

# Scholarships Available

## Binghamton PTA Council's Conrad Stearns Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for up to four **\$500.00** scholarships to be awarded in late May.

Students in Binghamton High School are eligible to apply. The Conrad Stearns Scholarships are sponsored by the Binghamton PTA Council, but funded by all the Binghamton PTA and PTSA units, PTA Council and Booster Club.

Students must complete an application, finalists will be interviewed, and the winners will be announced in late May. The winners will receive their awards at the Conrad Stearns Dinner on June 4, 2018.

Don't miss your chance to win one of FOUR \$500.00 scholarships. (**NOTE:** The number of winners is determined by the amount of donations received.)

Applications are available now in the Guidance Office.

**Deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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# **Conrad E. Stearns**

Conrad Stearns was a life long resident of Binghamton and a Binghamton High School graduate. He graduated from Syracuse University, as well as Harvard Law School, where he met his wife Barbara. Mr. Stearns also served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. "Connie" was a prominent trial attorney, and a member and former president of the Broome County Bar Association.

Mr. Stearns was very involved in the community, serving as director of the Board of Managers, of Binghamton General Hospital. He was a member of the Binghamton Board of Education from July 1969, through December 1974 (part as president.) Connie was known for his ability to quickly analyze programs, and for his good humor and gentleness. Richard McLean, Superintendent during Mr. Stearns' tenure on the board remarked, "I've been in education 32 years, and I've worked with four different boards, and Connie Stearns was without question, the most outstanding member I ever worked with." Connie Stearns was an ardent supporter of education in Binghamton, and an advocate for all children in the district. His own sons, Robert, Neal and Andrew all graduated from Central High School.

Mr. Stearns lost his battle with leukemia on September 8, 1976 at the age of 47. His passing was a loss to the entire community. In a column written shortly after his death, David Rossi wrote, "Connie of course, would have laughed at any suggestion that he was important, but he was important to anyone who appreciates class."

It is our pleasure to dedicate this annual scholarship, to the memory of this outstanding member of the Binghamton Community, who was so committed to the education of children.

## **About the Scholarship**

The Binghamton PTA Scholarship Committee was organized in 1958. In 1977, the name was changed to the "Conrad E. Stearns Memorial Scholarship." Its objective is to award scholarships to help Binghamton Students afford to continue their education beyond high school.

The funds for the scholarships are donated by the nine units, which make up the Binghamton PTA Council, and PTA Council itself. Each of these units makes a donation for the opportunity to honor people who have made significant contributions to our students, and who represent the objectives set forth by the National Parent Teacher Association. As of June of 2016, over \$79,500 in scholarship aid has been awarded. We thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Applicants fill out an application, and finalists are interviewed. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of Binghamton High School based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Character
- Potential for success in continued education
- Effort in school, jobs, volunteer work, or extracurricular activities
- Need for financial aid

# Binghamton PTA Council

## Conrad Stearns Scholarship Application

The Binghamton PTA Council annually awards scholarships of up to \$500.00 each to 4 graduating seniors of Binghamton High School.

The Conrad Stearns Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- 1) Character
- 2) The potential for success in continued education in the college, business school or vocational school of your choice.
- 3) Effort in school, jobs, volunteer work and/or extracurricular activities in preparation for a chosen career.
- 4) The need for financial assistance.

The awarding of the scholarship is a three part process:

- A) Student must fill out application in its entirety. **Deadline is April 16th**
- B) Students may be asked to participate in an interview in April or May.
- C) Scholarships are awarded at the Annual Conrad Stearns Dinner in June.  
Winners and one guest each, will be the guests of Binghamton PTA Council.

### Scholarship Application Checklist

In order to process your application, you must include the following items:

- Complete pages **2 & 3** of application.
- Attach a resume or any **additional pages** you have used to list activities, work, etc.
- Attach one **letter of reference**.
- Attach a **short essay** discussing your educational and career goals, and any special circumstances you wish us to consider. Help us to learn who you are.
- Attach a copy of your **High School Transcript**.
- Sign and date** page 1 of the application.
- Staple all pages together and give your application to the **Guidance Office by April 16th**.

### Statement of Accuracy

The information provided by me on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide a letter of acceptance to the institution of my choice before receiving any funds awarded.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline is April 16th*

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## Conrad Stearns Scholarship Application

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**Contact Information: *Please Print!***

<b>Name:</b>	First	Last	
<b>Address:</b>	Street		Apt. #
	City	State	Zip
<b>Phone:</b>	Home	Cell	
<b>E-Mail:</b>		Date of Birth	/ /

**Name and address of parents or legal guardians:**

	First	Last	
	Relationship to you:		
	Street		Apt. #
	City	State	Zip
	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
	First	Last	
	Relationship to you:		
	Street		Apt. #
	City	State	Zip
	Home Phone	Cell Phone	

**Other Dependent Children in household:**

	Names	Ages	Schools Attended
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			

**Yearly Family Income - please include all adults in household.**

Under \$25,000	<input type="text"/>	\$50,000 to \$75,000	<input type="text"/>	Over \$100,000	<input type="text"/>
\$25,000 to \$50,000	<input type="text"/>	\$75,000 to \$100,000	<input type="text"/>		

**Father's work/position held:**

**Mother's work/position held:**

**Guardian's work/position held:**

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**What colleges have you been accepted into?**

**What is your planned major?**

**Have you enrolled yet?**    Yes     No

**Where?**

*Proof of enrollment is required prior to receipt of any funds awarded.*

**Please list your expected yearly expenses:**

**First choice of colleges:**

**Second choice of colleges:**

Tuition	\$	
Room and Board	\$	

\$	
\$	

**Please list any other financial assistance you will receive:**

Scholarships	\$
Grants	\$

**Please attach a resume or answer the following:**

*For the next three sections, attach a separate paper if more room is needed.*

**What is your work experience?** Summarize any positions you have held.

Company	Position	Hours per week	Length of Employment
1)			
2)			
3)			

**What Extracurricular Activities have you been involved in?**

Clubs, Musical Groups, Sports, Etc.

During What Grades?

1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	

**How did you fulfill your Community Service Requirement for Graduation?**