

Fueling Interest Now - Community Help (FINCH) AWARD Founded in memory of Mr. William Finch



AWARD APPLICATION

The *Fueling Interest Now - Community Help (FINCH) Award* is designed to assist students “follow” their academic or arts interests. Awards can assist a student attending an academic or arts camp or event that he/she would not otherwise be able to attend without supplemental funding. The award was founded in memory of William Finch. William "Bill" Finch served on the Milford Central School (MCS) School Board for 12 years. He had four children who graduated from MCS. This award honors his legacy and matters that were important to him - education, music/arts, community service and hard work.

ELIGIBILITY:

THE APPLICANT MUST BE ENROLLED AT MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL IN GRADES 6-12. Maximum request is \$1,000 per application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply, eligible students must:

1. Complete this award application.
2. Submit detailed information about the program that you want to attend.
3. Submit a written essay (Typed and attached on 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper). The essay must include answers to the following questions:
 - a. What is your interest? Explain in detail.
 - b. What will this award allow you to do to contribute towards your interest?
 - c. Why do you have a need for this financial award?
 - d. What community service have you been involved in?
 - e. What will you do to help fund or contribute to your interest?
4. Submit your most current report card that includes attendance.
 - a. **Parental approval to submit report card:** _____ **Date** _____
5. Students must identify two individuals willing to serve as a reference on their behalf. References should be non-related, adults (18 years and older) who know the child well (teacher, counselor, tutor, family friend, employer etc.). Each reference must complete a separate letter of recommendation with examples preferably.
6. The Committee will contact you to setup a time to present and discuss your application. If chosen for the award, a follow up presentation is required to share what you learned and how this opportunity impacted you.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. Criteria includes, application quality, need, letter of recommendations, attendance, effort, funding efforts, and community service. A selection committee will make the determination. The committee is comprised of a MEF representative, a guidance counselor, and members of the related department at MCS.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be returned to the Milford Central School Main Office Att: MEF. Be sure to submit application at least 6 weeks before the funds are needed.

AWARD APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is **completed in full on this form only** and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, and use **only the space provided on this form** to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address _____

Elem/High School _____ Date ____/____/____

DESCRIPTION OF OPPORTUNITY SEEKING FUNDING FOR:

AWARD USE (BUDGET):

Description	Vendor/Recipient	Cost
Camp or Admin Fee:		
Food:		
Travel:		
Total Cost		
Total Request		

HOW WILL YOU FUND THE REMAINING COSTS? (Explain in detail)

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION:

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for an award.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded for purposes outlined in this application. I accept all liability, loss, damages, claims or actions from bodily injury and/or property damage arising out of participation in this event.

Member's Signature (Student): _____ **Date** _____ / _____ / _____

Parent's /Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date** _____ / _____ / _____