

SOUHEGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Linda J. Merrill Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has overcome difficult circumstances and continues to demonstrate the ability to perform academically and is active in the community.

In memory of Linda J. Merrill, the first registrar of SHS, who was dedicated to encouraging, supporting and inspiring SHS students to achieve their highest potential.



The Souhegan Scholarship Foundation (SSF) was formally established in 2003. The Foundation's Board of Directors consists of local citizens who administer the SSF, raise money for scholarships, evaluate the students' scholarship applications, and grant awards to the students best meeting the criteria. This is a formal process that is conducted in an impartial and strictly confidential manner. The scholarships are awarded to assist students with financial need in their first year of college.

Requirements: Applicants must be high school seniors, with permanent residency in Amherst or Mont Vernon. Attendance at a four-year college is not required as long as the program of study is full-time and will result in a degree or diploma. All applicants must demonstrate scholastic achievement and promise.

Scholarship Application: In order to apply for this scholarship, each applicant **must** submit the following information. Incomplete applications **will not be considered** eligible for a scholarship award.

- Completed Application form
- Essay responses to the following questions.
- Resume or a list of activities, accomplishments, work experience and other interests. **Include the numbers of years involved or hours served. (Provided by the applicant)**
- A current official transcript. (Provided by Souhegan High School Student Services or your high school)

Linda Merrill Memorial Scholarship Essay:

Explain the obstacle(s) you have overcome and how you persevered. Was there a particular individual who influenced your achievement? What have you taken from this experience and how has this situation affected your career goals?

Completed applications and essays must be submitted to either the SHS Student Services Office, or mailed to PO Box 323, Amherst, NH 03031 by **March 6, 2026.**



Souhegan Scholarship Foundation Application Form

Applicant Information (please print clearly):

Name _____ DOB _____

Best telephone # at which to contact you: _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian One _____

Address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Two _____

Address (if different) _____ City _____ Zip _____

Signature of Applicant

I certify the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Statement

Parents, you may take this opportunity to briefly explain any extenuating circumstances in your or your student's life that you feel the Souhegan Scholarship Committee should take into consideration. (250 word maximum- This statement is not required for consideration for an award)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

We have read this entire application and certify the information provided is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Application Checklist

- Completed Application form
- Essay responses

- Resume or a list of activities, accomplishments, work experience and other interests. **Include the numbers of years involved or hours served. (provided by the applicant)**
- A current official transcript (provided by Souhegan High School Student Services)

(Please do not write your name on this form.)

Pending College Applications/Goals

School Names

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Career Goal: _____

