

Don Bosco Scholars

A First Generation College Access
Program for Port Chester Youth



STUDENT APPLICATION - CLASS OF 2026 **APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 17, 2025**

DON BOSCO SCHOLARS MISSION STATEMENT

The Don Bosco Scholars First Gen College Access Program was created to help low-income families in Port Chester and the surrounding area navigate the college admissions process. This 18-month program for a class of 15 students is highly selective. In addition to academic success, we are interested in students who are committed to the rigors of the program. Juniors invited into the program will benefit from an SAT test-prep program and a personal College Coach Mentor to guide them through the college admissions process, including creating an affordable college list, assistance with applications and essay writing, and financial aid applications and appeals. In addition to the College Coach Mentor, students, and their families will benefit from the guidance of a professional college counselor in applying to college and evaluating financial aid packages.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Junior in High School
- Port Chester residency preferred
- Have a GPA of 88+ with Honors, AP, or IB classes
- Participate in school and community activities
- A family income cap of \$125,000 annually
- Attend SAT test prep sessions on Saturday mornings during March and April 2025

Please include these documents with the application:

- Fall 2024 report card and high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from your guidance counselor
- A copy of the parent's 2023 Form 1040 tax returns

Please deliver your completed application package by no later than **Friday, January 17, 2025**, to:

Attn: Mike Keating,
Don Bosco Scholars Program Director
Don Bosco Community Center
22 Don Bosco Place
Port Chester, NY 10573
Tel: 914-939-0323

We will call you to schedule an interview in February 2025 to complete the application.

For more information, contact Mike Keating, Program Director, Don Bosco Scholars at mkeating58@mac.com. Or call and leave a message at the Center. 914-939-0323.

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Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Work/Employer: _____ Average Hrs: _____ Days of Week: _____

Mother's Name (First/Last): _____ Mother's Telephone: _____

Mother's Email: _____

Mother's Educational Background: _____

Father's Name (First/Last): _____ Father's Telephone: _____

Father's Email: _____

Father's Educational Background: _____

Family Household Income: _____

Academic Record:

Student High School Name: _____ Grade in Spring 2025: _____

HS Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Student GPA: _____

Honors classes: _____

AP Classes: _____

IB Classes: _____

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Standardized Tests: Please list any tests taken and scores:

	Date Taken	Total / Composite	Math	English	Science
PSAT					
SAT or ACT					
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Student Questionnaire

Knowing what you want to do begins with knowing yourself, the real you! The better you understand your wants and needs, the better you can decide your college dreams. This self-assessment questionnaire can help.

Please type your responses on a separate page and attach them to your application.

1. What is your primary motivation or reason that you wish to attend college?
2. What would you like to major in or study in college?
3. List at least three colleges you are interested in applying to.
4. What is your greatest strength?
5. What is your greatest weakness?
6. What is your favorite subject?
7. What is your least favorite subject?
8. What activity outside of school do you love to do?
9. Do you have any special skills or talents?
10. What career or industry would you like to work in? Why?
11. What do you see as an obstacle to going to college

