



In January of 1988, the co-president of the Brentmoor Parent Teacher Organization, Rita Matteo, died after a lengthy battle with cancer. She had been an officer and active participant of the PTO for six years, during which time she encouraged all students to engage in fun, worthwhile, community-oriented activities. Among her accomplishments was the bringing together of students, parents, and staff members to help fundraise. As a result, this allowed them to purchase materials, software, and other items that the school needed.

In the spring of 1988, the Brentmoor PTO established the Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship to recognize students who reflect the character and spirit of Rita Matteo in their dedication to community service. In 2008, the Matteo Family assumed sponsorship of the scholarship and established the Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Board. To date, over 75 recipients have benefited from this scholarship.


Applicants are judged on the following criteria: commitment and dedication to community service, character, responsibility, and academic achievement. The selection committee is comprised of members of the Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Board. The committee will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. The winner(s) of the scholarship will be notified by the committee and will be invited to receive their scholarship on August 8, 2021 at the Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing.

In 2021, The Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Board has allocated funds to award scholarships up to \$15,000.00.

The following criteria have been established for the scholarship...

- The Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors who have attended a minimum of two years at any Lake County high school.
- A minimum of 150 community service hours is required to be considered.
- The scholarship application is available at www.ritamatteo.org in an editable .pdf format. Applicants must **TYPE DIRECTLY ONTO THE FORM**. No handwritten applications will be accepted – they are often unreadable.
- **Incomplete and unsigned applications will not be considered.**
- The application **must** include an official transcript provided by the guidance office that includes GPA, class rank, and SAT/ACT scores.
- Applicants must submit **TWO** letters of recommendation. Each letter should attest to the applicant's participation in activities that benefit the community, specifically highlighting the qualities of service to others, character, responsibility and achievement. The selection committee reserves the right to check your references. Letters of recommendation must follow the guidelines outlined below.
 - a. Provide one letter of recommendation from a school staff member (teacher, guidance counselor or principal) of your high school. All letters must include contact info for the writer.
 - b. Provide one letter of recommendation from someone at an organization you have volunteered with. This letter of recommendation may not be from a school staff member.All letters **must** include contact info for the writer.
- Completed applications **MUST** be turned into your guidance office no later than **March 10, 2021**.
- The Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Board reserves the right to disqualify any applicant for failing to follow the above guidelines.
- Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship recipients authorize that their name and image may be shared publicly in RMMS communications, which include but are not limited to social media content, published literature and inclusion on www.ritamatteo.org.

For more information:

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2021 Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

School Attended

Grade Levels you attended (check all that apply) **9** **10** **11** **12**

Community Service:

List the organizations to which you provided community service during your high school years. Include details of your participation, including: duties performed, dates you were involved, and the approximate number of hours of service you donated.

Organization Name	Duties Performed	Dates Involved	Hours of Service
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Choose one (1) of the services listed in the above chart. In the space below, explain **WHY** you chose to donate your time to that particular organization and **HOW** this service has impacted your life and/or future decisions.

Please tell the selection committee how Covid-19 has affected your community service and how you plan to continue your community service efforts moving forward.

School Extracurriculars:

List the extracurricular activities, teams, and/or clubs in which you participated in during your high school years. Include a brief description and the length of time involved.

Activities/Teams/Clubs (etc.)	Description	Length of Time
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Non-School Related Activities:

List any paid jobs you have had during your high school years (after school, weekends, summer, etc.).

Work Experience	Job Description	Length of Time
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List any non-school activities in which you participate (Boy Scouts, Sports, etc.).

Activity	Description	Length of Time
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Higher Education:

List your anticipated major(s) and the schools where you applied for continued studies (in order of preference). Please note if you have been accepted.

Major(s):

College/University	Have you been accepted? (Y/N/Awaiting Decision)
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Why should you receive the Rita Matteo Memorial Scholarship?


To my knowledge, I confirm that the information I have provided is as accurate as possible.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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