story/poems and can do with it what they please.