

**Application instructions for the
2014 Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association Scholarship**

This scholarship award is intended to support a graduating senior with a strong interest in pursuing a career in business. The student will have demonstrated an interest in business and an entrepreneurial spirit. The student may have already begun his/her own business and seeks to continue his/her education through an accredited continuing education course or a college or university.

1. Eligibility criteria:

- Is a resident of one of the ten towns served by the Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association: Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, and Shelburne.
- Is a graduating senior.
- Has maintained a good academic standing throughout high school.
- Is planning to continue education after graduation through continuing education or college.

2. Performance criteria:

- Is able to demonstrate an interest in business through past employment in the business community during summer vacation or after school or through starting a business.
- Is able to demonstrate an interest in community service through participation in community activities.
- Demonstrates good communication skills through the presentation of information on the application.
- Is able to demonstrate conduct appropriate to good citizenship.

3. Application requirements:

- The application must be typewritten and neatly presented. To download an electronic copy of the application, please go to: www.gsfaba.org, or request a copy by email at info@shelburnefalls.com.
- The application must include three letters of recommendation; one job, one community service, and one school reference. Persons writing letters of recommendation must clearly identify which area of recommendation they represent. *Additional recommendations from outside the academic community are encouraged.*
- The application must include a typewritten narrative as described on the application form.
- The application must include a high school transcript.
- The application must be submitted to the school guidance office by April 1, 2014

4. Process for selection and award of the scholarship:

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Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, Shelburne

- The guidance counselor will review the application for accuracy and forward the application to the Executive Director of Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association.
- The Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association will review the applications, choose a recipient who meets the criteria of the scholarship and communicate the results to the guidance counselor.
- The Executive Director of Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association will inform the guidance office of the decision. The guidance office will inform the recipient. A certificate will be awarded at graduation.
- Upon receipt of a transcript documenting successfully completing the first semester of college or a certificate of completion of continuing education courses, the \$500 will be provided to the scholarship recipient.

The GSFABA may change the dollar amount offered, or if no applicant meets the criteria, choose not to award the scholarship.