

Dear NYSFAAA Colleague,

The members of the NYSFAAA Student Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the 2011-12 Scholarship process. In this, our 21st year of providing scholarships to students at member organizations, we will again offer 5 scholarships in each of the customary academic sectors. To continue this tradition we need your support and active involvement, both in making contributions to the fund and in encouraging your students to submit applications.

SIMPLIFIED PROCESS:

If you would like to nominate one of your students, please download and print the Student Scholarship Application from the NYSFAAA website:

http://www.nysfaaa.org/docs/forms/NYSFAAA_STUDENT_SCHOLARSHIP_APPLICATION_FORM.pdf.

When students sign the application, they will be giving their Financial Aid Office permission to release their academic information and to give the scholarship committee permission to access NSLDS to obtain information about the applicant's federal loan indebtedness. Finally, the student certification will also allow the publication of the name of the students who win an award. These improvements should streamline the process and hopefully make it easier for institutions to submit student applications. All applications are due no later than **September 25, 2011**.

SUPPORT IS CRITICAL:

The committee continues to seek not only your support of a student applicant from your institution, but your financial support as well. It is because of 20 plus years of individual and institutional donations that the NYSFAAA Scholarship Fund has been able to offer scholarships each year. But fund raising for the scholarship endowment is never finished as college costs go up each year and the need to generate more funds for scholarship continues to put pressure these resources. This year, in light of the recent changes in the way NYSFAAA is permitted to solicit donations, it is especially important for you to be as generous as possible. Therefore, your committee asks you to donate to the scholarship fund. Just think - if each NYSFAAA member donated \$10.00 we would raise more than \$10,000.00 for the scholarship fund. That, combined with Institutional donations, would make this scholarship drive extraordinarily successful. Your donation may be mailed to dropped off at the conference, sent to the Scholarship Committee Chair (Debra Evans) or sent directly to the NYSFAAA Treasurer (Steve Dwire).

FUNDRAISERS:

But we have good news! At this year's conference we will once again be holding the popular **RAFFLE!** Be sure to stop by and peruse what is offered. ALSO - we only have a few more tee shirts, so get 'em while they're hot! We hope you will stop by our table and take home a shirt or two (or three or four) in support of our wonderful organization and its continued scholarship activities.

If you have any questions I may be reached by phone at (516) 877-3394 or by email at evans@adelphi.edu.

AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LONG TERM SUPPORT OF NYSFAAA SCHOLARSHIP!

Through your generosity, students are able to receive significant financial support directly from NYSFAAA. These funds have a significant impact on students. They are always most grateful for these awards.

Sincerely,

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