**READ THIS BEFORE YOU START YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

You will want to use it as a reference when you are filling out your application!

Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars 2024 Application

**Application Deadline:
Essay and References: Must be placed into the Locked Box BY THE STUDENT in HS Office/Guidance area by 4pm on March 1, 2024
Online Application Information: Midnight March 1, 2024**

**Email: taconichillsdfs@outlook.com**

To apply: Visit taconichills.dollarsforscholars.org and click on the “Students & Parents” tab

Set up your account by clicking on the Set up your account by clicking on the “Click to Log-in” icon on the Student Parent Page at taconichills.dollarsforscholars.org Updates will be on this page.

**Use only valid email addresses that you will *regularly* check. Do NOT use your Taconic Hills School email** address as it will not be functional after Graduation and often can lead to you not getting emails from us as the School Spam Filter may block us. We will send any emails to the address listed.

Review ALL online sections. All \*\* items MUST be completed. All \* are “optional” but provide to our Awards Committee more information about you and your college choice, which is a key part of the Award Process. This will also help “Fastweb” system to give you possible National Scholarship Matches. (“Fastweb” is an optional item located on the Application) To reach 100% All \*\* and All \* will need to be done. You may change any information up to the Deadline.

**Key Items:
\_**\_\_\_Like us on Facebook or Instagram for updated information and other scholarship information
\_\_\_\_Pick up (in Guidance) or Download (on our Website) the Essay and Reference Forms AND follow all of the Directions. Get your references done EARLY. **Failure to do so will mean you will NOT qualify for a Scholarship. Follow the Deadlines.** All of these must be placed into the Locked THDFS Box **BY THE STUDENT** in the Guidance office by 4pm on March 1, 2024. (Note: online “Goals Essay”, “Unusual Essay” and the Reference Section are NOT done online. Use the Paper Packet as noted above instead.)
\_\_\_ We encourage you to complete the Parent/Guardians section on-line so we can email updated information to them as well as yourself.
\_\_\_ Schools- you must enter at least one school you have been accepted at or applied to **and** your application status under “College Application Status” **and** if you plan to attend fulltime.
\_\_\_\_GPA (check the box “My school uses weighted GPA’s” Guidance will have your GPA and Class Rank available on or about February 14, 2024. Ranking is done by an “integer” system.
\_\_\_\_ Request a Transcript from Guidance prior to the Deadline. Guidance may enter it after the Deadline. That will not be held against you. But YOU must make the request prior to the deadline of March 1, 2024. Nicholas Purificato at npurificato@taconichills.k12.ny.us or Quinn Pytell at qpytell@taconichills.k12.ny.us

\_\_\_\_Fill in as many Activities, Awards and Employment as is accurate and truthful.
\_\_\_\_Financial Information. It is NOT mandatory for THDFS Scholarships: but some are based on income. Use the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your FASFA form. Do NOT put in ZERO unless you do the FASFA. If you do not choose to do the FASFA, just click the “I do not wish to include financial information” button.
\_\_\_My Scholarships: It is important to answer EVERY question. Failure to answer all will affect your application. After answering a question hit the “submit” button at the bottom. **On the page that then appears it is VERY IMPORTANT for you to scroll down and hit any red APPLY buttons that appear. This will fully submit your application. After doing this you still may go back and enter information on other parts of the application, Answer Questions (click red “Questions” button and complete before clicking on the “Apply” Button.**

\_\_\_ **Deadline for Essays and References to be placed into the Locked THDFS Box in the HS Office/Guidance area is 4pm on March 1, 2024. It is the student responsibility to ensure this happens. We do NOT accept emailed references, nor should they be mailed to the School.
\_\_\_\_ The Online Application Information Deadline is 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024.**\_\_\_ Attend Awards Ceremony at the Taconic Hills Lyle Hamm PAC on May 11, 2024 at 7 pm. Be there by 6:40 pm.
\_\_\_ Contact us with ANY questions or concerns. We can fix any problem except a late application.