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E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards
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**The Hundred Year Association of New York**

Founded in 1927, the Hundred Year Association of New York records the founding of New York City business, professional, educational, religious and charitable organizations that are at least one hundred years old. The Association assists its members in communicating their history and their contributions to the educational, cultural and civic affairs of New York City. Any association, corporation, partnership or individual proprietorship that has continuously been in business for at least one hundred years, or that is a successor to such a business, is eligible for membership. Over 350 organizations comprise the Association’s membership.

In 1958, in recognition of the close partnership between the City’s private sector and City government, the Association established its program to recognize outstanding New York City career civil service employees. Named for the Association’s founder, the Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards for New York City Career Civil Service Employees are available to employees whose salaries do not exceed $90,000. Individual cash awards generally range from $1,000 to $3,500.

The Association’s E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards Program was founded in 1971 with a $50,000 grant from the Seamen’s Bank for Savings, of which Mr. Conway was then chairman, to assist academically qualified children of career civil service employees to obtain college educations. College Scholar Awards are granted to promising students whose gross family incomes do not exceed $125,000. The scholarships recognize excellence in scholastic achievement and community service. College scholarships generally range from $1,000 to $3,500.

The Association’s awards are augmented by member, corporate and organizational funding. Each member-sponsored award is named for the sponsoring member organization. The Association has distributed more than $1.7 million in awards.

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$3,500

Brandon Mahon
Program Director
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$2,500

Stephanie Arno
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Leonard Battle
Director
Department of Small Business Services
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$2,000

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$2,500

Molly Baum
University of Vermont
Tiger Baron Foundation

Adriana Deonarine
George Washington University
The Bank of New York Mellon

Pranitha Pothuri
University of Pittsburgh
Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

$2,000

Abram Alebiosu
Cornell University
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Chioma Ezekwem
Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Education
Brooklyn Bar Association

$1,000

Elliot Baron
Stony Brook University
STV Group

Jainam Doshi
Boston University
Rosenwach Tank Company, Inc.

Brendon Huang
Syracuse University
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Hunter College
Geneva Worldwide

Sharjil Razin
John Hopkins University
Leys, Christie & Co., Inc.
Brandon Mahon
Program Director
NYC Fire Department

$3,500
The Chief-Civil Service Leader

Brandon Mahon has served the City of New York for 16 years. He is currently the Director of Youth Workforce Development (YWD) at the NYC Fire Department (FDNY). As Director, Mr. Mahon serves as the primary FDNY liaison to the leadership of the FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety. As a result of his leadership, 151 FDNY YWD participants have earned their EMT Certification, including 56 who currently work for the FDNY. Also, because of his success, 35 YWD work for private ambulance companies throughout the City. Mr. Mahon also brings passion and commitment to the Brooklyn Skyhawks Football team that he has coached for 25 years. He has created a culture of excellence with youth inside and outside the FDNY that merits the honor he has received today.

Stephanie Arno
Program Specialist
NYC Department of Probation

2,500
General Hardware Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Stephanie Arno is a Workforce Development Specialist at the Department of Probation (DOP) and has been in city service for 28 years. In her role, she oversees the skill development and employment needs of DOP clients. Ms. Arno’s passion for service and intense desire to share and teach makes her an exceptional civil service professional. In 2012, she was the first Supervising Probation Officer of the Harlem NeON (Neighborhood Opportunity Network). In 2014, Ms. Arno created the Career Advising Services, a service model that provides career counseling, coaching, and supportive services to clients. As an active leader in her community, Ms. Arno was awarded a distinguished civil leadership award in 2006, and was selected as one of the “Women Who Dare to be Different” in 2005.

Leonard Battle
Director
Department of Small Business Services

$2,500
John Gallin & Son, Inc.

Leonard Battle entered city service 15 years ago and is currently Director of Criminal Justice Initiatives at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS). As Director, Mr. Battle is responsible for the SBS Employment Works Program that provides services aimed at reducing recidivism, alleviating employment barriers to those who have history in the criminal justice system, and building their clients’ confidence. Under Mr. Battle’s leadership, Employment Works Program has consistently exceeded its annual goal to connect its clients with quality, self-sustaining employment. In addition to SBS, Mr. Battle also works with educational institutions, such as the Eagle Academy, to inspire and motivate young people. His commitment to excellence, work ethic, and values make him a great role model for others.
Michael Daddona  
Lieutenant - EMS  
NYC Fire Department  

$2,000  
Collegiate Church Corporation

*Michael Daddona* entered city service 13 years ago and is currently an EMS Lieutenant at the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). In October 2015, Lieutenant Dadonna, with little regard for his own personal safety, assisted an elderly New Yorker who was unable to evacuate the scene of a fire. In recognition of his dedication to the preservation of human life, he was awarded the Christopher J. Prescott Medal in 2016 - the highest honor awarded to a members of Emergency Medical Services.

James D’Ambrosio  
Auto Mechanic  
NYC Police Department  

$1,000  
Henry W.T. Mali & Company

*James D’Ambrosio* started his civil service career at the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and has been in city service for 19 years. Mr. D’Ambrosio is an Auto Mechanic for the Fleet Services Division. In his current role, he assists in overseeing the NYPD High School Automotive Intern Program. In conjunction with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and several high schools, Mr. D’Ambrosio helps administer a mentoring program for juniors and seniors in automotive career and technical education. As a result of his tireless dedication to young people, several former interns have returned to NYPD to work as Auto Services Workers and Auto Mechanics. Mr. D’Ambrosio is an exceptional career civil servant who has made the NYPD and his students lives better because of his talent.

Robert Fay  
Community Coordinator  
NYC Department for the Aging  

$1,000  
New York Community Bancorp, Inc.

*Robert Fay* entered city service 18 years ago and presently serves as Community Coordinator for the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA). As a Training Specialist for the Health Promotion unit, he is responsible for training, monitoring, and providing technical assistance to volunteers in the Stay Well and Keep-on-Track Programs at over 250 Senior Centers throughout the five boroughs. To help meet the diverse needs of older adults, Mr. Fay has become the agency’s expert on providing evidence-based programming, and serves as liaison with QTAC (Quality Technical Assistant Center), which has a contract with DFTA to bring evidence-based training and workshops to our Senior Centers. Mr. Fay is a dedicated employee who is invested in the health and well-being of older adults throughout the City. He is a highly valued member of DFTA.
Tischelle George  
Assistant Director  
NYC Housing Authority  

$1,000  
Richard Cook Award - Sponsored by  
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*Tischelle George* is an Assistant Director, Financial Literacy & Asset Building for the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) and entered city service 2 years ago. In her current role, Ms. George works to increase access to financial counseling and asset building resources for public housing residents. Ms. George has built a fundraising partnership with citywide and local financial services providers that has raised $65,000 in scholarships to NYCHA residents. She also manages scholarship programs for NYCHA residents, including the NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program. Under her leadership, scholarship applications have grown to over one hundred annually, and a second scholarship was established for disabled NYCHA residents studying at CUNY. Ms. George’s dedication and professionalism make her an outstanding representative of public service.

Joan Richards  
Director  
NYC Civil Service Commission  

$1,000  
Paul Hastings, LLP  

*Joan Richards* entered city service 16 years ago and is currently Director of Administration at the NYC Civil Service Commission (CSC). Ms. Richards supervises the administrative team and works with the General Counsel to oversee overall CSC administration. She also is responsible for performing the personnel functions of the agency, including payroll, COIB compliance and budget allocations. Ms. Richards also serves as the agency’s Disability Rights Coordinator and EEO Officer. She repeatedly demonstrates a dedication and commitment to her work, and goes far beyond her assigned duties in service to the agency and the City.
2016 E. Virgil Conway College Scholars

Molly Baum
University of Vermont
Tiger Baron Foundation
$2,500

Molly Baum is the daughter of Stan Baum, an Administrative Staff Analyst at the Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Ms. Baum is the recipient of a University of Vermont Presidential Scholarship. She is a volunteer at SAFECO – SAVI Feminist Collective, a program recently created underneath Mt. Sinai’s SAVI (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention) Program. Ms. Baum is a Sophomore at the University of Vermont.

Adriana Deonarine
George Washington University
The Bank of New York Mellon
$2,500

Adriana Deonarine is the daughter of Celina Dowie-Deonarine, an Administrative Staff Analyst at the Department of Social Services. Ms. Deonarine received a certificate of special recognition for Community Service from the Brooklyn Borough Presidents Office for 700 hours of National and International Community Service. She is also the Co-Founder of Misty’s Mission Pet Food, a Non-Profit Program that services the pets of homeless persons and veterans. Ms. Deonarine is a Freshman at Georgetown University.

Pranitha Pothuri
University of Pittsburgh
Guardian Life Insurance
Company of America
$2,500

Pranitha Pothuri is the daughter of Pratap Pothuri, a Computer Specialist at the Department of Finance (DOF). Ms. Pothuri interned at Darenth Valley Hospital in the UK during the summer of 2015 and job shadowed with a physician’s office in Pennsylvania in the summer 2014. She also volunteered at Stride for Life in the UK and assisted in the annual fair to help fight cancer that was to be attended by 5,000 people. Ms. Pothuri is a Freshman at the University of Pittsburgh.

Abram Alebiosu
Cornell University
Brooklyn Bar Association
$2,000

Abram Alebiosu is the son of Christianah Alebiosu, a Patient Care Associate at the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC). Mr. Alebiosu is the recipient of a Cornell University grant. He also volunteered with the American Cancer Society Relay Events for three years. Mr. Alebiosu is a Senior at Cornell University.
Chioma Ezekwem  
Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Education  
Brooklyn Bar Association  
$2,000

Chioma Ezekwem is the daughter of Cyriacus Ezekwem, an Engineer at the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT). She was a Co-founder and Co-president of the Black Students Union at High School for Math Science and Engineering. Ms. Ezekwem is a Freshman at the City College of New York.

Elliot Baron  
Stony Brook University  
STV Group  
$1,000

Elliot Baron is the son of Inessa Lipsky, a Highway Transportation Specialist at the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Baron has worked with professors and fellow students on devices to improve the City’s energy efficiency. Additionally, he was an Engineering Intern for two seasons and founded the Stony Brook Rap Club. Mr. Baron is a Senior at Stony Brook University.

Jainam Doshi  
Boston University  
Rosenwach Tank Company, Inc.  
$1,000

Jainam Doshi is the son of Sadguna Doshi, a Caseworker at the Department of Social Services. Mr. Doshi has volunteered at Rosie’s Place where he assisted in delivering food to homeless shelters and tutored young children in mathematics and science. He also volunteered at The Greater Boston Food Bank and the Jain Center of America. Mr. Doshi is a Sophomore at Boston University.

Brendon Huang  
Syracuse University  
Dancker, Sellew & Douglas  
$1,000

Brendon Huang is the son of Ming Li Huang, a City Tax Auditor II at the Department of Finance (DOF). In high school Mr. Huang was on the honor roll for 4 years, a member of the national Honor Society, a leader at his local church and a member of the Beta Society. Mr. Huang is a Freshman at Syracuse University.

Huyen Lam  
Fordham University  
Jaros Baum & Bolles  
$1,000

Huyen Lam is the daughter of Hung Lam, a Child Welfare Specialist at the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS). In the summer of 2015 Ms. Lam volunteered with Tolentine Early Learn as a teachers assistant. She was also a helper at the NYC Aids Walk in 2015. Ms. Lam is a Freshman at Fordham University.
Yuxiao Lei
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
E-J Electric Installation Foundation Company
$1,000

Yuxiao Lei is the daughter of Jing Liu, a Cashier of the Department of Corrections (DOC). Ms. Lei was a member of the Stuyvesant Environmental Club and she attended the Manhattan School of Music Precollege Division. She also volunteered at New York Presbyterian Queens Hospital for two summers. Ms. Lei is a Freshman at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Leonard Margolis
Baruch College
Modell Financial Inc.
$1,000

Leonard Margolis is the son of Roman Margolis, an Assistant Manager at the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA). Mr. Margolis was CUNY’s Athletic Conference Player of the Week, and a CUNY Athletic Conference Finalist. He is also Baruch Men’s Tennis Rookie of the Year. Mr. Margolis is a Sophomore at Baruch College.

Aivee Mathew
CUNY Brooklyn College
Alexander Wolf & Son
$1,000

Aivee Mathew is the daughter of Mathew Varughese, a City Parking Equipment Service Worker (CPESW) at the Department of Transportation (DOT). Ms. Mathew volunteered at the Atlantis Rehabilitation Residential Healthcare Facility. She is a Sophomore at Brooklyn College.

Christine Phelan
Gabelli School of Business Fordham University
Ralph T. Smith Award - Sponsored by The Hundred Year Association
$1,000

Christine Phelan is the daughter of Paul Phelan, Administrative Construction Project Manager/Director of Construction and Services Contracts at the Department of Social Services. Ms. Phelan is a National Merit Scholar and a Woolworth Award Recipient. She volunteers at St. Rita’s Immigrant Center where she cares for children of immigrants as their parents attend English language and citizenship preparatory classes. Ms. Phelan is a Junior at Fordham University.

Munemshahriyar Rastgir is the son of Shahan Rastgir, a Computer Specialist at the MTA New York City Transit (MTA NYCT). Mr. Rastgir is a member of the Rhythm of the Streets Club, and on the Dean’s List for the fourth semester in a row. Mr. Rastgir is a Junior at Hunter College.

Sharjil Razin is the son of Mohammed Ali, an Associate Chemist Level 2 at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Razin volunteers at the Bangladesh Institute of Performing Arts. He also interned at the Columbia University Medical Center and the SUNY Downstate Medical Center for two years. Mr. Razin is a Freshman at the Johns Hopkins University.
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