## Cayuga Counselors Association

## Scholarship Application 2025

#### E<u>ligibility/Criteria:</u>

- High school seniors from any of the nine school districts in the Cayuga/Onondaga BOCES.
- Students planning to major in one of the following areas:
  - Counseling/Psychology, Education, Health Occupations, or Social Services
- Students planning on studying full time at an accredited post secondary school during the academic year.
- Students who have provided service to others.
- Students who have financial need should receive priority consideration.

#### Application Requirements:

- Applicants need to attach an official high school transcript.
- Applicants must independently write an original essay without assistance from others or AI technology, that supports their active involvement in groups, clubs or organizations, in or out of school that demonstrates service to others.
- The applicant's commitment to serving others, as well as academic success, are factors that will be considered.
- An adult who has close association with the candidate's activity in this group, organization or club, must read the candidate's essay and verify the writer's commitment as expressed in the essay.
- The adult must also be willing to provide their contact information should further information regarding the candidate be needed.
- Each school district within the Cayuga/Onondaga BOCES is encouraged to submit one applicant's essay and application for review by a neutral committee coordinated by the Vice President of the CCA. Please note that, as per past practice, Auburn will be allowed to select two finalists due to the size of the school.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the student upon proof of matriculation. Acceptable forms of proof could be one of the following: course list indicating the courses enrolled in, a copy of the bursar bill, or a scanned copy of your student identification card.
- The number of scholarships and the amount of the award(s) vary each year.

### CAYUGA COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Student's Last Name, First Name

Home School

Student's Address

Student's Email Address

Student's Cell Phone Number

- 1. You are asked to independently write an original essay without assistance from others or AI technology that describes your active involvement in a group, organization or club, in school or in the community that demonstrates service to others. It is important to describe in detail the community service that you provided in this essay. Please ask an adult to verify your active involvement by reading your essay and completing the verification form. Please attach your essay to the application.
- 2. Please attach an activity sheet listing the activities you have been involved in.
- 3. Attach an official high school transcript.
- 4. What post-secondary school do you plan to attend?
- 5. What college major do you plan to pursue?
- 6. What is your estimated cost to attend college, after your financial aid?

# **Verification Form**

\*To be completed by an adult who has close association to the activity described in your essay.

Please write a brief statement describing the applicants commitment to the service about which they have written:



Verification: I certify that I have read the student's essay and support their active involvement in a group, organization or club that does indeed reach out to those in need. I also give my permission to be contacted if additional information is needed regarding this applicant's involvement. I also give my permission to be contacted if additional information is needed regarding this candidate's involvement. Printed Name/Position/Title

Signature

Date

Email Address

Phone Number