

THE SEPTEMBERFEST/ZACCARDI TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Septemberfest/Zaccardi Trade School Scholarship being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. Over the past 50 years, the Septemberfest scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Past scholarship winners have included young men and women who have been volunteers and workers within our community. These young adults have volunteered for various charitable agencies, the Park District, their church, or a Village committee, such as Peer Jury. The Village of Bloomingdale has benefited from the efforts of these young awardees. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please complete the attached scholarship application packet. This packet is also available through the homepage on the Village's website at: www.villageofbloomingdale.org. Click on "Community" on the top of the page; Septemberfest is listed under Community.

Qualifications for Scholarship

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

1. Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
2. Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
3. Is between the ages of 17 and 20 years of age
4. Is not a former winner of the Joe Draghi or Zaccardi Scholarship award
5. Exhibits community and/or school involvement
6. Plans to attend an accredited vocational / technical or trade school, such as but not limited to: Technology of DuPage, cosmetology, car mechanics, HVAC or other certification in a trade
7. Complete the following application packet:
 - a. Application Form (typewritten preferable)
 - b. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator or civic leader. The other letter must be from another professional adult source (not a family member or family friend). (Please attach letters of recommendation with essay and application form.)
 - c. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, what vocational/technical trade school do you plan to attend, career plans after school and attach it to this application form packet. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness. **(Must be typewritten.)**
8. The application packet must be complete when submitted and all requirements must be met. Letters of recommendation must be submitted as a part of the packet in their final form. The application packet can be emailed to: Scholarship@vil.bloomingdale.il.us or mailed/delivered to:
The Septemberfest/Zaccardi Trade School Scholarship
c/o Village of Bloomingdale
201 South Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
9. There will be a mandatory judge's interview held in the Spring, more information will be sent out to applicants closer to the interview time frame. **Contact for all scholarship related questions can be sent to: Sara Dworianyn at sara.dworianyn@gmail.com**

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS IS APRIL 3, 2023. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2023. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Winners will be announced at the 49th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Zaccardi Trade School Scholarship is a one-time grant and must be used within two years of receiving the award.

APPLICATION FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address: _____

Institution Currently Enrolled In:

Year of High School Graduation:

Bloomington Resident for _____ years.

(Must be a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomington, IL)

Applicant's Signature:

Date: