



NEUBERT, PEPE & MONTEITH SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The New Haven Connecticut law firm of Neubert, Pepe & Monteith P.C. (www.npmlaw.com) announces the availability of the Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship. The Scholarship is established for the benefit of graduating high school seniors who are active in the New Haven based organization Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP).

The scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors and active participants in LEAP who plan to attend an accredited 4-year college or university or a 2-year college on a full- or part-time basis. Offered annually starting in 2014, each scholarship, awarded to up to four students annually, will be a minimum of \$2,500.00. The scholarship will be awarded in two equal payments of a minimum of \$1,250.00 each for the first and second years. The scholarship will be payable directly to the college or university and will be applied to the student's tuition, room and board, or fees.

Scholarship Award Eligibility Criteria:

- Involved with LEAP for at least three years.
- Maintained an 85% attendance rate at LEAP.
- Substance and quality of the submitted essay.
- Recommendation.
- Preference is given to applicants who meet the following: 40 hours of community service (in grades 9-12); 90% attendance rate (in grades 9-12); Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (in grades 9-12).
- The scholarship is renewable for the second year based on the student having successfully completed the first collegiate year.

Application Instructions:

- Print all requested information legibly in the spaces provided on the Application Form. The application form can be downloaded from www.leapforkids.org or obtained at LEAP, 31 Jefferson Street, New Haven, CT 06511.
- The essay is to be typed and submitted with the application form. The essay must include the student's name, date, and signature and address the questions outlined below.
- Original High School documents, submitted in a sealed and initialed envelope, must be included in the application package.
- The recommendation, submitted in a sealed and initialed envelope, must include an original signature and the recommender's contact information and must be included in the application package.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

A Complete Application Includes:

- A completed application form.
- An original high school transcript including documentation of cumulative GPA (grade point average), attendance, disciplinary record, and community service hours. Transcript information for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (first and second quarter) is to be submitted.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher/guidance counselor, clergy or person other than a family member, peer or LEAP employee who is familiar with your abilities and character. The letter must have been written within the last six months.
- Essay addressing the following questions (no more than one page or 500 words):
 - 1) What impact has LEAP had on your development?
 - 2) How has your LEAP experience prepared you for college?
 - 3) How will this scholarship help you achieve your academic and professional goals?

Application Deadline & Notification: All materials must be received at LEAP by January 31. Award recipients will be notified by April 1.

Application Submission: Please mail or hand deliver completed applications to (hand deliveries must be made during LEAPs normal business hours):

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship, c/o LEAP
31 Jefferson Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Contact information for Scholarship inquiries:

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Elvert Eden, Youth Development Manager, LEAP, eeden@leapforkids.org, (203) 773-0770.

About Neubert, Pepe & Monteith

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. is a general practice law firm with offices in New Haven, Fairfield and New Britain, Connecticut and White Plains, New York (www.npmlaw.com). The firm, founded in 1993, presently has twenty-seven attorneys. Neubert, Pepe & Monteith's fundamental goal is to provide its clients with the benefits of large firm experience together with the personal attention, flexibility, and competitive rates found in a smaller firm. The firm is committed to providing its clients with quality representation in a professional and cost effective manner. Neubert, Pepe & Monteith is committed to community involvement and service. The Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship is part of the firm's continuing commitment to the welfare of the community in which they serve and to the educational achievements of youth.

About LEAP

LEAPs mission is to develop the strengths and talents of young leaders who implement year-round, community and school-based programming designed to achieve positive academic and social outcomes for children living in high poverty urban neighborhoods. LEAP (www.leapforkids.org) reaches into New Haven neighborhoods that are laden with a shortage of positive resources and empowers the children and youth of those communities to be positive resources themselves. Since 1992, LEAP has led the movement to provide children and youth with opportunities to thrive in all areas of their lives.