



## Myself Third: Spirit of New York Scholarship Program

The *Myself Third* scholarship program has been made possible through a generous gift provided by City College alumnus, Robert Friedman. It was established in 2002 in tribute to those who participated in the rescue effort following the World Trade Center tragedy, with the goal to encourage and reward civic involvement of high school students.

- The competition is open to New York City public high school seniors who have successfully completed at least one college credit course in the College Now Program. In 2018, **ONE (1), one-time award of \$10,000** will be awarded to a CUNY-bound student enrolling in either an associate or baccalaureate degree program on a full-time basis.
- Applicants must be nominated by a teacher or guidance counselor, who then serves as a mentor to the student throughout the application process. High school principals should sign-off on their students' applications, and high school liaisons should review application packets for proper signatures and requirements (i.e., essay, letter(s) of recommendation, transcript, etc.).
- Applicants are required to submit an **essay** in which they discuss their feelings about America and the privilege of living and working in this country. They should also discuss how they became involved in helping their community, school, or fellow citizens. They are asked to illustrate their involvement in civic service by writing about a specific project or activity they participated in or developed, and to reflect on that experience. In addition, all applicants must submit:
  - an **official transcript**;
  - a **description of volunteer, work, and extracurricular activities**;
  - a **letter of support** from a nominating high school teacher or guidance counselor; and
  - a **letter of support** from a volunteer supervisor. Recommenders must use the forms provided by College Now programs or available on Twitter or Facebook @cunycollegenow.
- **The completed applications must be received by the College Now office on a CUNY campus by April 27, 2018.**
- Students are judged based on the quality of the essay – especially the personal experience described in it, the type and time commitment of the service activity or activities, the letters of recommendation as well as overall academic performance.
- Students selected to receive the scholarship will be required to provide proof of enrollment at CUNY. Winners will be notified in late May, and the scholarship will be awarded at a ceremony in early June (date TBD).