

For agency use:
Applicant ID _____



The Richard Shay Human Services Award

High School _____ County _____

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANS

What is your career goal? _____

College you plan to attend _____

Program of study you plan to pursue _____

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

1) Annual expenses for the college the student will be attending _____

2) Family/Student contribution to annual college expenses _____

Please attach a typed list of the following:

1) **VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – Please list activities that you have participated in, organized by year, using a similar format as the example below.

2026

- *Cortland Pumpkinfest – volunteered for children's games*
- *SPCA – volunteered twice a month to help with animal care*
- *Volunteered at my church to assist with weekly Mass*

- 2) **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** – Please list activities that you have participated in, organized by grade, using a similar format as the example below.

Senior Year

- *Varsity Basketball*
- *Student Council Member*
- *Participated in school play*

- 3) **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS** – Please list any special achievements, honors and awards received using a similar format as the example below.

- *Honor Society – Junior and Senior years*
- *Most improved – Varsity Soccer Team*
- *Scholastic Art Awards in 2024 and 2025*

APPLICANTS MUST:

- 1) Reside in either Cortland, Broome or Madison county
- 2) Graduate in June 2026
- 3) Intend to pursue a career in human services, counseling, law, criminal justice or a related field
- 4) Be accepted into a full time program at a college or university, and must apply the award to their education costs

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

- 1) A completed application and supporting documents (listed below) by April 30, 2026
- 2) Typed list of activities and achievements
- 3) A copy of their high school academic record
- 4) Two letters of recommendation – at least one from a school principal, teacher or guidance counselor
- 5) A copy of the letter of admission/acceptance from the college they plan to attend
- 6) A typed double-spaced essay stating why the student would like to pursue a career in human services, counseling, law, criminal justice or a related field (500-word limit).

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BY APRIL 30, 2026 TO:

Richard Shay Human Services Award
Attn: Christella Yonta
Family & Children's Counseling Services
165 Main Street, Suite A
Cortland, NY 13045