



## Myself Third: Spirit of New York Scholarship



The *Myself Third* scholarship has been made possible through a generous gift provided by City College alumnus, Robert Friedman. It was established in 2002 in tribute to those who participated in the rescue effort following the World Trade Center tragedy, with the goal to encourage and reward civic involvement of high school students.

- In 2020, **TWO (2), one-time awards of \$5,000** will be awarded to two CUNY-bound students enrolling full-time in either an associate or baccalaureate degree program.
- The competition is open to New York City public high school seniors who have successfully completed at least one college credit course in the College Now Program.
- Applicants must be nominated by a teacher or guidance counselor, who then serves as a mentor to the student throughout the application process. High school principals must sign-off on their students' applications, and high school liaisons should review application packets for proper signatures and all required components.
- Applicants are required to submit an **essay** in which they discuss their feelings about America and the privilege of living and working in this country. They should also discuss how they became involved in helping their community, school, or fellow citizens. They are asked to illustrate their involvement in civic service by writing about a specific project or activity they participated in or developed, and to reflect on that experience. In addition, all applicants must submit:
  - an **official transcript**;
  - a **description of volunteer, work, and extracurricular activities**;
  - a **letter of support** from a nominating high school teacher or guidance counselor; and
  - a **letter of recommendation** from a volunteer supervisor. Recommenders must use the forms provided.
- **The student deadline is March 13, 2020** and students may submit applications to their high school's College Now liaison or directly to the CUNY College Now office. **The applications that are submitted to the high school must be received by the College Now office on a CUNY campus by March 18, 2020.**
- Students are judged based on the quality of the essay – especially the personal experience described in it, the type and time commitment of the service activity or activities, the letters of recommendation as well as overall academic performance.
- The students selected to receive the scholarship will be required to provide proof of enrollment at CUNY. The winners will be notified the first week of May, and the scholarship will be awarded at a ceremony on **June 9, 2020**.



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ESSAY RUBRIC**



This rubric is provided to help guide you through writing your essay and to help you understand how it will be evaluated.

<b>Myself Third Essay – Scoring Rubric</b>	
<b>Elements of the Scoring Rubric</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<b>Meaning</b>	Respond to the first question in an imaginative and interesting way that makes a good introduction for the essay.
<b>Development</b>	Answer the three questions clearly and fully using a range of relevant and specific evidence to support the claims or statements made in the answer.
<b>Organization</b>	Arrange answers into a sequence of ideas through the use of appropriate transitions.
<b>Language Use</b>	Vary sentence structure and length to control for rhythm and pacing.
<b>Writing Conventions</b>	Use conventional spelling, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing and grammar.



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**2020 APPLICATION**



**Eligibility Requirements**

<p><b>Application Deadline</b>  <b>March 13, 2020</b></p>
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**Student must be:**

- A high school senior who has successfully completed at least one College Now credit course.
- Scheduled to graduate in June 2020.
- Accepted at a CUNY college as a full-time matriculated undergraduate student planning to attend fall 2020.
- If selected as a winner, able to attend award ceremony on Tuesday June 9, 2020.

**Required Documents**

**Please submit the following:**

- Completed and signed application.
- Typed essay on civic involvement (instructions on the following page).
- List of extracurricular activities.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher or guidance counselor and one from a volunteer supervisor using the forms provided.
- Official academic transcript.

**Student Information**

<b>First Name</b>			<b>Middle Initial</b>		<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>OSIS Number</b>			<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Street Address</b>			<b>Apt #</b>	<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>			<b>Email Address</b>				
<b>High School</b>							
<b>College Now Course(s) completed with a grade of C or better</b>							
<b>College Now program that offered the course</b>							
<b>CUNY College you plan to attend</b>							

**Work, Volunteer and Extracurricular Activities:** List volunteer, work, and extracurricular activities such as student government, community service, and leadership positions. Feel free to attach a separate sheet with additional experiences. Keep in mind that volunteer service must go beyond the minimum high school community service requirement, and demonstrate your initiative and leadership.

Name of organization (e.g. Citizen's Community Center)	Year(s) & duration (e.g.: 2016, 3 months)	Briefly describe activity and number of hours per week (e.g.: Tutored 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders afterschool, twice a week, 4 hrs. total)

**Essay:** The attacks of 9/11, and other similar tragedies highlight the strong oppositional forces that still exist in our society. Our world feels more connected in some ways yet more divided in others. We hear stories about communities that are continually strengthened by acts of selflessness while extremist views and acts of hatred and violence threaten global stability and a personal sense of security. **In a minimum of 500 words, respond to the following:**

- **What motivates your love of America and the freedoms that it offers?**
- **How have you become involved in strengthening your community, school, and/or fellow citizens by volunteering?**
- **What has been the impact of this experience on the way you view society?; and**
- **How might your service or actions in the community today help build a culture that opposes the extremism that exists in our society?**

**Letters of Recommendation:** Use the Teacher/Guidance Counselor Letter of Recommendation form and the Volunteer Supervisor Letter of Recommendation form provided and submit them along with all the other required documents. **Do not submit them in separately.**

**High school transcript:** Attach an updated copy of your high school transcript.

**Signatures:** College Now liaison *or* coordinator must verify student's successful completion of at least one College Now credit course.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal's signature is also required.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for submitting application:**

Upon completion, return application and all other required documents by **March 13, 2020** to your high school's College Now liaison. In cases where there is no CN liaison, please return directly to the College Now program in which you participated. Contact information for all campus-based College Now offices can be found at [k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/](http://k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/).



Student Name	OSIS #
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3. What is the student's leadership potential? Reference specific examples of his/her ability to empower others and positively impact his/her environment.

4. Offer any personal comments you wish to share in support of this applicant.

<b>Teacher / Counselor:</b>  Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
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Student Name:

3. Describe a time or activity when the student demonstrated exceptional initiative and leadership.

4. Please offer any additional comments you wish to share in support of this student's application.

**Volunteer Supervisor:**  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Myself Third Submission Checklist



This checklist is intended to help ensure all required application components are complete and submitted together by the application deadline of March 13, 2020.

- Application Form: student information; volunteer activities; signed by your principal and the College Now liaison or coordinator.
- Teacher / Counselor Letter of Recommendation: filled out and signed
- Volunteer Supervisor Letter of Recommendation: filled out and signed
- Essay: typed
- High School Transcript