

Don Bosco Scholars

A First Generation College Access
Program for Port Chester Youth



STUDENT APPLICATION - CLASS OF 2027

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday January 24, 2026

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 successfully navigate the college admissions process. We are looking for students with strong academic records, who are active in their school and local communities, and are committed to the rigors of the program. This 18-month program for approximately 15 students is highly selective. Juniors invited into the program will benefit from an SAT test-prep program and working with 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, 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
- GPA of 85+ with Honors, AP, or IB classes
- Active participation in school and community activities
- A family income cap of \$125,000 annually
- Attend SAT test prep sessions on Saturday mornings during February, March and April 2026
- Volunteer for at least 15 hours at the Don Bosco Community Center during the 15 month period.

Please include these documents with your completed application:

- Fall 2025 report card and high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from your teacher or School Counselor
- A copy of the parent's 2024 Form 1040 tax returns

Please deliver your completed application package by no later than **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, 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 2026 to complete the application process.

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Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

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

Mother's Email: _____

Mother's Educational Background: _____

Mother's Employer: _____ Average Hrs: _____ Days of Week: _____

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

Father's Email: _____

Father's Educational Background: _____

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

Family Household Income: _____

Academic Record:

Student High School Name: _____ Grade in Spring 2026: _____

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					
AP Test					
AP Test					
AP Test					

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. Use a minimum of 2 sentences for each answer.

1. What is your primary motivation to attend college ?
2. What subject or field are you most interested in studying, and why ?
3. What do you consider your greatest strength, and how has it helped you succeed ?
4. What is a personal challenge or weakness that you are working to improve ? And what steps are you taking ?
5. What is your favorite subject in school, and what makes it meaningful to you ?
6. What is your least favorite subject in school, and how do you manage the challenges that it presents ?
7. What activity outside of school do you feel most passionate about, and why ?
8. Do you have any special skills or talents ?
9. What do you see as your biggest challenges and obstacles to going to college ?
10. Why are you applying to the Scholars Program, and what do you hope to gain from it ?
11. Please look over the Community Center's website and identify a program you would be interested in volunteering. Please tell us why.
12. Share a moment when you made a difference in someone else's life or in your community ? How did that make you feel?