

Vincent J. Coppola Memorial Scholarship

West Seneca East Senior High School

This scholarship is a one-time award of \$1000 for a qualified student who demonstrates a commitment to a career in the field of education. Qualifying students should exhibit outstanding personal character, strong scholastic attributes and work ethic, and a desire to help others and give back to their community.

The family of Vincent J. Coppola wishes to honor his many years of service to the West Seneca Central School District. Vince worked as a counselor, assistant high school principal, middle school principal, director of personnel and superintendent. His wisdom and leadership impacted countless educators over the years and his passion for education was long lasting and ongoing. He was dedicated to helping others and had an incredibly generous, gracious spirit, and loving heart.

He appreciated all types of students - he appreciated the importance of striving for academic excellence, and he also appreciated students who demonstrated kindness and compassion, determination, and integrity – students who helped others. It is this kind of student that we hope will apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Be a high school senior, graduating in the current academic year 2024-2025.
- Be accepted by a 2 or 4-year college/university and attending school full-time in the Fall.
- Be pursuing a career in the field of education.

Applicants should:

- 1) Complete the application.
- 2) Secure a letter of recommendation from an educator or from someone in the community who can speak about your character.
- 3) Complete the questions below and write a short essay pertaining to your interests and goals in the field of education.

*Applications due by March 13th in **PDF FORMAT ONLY** to sclar@wscschools.org

Vincent J. Coppola Memorial Scholarship Application

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

College /University attending: _____

Please make a list of all activities in which you have participated, including work experience, volunteer efforts (including school based), and any community service.

What position are you interested in pursuing in the education world? For example, a teaching position, counseling position, administrative position?

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a short essay (250 - 300 words), explaining your interest in a career path in education, your educational aspirations, and the goals you want to achieve as an educator. What personal attributes do you exemplify and demonstrate (e.g., compassion, determination, helpfulness) that you believe will help you succeed in the educational field and achieve your goals?

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