

**The Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in American History  
For Suffolk County High School Seniors**

This Scholarship is awarded to a graduating Suffolk County high school senior who will pursue an undergraduate degree with a concentrated study of a minimum of 24 credit hours in American History and/or American Government.

The awardees must attend a 4 year accredited college or university or academic institution subject to Board approval. The scholarship award is \$10,000 yearly for 4 years of degree completion.

Applications will be closed on March 30.

Notifications will be sent out in the first week of May.

There will be a runner-up selected in case the first place awardee is unable to accept the scholarship.

Eligibility: The Foundation will accept a maximum of 3 applicants from each High School located in Suffolk County, NY.

**Application Materials**

1. An academic writing sample of at least 10 pages typed-double spaced based on any aspect of Long Island history and how it reflects NY State and American History,
2. Chicago style endnotes, as well as a bibliography,
3. Two of the sources must be primary,
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from an American history or American studies teacher
5. Personal statement in the form of a 500-word academic autobiography giving special attention to achievements in American history and public service,
6. An official transcript

A completed package including all of the above items must be received by March 30. Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation 148 East Montauk Highway Suite 1 Hampton Bays, NY 11946 Attention: Scholarship

Yearly renewal of the scholarship will be based on the following conditions:

1. Maintenance of a GPA of 3.25
2. The awardee must be majoring in American History and /or American Government.
3. Awardees of the scholarship will be required to volunteer at a local participating historical society to help that society grow. The hours allotted to the project will be determined and record kept by a historical society representative.

An example of projects might include:

- Website design and maintenance
- Social media presences: including postings for the society on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- Docent and tour site interpreter

- Cataloguing
- Digitizing collections
- Transcription of archives
- Historic site restoration and improvements
- General research
- Event volunteering

4. A yearly report will be due the last week of July from the student and representative of the participating historical society upon completion of each project submitted for The Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in American History for Gardiner Board review.

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