

# *The Van Doren* SCHOLARSHIPS

**To:** Guidance Department/Scholarships

**From:** Lisa O'Connor Talamini, Chair, The Van Doren Scholarship

**RE:** Applications for 2023 Awards

**Date:** December 10, 2022

This coming spring, when the Van Doren Scholarship Committee makes its selections for the twenty-eighth year, we again expect to have at least \$40,000 to award to deserving high school and college students. Seniors at your school who are of exemplary character and who can demonstrate what Peter Ellis Van Doren, a long-time resident of Peapack-Gladstone, called a "passion for learning" may be eligible to receive this honor. Since the creation of this scholarship in 1996, the Committee has distributed more than one million dollars to deserving Somerset County students.

In making its selections, the Committee must show preference to residents of the Borough of Peapack-Gladstone. Last year, the Committee awarded a total of \$40,000 to thirteen students, three Peapack-Gladstone residents and ten residing in other Somerset County communities. While financial need is considered, these scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of character and achievement.

To be eligible for a Van Doren Scholarship, a candidate must be a resident of Somerset County who is attending or planning to attend as a full-time student an accredited four-year college or university, a two-year college, or a post-high school trade or nursing school. Students may apply during their senior year of high school and during any year of their post-secondary school studies. Students working on advanced degrees are not eligible. **The deadline for submitting a completed application is Thursday, March 16, 2023.**

I encourage you to advise students to use the downloadable version now available at our website: [www.vandorenscholars.com](http://www.vandorenscholars.com). **If you would prefer a paper copy of our application please contact Sarah Rowland, Vice-Chair at [rowlandse1989@gmail.com](mailto:rowlandse1989@gmail.com)**

If you have any questions, I can be reached most mornings at 908-419-4720. For helping the Selection Committee find the worthiest candidates, I thank you.

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