



JOHN C. GIBA STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS & PALM BEACH NORTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Palm Beach North Education Foundation is committed to investing in the educational future of our youth through literacy programs, teacher externships & retention incentives, and leadership awards for post-secondary education. The Foundation is a private non-profit foundation, affiliated with the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce, and works specifically with schools and students in the Palm Beach North region.

The Foundation was formed to oversee the endowment established through a donation from John C. Giba, a Jupiter-Tequesta businessman who believed in the importance of student leadership through education. Over the years, the Foundation has expanded its scholarship offerings in our region thanks to the generous support of local businesses, Chamber members, and the community.

SELECTION CRITERIA

There are **two types of scholarships** available: the **John C. Giba Student Leadership Awards** and the **Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarships**. A minimum of four recipients will be selected across both scholarships. Award amounts range from \$1,500 to a full four-year (120 credit) scholarship at a Florida college or university. To be eligible for either a Giba Student Leadership Award or the Foundation Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria, in addition to the scholarship-specific criteria listed below:

- Reside in or attend school in one of the municipalities served by the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce: Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Lake Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Tequesta, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony
- Be a high school senior and plan to attend a college or university in the United States
- Complete and submit the application signed by his/her high school principal

JOHN C. GIBA STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The John C. Giba Student Leadership Awards are designed to inspire, recognize, and reward high school seniors who exhibit exceptional leadership potential. These students stand out through their **academic achievements**, dedication to **community service**, and active participation in **extracurricular activities**. Recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Proven leadership experience that has made a meaningful impact on their school and/or community
- A minimum high school GPA of 3.0
- A strong record of significant community service during their high school years
- Active involvement in school or community extracurricular activities that highlight their leadership abilities

PALM BEACH NORTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarships recognize high school seniors who demonstrate strong leadership potential, academic, community involvement, and extracurricular activities. To ensure opportunities for a broad range of students, scholarships are available through both need-based and merit-based pathways.

Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Proven leadership experience that has made a meaningful impact on their school and/or community
- A minimum high school GPA of 2.5
- A demonstrated commitment to community service throughout their high school career
- Active involvement in school or community extracurricular activities that highlight leadership abilities
- *For need-based scholarships:* Demonstrated financial need, with an annual household income not exceeding \$70,000
- *For merit-based scholarships:* Academic and leadership achievements, regardless of financial status

TIMELINE

Friday, February 13, 2026, by 5 p.m.
February 16 - February 27, 2026
March 9 - March 20, 2026
April 1, 2026
April 15, 2026

Applications DUE
Applications are reviewed
Finalists interviewed by committee via Zoom
Recipients are notified
Annual Education Awards Breakfast

Your completed application with question responses and supporting documentation should be submitted to Collen Iannitti at Colleen@pbnedfoundation.org, **by 5 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026.**



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Your completed application with question responses and supporting documentation should be submitted to
Colleen Iannitti, Colleen@pbnefoundation.org, **by 5 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026.**

Student Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

School Attending _____

Career Field/Major of Interest _____

GPA _____ HPA _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

Class Rank _____ Community Service Hours Completed _____

College you will be attending _____

Please select the scholarship you are applying for, based on the criteria indicated on page 1.

- ☐ John C. Giba Student Leadership Award
- ☐ Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarship ****Merit****
- ☐ Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarship ****Please include your FAFSA SAR with your application. ****

PRINCIPAL'S VERIFICATION (Please obtain your principal's signature. You may scan this document and attach to application if filling out on your computer.):

I, _____ as Principal at _____ High School,
have verified the accuracy of the above *highlighted* information and recommend the above student to be considered for
a John C. Giba Student Leadership Award or Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarship.

Principal Signature : _____ Date : _____

APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

The Palm Beach North Education Foundation aims to recognize high school seniors who have shown outstanding leadership potential through the combination of **academic excellence**, **community service**, and **extra-curricular activities**. Please answer each of the following required questions on the next four (4) pages.

- 1. Leadership:** Describe your most instrumental or impactful activity, circumstance, or experience in which your leadership skills made a significant difference in your school and/or community. *(500-750 words)*
- 2. Academics:** Describe your most important academic achievements during your high school career. *(200-500 words)*
- 3. Community Service:** List and briefly describe the community service projects you have been involved in during your high school career. Give places, dates, and contact person(s) and phone number(s) for verification purposes (please attach your resume with this application).



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APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION #1

Leadership: Describe your most instrumental or impactful activity, circumstance, or experience in which your leadership skills made a significant difference in your school and/or community. *(500-750 words)*



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APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION #2

Academics: Describe your most important **academic achievements** during your high school career. *(200-500 words)*



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APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION #3

Community Service: List and briefly describe the **community service projects** you have been involved in during your high school career. Give places, dates, and contact person(s) and phone number(s) for verification purposes (**please attach your resume with this application**).



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APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION #4

Extra-Curricular Activities: List and briefly describe all **extra-curricular activities** in which you have played a leadership role during your high school career. Give places, dates, and contact person(s) and phone number(s) for verification purposes. *Exclude those already listed in previous responses.*



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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: Female Male Non-binary Other _____

Race: *****Check all that apply*****

White, non-Hispanic

Black, non-Hispanic

Hispanic/Latino

Asian

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Alaskan/Native American

Other _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ I reside in or attend school in one of the municipalities served by the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce: Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Lake Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Tequesta, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony
- ☐ First page of application completed, including your principal's signature.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a school administrator, teacher, or coach.
- ☐ All four (4) supplemental questions have been answered on their respective individual pages
- ☐ Attached your resume
- ☐ Attached your FAFSA SAR, if applying for a Palm Beach North Education Foundation Scholarship with a financial need.