

## Robert H. Staples Scholarship

Ocean County Historical Society (OCHS) established the Robert H. Staples Scholarship in recognition of Bob's membership, support, and volunteer work in the Research Center at OCHS until his death in October 2011.

Bob was born and raised in Toms River and graduated from Toms River High School. After graduating from Oberlin College, he completed his librarian certification and Master's Degree at Rutgers University. Bob was the Director of Princeton Public Library for 23 years.

Ocean County Historical Society will be awarding two (2) \$1,000 Robert H. Staples Scholarships in 2025. The complete application is available below or by calling the OCHS office at 732 341-1880. **The application must be received at OCHS by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 14, 2025.**

**2025 ROBERT H. STAPLES  
\$1,000 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP  
Funded by  
OCEAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OCHS)  
Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each may be awarded annually  
at the discretion of the OCHS Executive Board**

Name of Applicant (please type or print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Eligibility Criteria:

- (1) Be a resident off Ocean County.
- (2) Be at least a graduating high school senior and be accepted at or attending an accredited continuing education program. (Note: Former Robert H. Staples Scholarship recipients are also eligible to apply for another scholarship in future years.)
- (3) Be an active OCHS volunteer member or related to an active OCHS volunteer member (e.g., child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or spouse.) (Note: All active student volunteers and interns are considered OCHS members.)
- (4) Indicate your current interest in history. Be specific about your interest in history (e.g., visits to historical monuments, historical museums, history programs, etc.).

Application Requirements:

- (1) Include a personal letter that outlines your career goals.
- (2) Include a letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher/educator.
- (3) Include a copy of your most recent school transcript.
- (4) Return both pages 1 and 2 of your completed application. (Note: All Eligibility Criteria (1-4) and Application Requirements (1-4) on page 1 should be marked with an X.

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Hand-deliver or mail, via USPS, the completed application (page 1 and page 2).  
**It must be received at OCHS by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 14, 2025 at:**

Ocean County Historical Society  
Attention: Staples Scholarship Committee  
26 Hadley Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08753

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If hand-delivered, call 732 341-1880 to confirm days and hours  
that OCHS is open to receive your completed application.  
Keep a copy of this Application for your records.

**Do not e-mail this application or any required documents.**

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732 341-1880**

*Information about this scholarship is available at the OCHS website:  
oceancountyhistory.org*

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of active OCHS volunteer member you are related to \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to active OCHS volunteer member \_\_\_\_\_

Circle if you are an active student volunteer or an intern.

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Other School you plan to attend or attend \_\_\_\_\_

Date you will graduate from high school/college or other school \_\_\_\_\_

Your Education Goal: Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Associate's Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelor's Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Master's Degree \_\_\_\_\_

PhD/Doctoral Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please do not write below this line. Be sure you have completed both pages of this Application.

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Name of Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

Application: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why below: