

Dear NYSFAAA Colleague,

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NYSFAAA**

The members of the NYSFAAA Student Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce the beginning of the 2008-09 Scholarship process. In this, our 18<sup>th</sup> year of providing scholarships to students at member organizations, we will again offer 5 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 – one in each of the customary academic sectors – and two \$500 scholarships awarded at the New York State Fair. 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.

**SCHOLARSHIP  
REQUEST  
APPLICATION  
REVISED  
MAKING  
IT EASIER**

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](http://www.nysfaaa.org/docs/forms/NYSFAAA_STUDENT_SCHOLARSHIP_APPLICATION_FORM.pdf).

When students sign the application, they will give their Financial Aid Office permission to release their academic information. The Level of Indebtedness section has been eliminated and instead the student certification will give the scholarship committee permission to look up the applicant's federal loan indebtedness on NSLDS. Finally, the student certification will also allow the publication of the student's picture if he/she wins an award. These improvements should streamline the process and hopefully make it easier for institutions to submit student applications.

**SUPPORT  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND  
MAKE A  
DONATION**

The committee continues to seek not only your support of a student applicant from your institution, but your monetary 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 \$11,000.00 for the scholarship fund. That, combined with Institutional donations, would make this scholarship drive a very successful one. Also, due to the implementation of recent legislative changes, we will not be having the Silent Auction this year at the annual conference in Buffalo. In its place we will once again be selling tee shirts. We hope you will stop by our table and take home a shirt or two (or three or four) in support of our wonderful organizations and its continued scholarship activities.

Also, for all the duffers out there – this year we will hold the Second Annual NYSFAAA Golf Outing for Scholarship. We are hoping that this event will become an annual one to raise money for the Student Scholarship Fund. The day and time are yet to be determined and will be announced when arrangements are finalized, but dust off your clubs, get the spiders out of your golf shoes, find your crazy golf pants and join us for some fun and sun in Buffalo!

If anyone requires a letter on NYSFAAA letterhead to secure a corporate or school donation, please let me know and I will be happy to mail one to you. As always, an acknowledgement will be sent to all donors.

On behalf of the Student Scholarship Committee, I thank you in advance for your continued support of this most worthy cause. Through your generosity, students are able to receive significant financial support directly from NYSFAAA.

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

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
LONG TERM  
SUPPORT**

Sincerely,

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