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Town of Acton

Memo

To: The Board of Selectmen
From: John Murray 
CC: Steve Barrett 
Date: February 1, 2011
Re: Betsy Ball Scholarship

The Acton Board of Selectmen is happy to announce it is accepting applications for seven (7) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) educational scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year. These scholarships shall be awarded to deserving children residents of Acton as set forth below.

1. Students pursuing industrial education and if there are more scholarships than need, then
2. Students pursuing higher education.

Please send (1) a letter demonstrating you and your family's need and a copy of Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated from the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and documentation of any other financial aid to be received during the 2011 - 2012 school year to:

The Betsy Ball Scholarship Fund Application
For the 2010 -2011 School Year
472 Main Street
Acton Massachusetts, 01720

Why the SAR?

You and your family enter your FAFSA responses into a formula (known as the Federal Methodology), which is regulated by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The result is your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC. The EFC is a preliminary estimate that measures your family's financial strength.

How do I find out what my EFC is?

Fafsa.ed.gov will send you a report, called a *Student Aid Report (SAR)* by e-mail or by postal mail depending on the addresses that they have on file for you. The SAR lists the information you reported on your FAFSA. At the upper right of the front page of the SAR, you will find a number called the EFC. WE use the EFC to determine the need for awarding scholarships.

The deadline for Scholarships Requests is as follows:

Received (not post marked) in the Acton Board of Selectmen's Office by 4 PM on Friday March 15, 2011.