



BAMBINO/ GONCALVES/ JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The **Bambino Scholarship** is available to a college or technical school-bound special education student with an active IEP or 504 plan from a NYSIR-member school district to reward him or her for working through special challenges to complete high school and obtain acceptance to a college or university. The scholarship is in memory of Cristin Ann Bambino, daughter of NYSIR's Director of Risk Management, Robert Bambino. Cristin was a special education student who persevered through many obstacles and earned a Bachelor's degree and a Paralegal Certificate before her untimely passing.

Applicants for this scholarship must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words that must answer the following questions:

1. Explain the student's special education challenge(s) by listing and describing what they are.
2. Is the student managed by an IEP or 504 plan?
3. Give examples of how the student overcame his or her challenges.
4. List the student's accomplishments (clubs, athletics, volunteer activities, and academic achievements).
5. How can the student serve as a role model for other young people with special challenges?
6. Which college/technical school is the student planning to attend, and what will the student study?

The **Goncalves Scholarship** is available to a student who demonstrates an involvement and work for a cause or organization that promotes social justice, equal opportunity, relief of human suffering or other aspiration generally understood to be within the meaning of humanitarian activity throughout their high school career. Diversity is encouraged. This scholarship is in honor of NYSIR's former Executive Director, Joseph Goncalves.

Applicants for this scholarship must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words, that explains:

- ✓ His or her experience serving others during their high school careers
- ✓ How that service has benefited others
- ✓ What that experience has personally meant to the applicant
- ✓ The essay also may include mention of inspirational role models

The **Jensen Scholarship** is available to a student who has excelled in design in his or her high school career. The goal of this scholarship is to reward a student who has shown interest and promise in design and who wishes to pursue this path in college. The scholarship is in memory of Paul Jensen, a marketing representative for NYSIR. Paul was a great craftsman, able to evaluate the best functional attributes of multiple designs and then conceptualize his own creative version. For example, he created canoe designs then converted them to sailing canoes, and then adapted a commercial roof rack to transport the canoes.

Applicants for this scholarship must complete an essay, not to exceed 650 words, that explains:

- ✓ A way they would design, or adapt an existing design, for a specific purpose;
- ✓ How this design or adaptation could be accomplished;
- ✓ Why this design, or adaptation, would be unique.

Schematics or drawings are not required but may be attached to the essay to help explain the design or adaptation.

As a condition of the receipt of any scholarship above, consent must be given to NYSIR for the use of the scholarship winner's name, photograph and a story about the scholarship winner in NYSIR advertisements.