



***MyselfThird:***  
**SPIRIT OF NEW YORK SCHOLARSHIP**  
**2021 APPLICATION**



**Eligibility Requirements**

**Application Deadline**  
**March 19, 2021**

**Student must be:**

- A high school senior who has successfully completed at least one College Now credit course.
- Scheduled to graduate in June 2021.
- Accepted at a CUNY college as a full-time matriculated undergraduate student planning to attend fall 2021.
- If selected as a winner, able to attend virtual award ceremony in early to mid-June 2021.

**Required Documents**

**Please submit the following:** (instructions for submitting application on page 4)

1. Student Information.
2. List of work, volunteer and extracurricular activities.
3. Typed essay (instructions on page 3).
4. Two letters of recommendation using the forms provided.
5. Official academic transcript.

**1. Student Information**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Initial</b>	<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>EMPLID (from CUNYfirst)</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	<b>Apt #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</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>				

**2a. 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.: 2019, 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)

**2b. 2020 – Work, Volunteer and Extracurricular Activities:** Many of the traditional options for work and volunteering changed in 2020 due to the global pandemic. Please use the space below to list anything you did to support your family, school and/or community this past year. For example being an essential worker at a grocery or pharmacy, shopping for elderly neighbors, tutoring online, engaging in social justice work or demonstrations, volunteering at a food pantry, babysitting siblings while parents worked, etc. Feel free to attach a separate sheet with additional experiences.

Name of organization or activity (e.g.: errands for elderly)	Year(s) & duration (e.g.: 2020, 3 months)	Briefly describe activity and number of hours per week (e.g.: went grocery shopping for neighbors, 2 hrs. total)

**3a. Essay Prompt:** The *Myself Third* scholarship is made possible through a generous gift provided by The 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 on 9/11/01, with the goal to encourage and reward civic involvement of high school students.

In 1921, my father, a poor nine-year old from the depths of the Austria-Hungarian empire, set out with his mother to walk across the Czech Republic to escape the anti-Semitic programs then in progress. They arrived in Ellis Island, and then went to live in the tenements of the Lower East Side. He was desperately poor, spoke no English and was placed into the first grade. He was taunted, called a "greenhorn," and continued to endure anti-Semitism on the streets of New York.

Somehow, miraculously, he found his way to the elite Stuyvesant High School, and then to the City College of New York.

My Dad lived an honest, hardworking, life and he taught me the values I hold dear today. My father loved this country with all his heart, as do I. He understood that America had its faults, but he could see that every year its people worked to make it even better. He also understood that there was no country on the face of the earth that gave more opportunity to its citizens-whether native born or not. He knew that the world had never known a place where a poor immigrant could achieve success with nothing but their ambition, their drive, and their scholarship.

When this country was attacked on 9-11, I was in awe of the firefighters, the police and the rescue workers who poured into the city to help their fellow citizens. It was a display that took your breath away. I remembered my sixth grade teacher, Mr. Brautman, who taught us to put ourselves "third" after Country and G-d.

I decided to start the "Myself Third" Scholarship program to honor those students who believed, as I do, in the greatness of America and who demonstrated the dedication to service exemplified by those who did so much to help after that terrible catastrophe.

Those students who share my love for our Country, whether native born or not, and have shown such qualities are welcome to apply for this scholarship to a university that graduated both my immigrant father and myself and remains one of the great institutions of learning in our country.

- Robert Friedman

*The essay is weighed heavily when evaluating the application, be sure to include responses to all parts of the prompt below.*

**3b. Personal Essay:** In a minimum of 500 words, please share your reflections on Mr. Friedman's personal narrative and share what motivates your love of America and the freedoms that it offers. Please discuss how you have become involved in strengthening your community, school, and/or fellow citizens through service and volunteering and describe how those experiences have affected you.  
*Submit your typed essay at the same time as the rest of the application.*

**4. 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. Both forms are fillable PDF's so they can be emailed to the individuals completing them with no need to print anything. *When completed, they should be returned to you so you can submit both recommendation letters at the same time as the rest of the application.*

**5. High school transcript:** Attach an updated copy of your high school transcript. *Submit your transcript at the same time as the rest of the application.*

**Instructions for submitting the application:**

- All components of the application must be submitted together by **March 19, 2021**.
- Links to upload your application documents can be found on the Myself Third page on our website here: <https://k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/myself-third-scholarship/>



THE BELOW SECTION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY COLLEGE NOW STAFF  
AFTER THE STUDENT HAS SUBMITTED THEIR APPLICATION PACKET.

Upon receipt of the application, it must be e-signed by College Now program staff to certify the applicant's successful participation in at least one College Now course as listed on page one.

College Now Staff

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Verify that applicant has completed and submitted all application components.

Student information

List of work, volunteer and extracurricular activities

Typed essay

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