



Opportunity Now, Inc. 2021 Grant Program



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Opportunity Now, Inc. would like to announce our 2021 Grant Program. Under the Program, four (4) \$500 grants will be awarded to seniors attending Ramapo High School and Spring Valley High School. There will be two grants awarded per school to one male and one female student who have exhibited excellence and perseverance in academics, extracurricular activities, business acumen, community involvement, and/or in the political arena throughout their high school career and through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- * Seeking graduating male and female seniors with a record of extracurricular activities, business acumen, community involvement, volunteerism in the community, and/or in the political arena throughout their high school career and throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.
- * Applicants must plan to attend a two (2)-year community college, Trade School, four (4)-year college/university, or any post secondary learning institution.
- * Grant funds will be paid during the month of June 2021, directly to the student. The Grant funds will be issued to the students upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes their Student ID number.
- * Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are qualified for this grant program.
- * Applications must be received by Opportunity Now, Inc. no later than May 15th, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.

Email a copy of a completed and typed (or neatly written in print) application package to: info@opnow.org

(This includes application with signoff by Guidance Counselor, essay, and letter of recommendation)

The applications will be reviewed and the winners of the grant will be selected by the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant Committee by June 11th, 2021. A formal notification will be sent to the award recipients the following week.

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Please submit any questions to:
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GRANT APPLICATION 2021

Please type or print clearly your answers. <i>Use an additional piece of paper if necessary</i>			
1.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;">Last Name:</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none; padding: 5px;">First Name, Middle Initial:</td> </tr> </table>	Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:
Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:		
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Daytime telephone number: () Email address:		
4.	Date of birth: Month Day Year		
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)		
6.	Name and location of high school:		

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7.	<p>A. List any academic honors or awards that you have received, and any of the membership activities that you were in while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and school-related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community since you've been in high school:</p>
8.	<p>A. If you have decided on the college you will attend, please list the school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top three (3) college choices:</p>
9.	Anticipated field of study:
10.	<p>Family gross annual household income from 2020 Income Tax form 1040 Line #22:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><\$50,000.00 >\$50,000.00</p>
11.	Number of people in your household _____



12.	Please list any other scholarships/grants applied for and any awarded:
13.	<p>Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p> <p>Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____</p>
14.	<p>On a separate paper, please write an essay (250 - 750 words) addressing any of the following:</p> <p>Describe how your community service came about and what being a volunteer has taught you. Discuss any challenges you have dealt with during the Covid-19 pandemic, had to overcome, and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. Explain how your high school (in schools and/or out of school) experiences (positives and challenges) have prepared you for college and life. Describe any adversity that you had to overcome to graduate from high school. Why is going to college important to you?</p>
15.	<p>One (1) brief letter of recommendation or statement of support from a teacher, coach, school staff member, religious organization, or leader within a volunteer organization you serve or have served</p>



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a grant winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant Program. (Winner may waive the photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a grant winner, according to the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant policy, I will try to be present at any June 2021 awards ceremony and/or virtual reception to receive my grant award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a grant winner, according to the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant policy, it is my responsibility to submit to the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant Committee, no later than July 2021, a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which will confirm the student that the student intends to attend the school.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this grant.

Signature of grant applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this grant program and supports the submission of this application to the Opportunity Now, Inc. Grant Program.

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

High School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____



Checklist:

- Application
- Essay on a separate sheet of paper
- Guidance Counselor signature
- One letter of recommendation
- Signed photo release form

EMAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO OPPORTUNITY NOW, INC.:

info@oppnow.org

REMINDER:

Applications must be received by Opportunity Now, Inc. no later than May 31, 2021.

*****Late applications will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions!*****

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