

**South Coastal Delaware Chapter #5226 of
the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)**

**Two Scholarships of \$1,500 Each
Exclusively for Indian River High School Seniors**

Requirements for Eligibility:

- Attended Indian River High School (IRHS) for the full junior and senior years.
- Earned a Cumulative GPA equivalent to 3.0 or higher.
- Submitted a completed 3-page application and all required attachments to the IRHS guidance office by **April 7, 2020**.

Evaluation Criteria:

The following criteria are considered in evaluating each application:

I. Academic record (up to 25 points)

The evaluation includes:

- The full range of courses taken.
- The level of course difficulty.
- Grades earned.
- Honors received.
- Evidence of consistently high grades or improvement throughout high school.

II. Extracurricular, community, and work activities (up to 25 points)

Participation in school organizations, volunteer service in or outside school, sports, employment, if applicable, and evidence of leadership or increasing responsibility.

III. Essay (up to 50 points)

The AARP Scholarship Selection Committee places a high value on a well written essay that follows the rules of good writing. It should include a title, an introduction, and a conclusion and observe correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. It must be typed, double-spaced, and limited to three one-sided pages. The essay must address each of the following topics:

- a. Describe your short-term and long-term goals. How have your academic preparation and community, work, and life experiences influenced the choice of those goals?
- b. Describe special attributes, accomplishments, passion, and commitment that make you unique. How will these characteristics help you realize your goals in college and in life?
- c. Describe challenges that you have overcome or that you may face in college. How have these challenges affected your academic achievement or ability to participate in extracurricular, community, or work activities? These challenges may include financial circumstances, disabilities, family circumstances, learning difficulties, cultural differences, or other considerations.

Required Application Components:

- The 3-page application found on the following pages. (**The application and essay should be one-sided.**)
- IRHS transcripts and senior report card, including latest marking period of the current senior year.
- IRHS Activity Sheet or equivalent, showing level of participation.
- A double-spaced, typed essay, limited to 3 pages and typed on one side of page only, which addresses topics (a), (b), and (c) above.

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2020 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Awards: Two (2) Individual Awards of \$1,500 Each

Due: April 7, 2020 to IRHS Guidance Office

Student Name (last, first, MI)

Home Address

Street

Apt. #

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email

Names of Parents/Guardians

List the colleges to which you have applied and acceptance status.

COLLEGE	STATE	ACCEPTED Yes/No/Pending

I. Academic Record

GPA (senior year): _____ Class rank: _____ out of _____

List any awards, honors, or scholarships that you have received while in high school, in descending order of significance.

Name of Award/Honor/Scholarship and Awarding Organization	Description	Date Awarded

II. Extracurricular, Community and Work Activities

A. List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities (e.g., memberships in school organizations and positions held, participation in sports) in descending order of importance to you.

Organization/Activity Name	Position(s) Held	Dates of Involvement

Brief description of your participation and responsibilities:

B. List and briefly describe the volunteer activities, other than at school, in which you have been involved, in descending order of importance to you.

Organization Name	Activity	Dates of Involvement

Brief description of your participation and responsibilities:

C. List and briefly describe any work experience, beginning with most recent.

Position	Employer	Dates of Employment

Brief description of your work responsibilities:

Checklist (please check items prior to submission)

- I have fully completed the 3-page application form.
- I have included the IRHS transcripts and most recent senior report card.
- I have attached the IRHS Activity Sheet or equivalent.
- I have attached the essay.
- The completed application was reviewed and is signed below by my IRHS guidance counselor.

IRHS Guidance Counselor Signature:
