

2012
JERRY T. MAHONEY
DARE NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear DARE Officer:

DARE New Jersey Board of Directors is pleased to announce the *Fifth Annual Jerry T. Mahoney DARE New Jersey College Scholarship Program*. Annually, two college bound students from across New Jersey will be recognized for their outstanding achievements within their school and community, as well as their pledge to continue to remain drug and violence free. Each recipient receives a **\$2500 scholarship** toward their pursuit of a higher education.

This scholarship program is **specifically for the children of DARE New Jersey Certified Officers throughout New Jersey**, in honor of Jerry T. Mahoney. Jerry, who passed away December 27, 2007, was a dedicated and committed DARE Officer in Piscataway, New Jersey, and an active member of the DARE New Jersey Board of Directors.

To be considered for the *Jerry T. Mahoney DARE Scholarship*, students must:

- be the child of a current or past DARE New Jersey Certified Officer
- be a graduating high school senior from a public, private, or home school program
- be a New Jersey resident and US citizen as of June 30, 2012
- have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- pledge to be drug and violence free
- attend an accredited college or university (2 or 4 years)

To apply for a 2012 Jerry T. Mahoney Scholarship, please review and complete the enclosed application. **All applications must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2012**. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact Monique Dujue Wilson, (609) 860-6777, Ext.10 or e-mail, monique@darenj.com.

2012 JERRY T. MAHONEY DARE NEW JERSEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship program is for the children of DARE New Jersey certified officers throughout New Jersey. The scholarship was developed by the DARE New Jersey Board of Directors in honor of Jerry T. Mahoney, who passed away on December 27, 2007. Jerry was a dedicated and committed DARE Officer and member of the DARE New Jersey Board of Directors.

Two \$2500 Scholarships to be awarded!

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must:
 - be the child of a current or past DARE New Jersey certified Officer
 - be a graduating high school senior from a public, private, or home education program and a New Jersey resident, as well as, a US citizen (as of June 30, 2012)
 - have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
 - pledge to be drug and violence free
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EVALUATION

- Candidates will be scored on the content of their responses as well as originality, creativity and attention to directions
- Candidates that have completed more than one segment of DARE and are involved with substance and violence prevention activities within the school and community (i.e. community alliance, peer programs, leadership programs, etc.) will receive additional points in the evaluation process
- Applicants must meet a minimum score of 65 to be considered eligible for this scholarship

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

- Print or type all information. All spaces must be filled in. Signatures are required
- Candidates must complete Sections A, C, and D of the application in their entirety prior to submitting the application to their Guidance Counselors for sign off.
- Candidate should attach 2 letters of recommendations to the application
- Candidate must paperclip all responses to the applications
- The Student Essay (Section D) must be a minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 4 pages double spaced, using 12 point Font.
- Guidance Counselor must complete and sign Section B and attach an official transcript. Transcripts should include all high school grades up to and including the first and second marking period of their senior year
- Candidate must include letter of confirmation regarding his/her parent's employment (past or present) as a DARE New Jersey certified Officer. Letter can come from the police department or the parent. If from the parent, be sure to include the Police Department name and contact information for verification

SUBMISSION

Please submit to:
DARE New Jersey, Inc.
2012 Jerry T. Mahoney
DARE Scholarship Program
292 Prospect Plains Road
Cranbury, NJ 08512

*Completed Packets must be mailed and **postmarked no later than April 30, 2012**. The original and one copy of the application are required (except for transcripts – one is sufficient)

2012 Jerry T. Mahoney DARE NJ Scholarship Application

SECTION A – To be completed by Student

Candidate's Last Name	First Name	
Social Security Number	DOB	
Home Address		
City	State	Zip
Are you a NJ resident? Yes or No		Are you a US citizen? Yes or No

SECTION B – To be completed by High School Counselor

High School	Principal		
School Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone	County		
Student's GPA	On a scale of	Weighted	Unweighted
Print Name of Guidance Counselor	Signature of Guidance Counselor	Date	

SECTION C DARE Participation - To be completed by Student (Submit on separate paper)

- 1. What was your participation in the DARE program?**
Remember to include all segments (listed below) and the number of years involved. Include any other DARE sponsored activity you were responsible for planning, (i.e. Awareness Day, Rally, Walk, etc.)

Elementary – Grades 5-6
Middle School – Grades 7-8
High School – Grades 9-12
- 2. School and Communities Activities (limit your response to a half page. (double spaced, font size 12pt.)**
List the school and community service activities you have participated in during each grade level, such as clubs, student government, service organizations, athletics, peer mentoring/education, etc. Please include any activities that you believe were exceptional in promoting the prevention of substance abuse and violence.

SECTION D – Essay to be completed by Student

The essay must address the following topics (be a minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 4 pages, double spaced, font size 12 point):

1. The importance of schools and law enforcement working together to address substance abuse and violence?
2. Why I choose to be drug and violence free?
3. What it has meant to be part of the DARE Family?

NOTE: Remember to attach transcripts