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Dear NYSIR Subscriber:

The Board of Trustees of the New York Schools Insurance Foundation and the Board of Governors of the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal are pleased to announce that we are once again offering the Cristin Bambino, Paul Jensen and Joseph Goncalves scholarship awards for the coming year. These scholarships are for college bound students from NYSIR subscribing districts only. Criteria are outlined in the accompanying pages. A committee will review all applications and the scholarships will be presented at our annual meeting in May.

The Cristin Ann Bambino scholarship will be awarded on a regional basis with one statewide award. Seven regional winners will receive a \$3,000 award, one second prize winner will receive a \$4,000 award and one statewide winner will receive a \$5,000 award. The regional scholarships will be awarded locally and the \$5,000 scholarship will be given at our annual meeting in May.

The Paul Jensen scholarship will be awarded to two individuals on a statewide basis. The overall winner will receive a \$5,000 award and the runner up will receive a \$3,000 award. The \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded locally and the \$5,000 scholarship will be given at our annual meeting in May.

The Joseph Goncalves Student Humanitarian scholarship will be awarded to two individuals on a statewide basis. The overall winner will receive a \$5,000 award and the runner up will receive a \$3,000 award. The \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded locally and the \$5,000 scholarship will be given at our annual meeting in May.

We ask that you share this letter and criteria with your guidance department so that counselors may let all seniors in your district know that the scholarships are available. I have also attached three scholarship application forms that should be attached to the essay when it is returned. Please feel free to make as many copies as you need for interested and eligible students. The scholarship applications can also be downloaded from our website, www.nysir.org.

Applications should be received **on or before Friday, March 19, 2021**

Submission Guidelines have changed due to Covid-19. Please see page 2.

If you have any questions, please call Krystal Allen at 516-393-2320.

Sincerely,

Deborah Heppes
President, NYSIR Board of Governors



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- Submission due date is Friday, March 19th, 2021. Application must be received on or before this date. Post marked applications will NOT be accepted if received after March 19th, 2021.
- EMAIL IS THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR SUBMISSIONS. If student is unable to email the application please call Krystal Allen at 516-393-2320.
- All supporting documents must be legible and able to read/view clearly.
- Guidance Counselor signatures are not required but must be listed on page one of the application.
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BAMBINO/ GONCALVES/ JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The **Bambino Scholarship** is available to a special education student who is college bound. The goal of this scholarship is to reward a student who has worked through his or her special challenges to complete high school and gain acceptance into 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:

- ✓ What are the student's accomplishments (clubs, athletics, volunteer activities, and academic achievements)?
- ✓ Give examples of how the student overcame his or her challenges.
- ✓ How can the student serve as a role model for other young people with special challenges?
- ✓ What will the student study in college?

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.

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

As a condition of the receipt of a scholarship, 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.



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**THE CRISTIN ANN BAMBINO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2021 APPLICATION FORM**

I. CRITERIA

This scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound special education student 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. There will be nine scholarship winners. Seven recipients will receive a \$3,000 scholarship on a regional basis, the overall winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

Please attach an essay, written by the student, not to exceed 650 words, that answers the following questions:

- What are the student’s accomplishments (clubs, athletics, volunteer activities, and academic achievements)?
- Give examples of how the student overcame his or her challenges.
- How can the student serve as a role model for other young people with special challenges?
- What will the student study in college?

II. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 19 , 2021

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & SEE SUBMISSION GUIDELINE CHANGES ON PAGE 2:

Application form must be fully completed and emailed to Krystel Allen at kallen@nysir.org with supporting documents, if required.

As a condition of the receipt of a scholarship, 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.

III. MUST BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:

Student’s Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of School District: _____

Guidance Counselor’s Name

Guidance Counselor’s Phone Number

Student’s Name

Parent/Guardian Name & Phone Number

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4. All supporting documents must be legible and able to read/view clearly.
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**THE PAUL JENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2021 APPLICATION FORM**

I. CRITERIA

This scholarship, one in the amount of \$5,000, and other for \$3,000, will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated an inspired imagination and creative aesthetic in his or her school career, and who is seeking an opportunity to attend college. The scholarship is in memory of Paul Jensen, a marketing representative for NYSIR, who passed away in 2006. Paul was a resourceful and inventive man who used, found and collected objects to improvise solutions to everyday problems. He was a wood artist, craftsman and enthusiastic amateur boatwright.

Please attach an essay, written by the student, not to exceed 650 words, that addresses the following topics:

- How the student has designed or adapted an existing design for a specific purpose;
- How this design or adaptation was accomplished; and
- What impact this design has had on the student or others.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated resourcefulness and ingenuity to overcome a puzzling obstacle they have encountered in their life, with strong consideration given to designs which utilize commonly available or repurposed items. For example, unable to find commercially available tools which met his needs, Paul Jensen built boats in bottles using instruments he designed and constructed himself from materials left over from other projects. Schematics or drawing are not required but may be attached to the essay to help explain the design or adaptation. Be Practical. Be Creative. Be Original.

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THE JOSEPH GONCALVES STUDENT HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION FORM

I. CRITERIA

This scholarship, one in the amount of \$5,000, the other for \$3,000, will be awarded to a graduating senior from a NYSIR subscriber district who plans to attend college in New York State. Applying students should be able to demonstrate a record of involvement and work for a cause or organization that actively promotes social justice, equal opportunity, relief of human suffering or similar aspirations generally understood to be within the meaning of humanitarian activity. Diversity is encouraged. The scholarship is in honor of NYSIR's former Executive Director, Joseph Goncalves.

Please attach an essay written by the student, not to exceed 650 words, that addresses the following topics:

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

In addition, submission packages must include evidence of plans to attend college in New York, as well as a letter from the applicant's school counselor, a civic or religious leader or other non-family member who can vouch for the graduating senior's activities and worthiness as a student humanitarian.

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