

Quota of Greater Bristol is accepting scholarship applications

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BRISTOL – Quota of Greater Bristol is accepting scholarship applications through April 29 from local high school students while continuing community support initiatives.

Quota Club of Greater Bristol is a local nonprofit organization which supports students and the community throughout the year. One of the ways they do so is an annual, \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded each year to a student at Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School and St. Paul Catholic High School.

Applications can be found in the guidance offices of each high school. As part of the applications, students include their school, community service and work history, school activities and leadership positions they are involved in, an essay about their life experiences and future plans and goals.

"The scholarships aren't awarded solely based on GPA," said Karrine Vanasse, publicity chair with Quota of Greater Bristol. "We normally give them to students who have overcome struggles or have gone above and beyond in some way."

Quota of Greater Bristol has continued to support the greater Bristol area throughout the past few years. This past month, they recently donated between \$100 and \$300 to several local food pantries, including Bristol, Plainville, Plymouth and the St. Vincent DePaul shelter.

"We are also working with BBK (Bob Alim, Bob Boudreau and Kevin Prior) and the Main Street Community Foundation to provide vouchers to local seniors that they can use at the Bristol Farmer's Market."

Members of Quota of Greater Bristol also volunteer at Cambridge Park, assisting with the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol's "Power Hour" homework help program. The club assists students in this program by providing school supplies and back to school clothes as well.

Quota of Greater Bristol also sometimes provides "at will donations."



The 2021-2022 Quota Club officers: .Katie Cunningham - President .Beri Dutremble - President Elect (Betsy Morrell standing in for photo) .Joan Vallee - Secretary .Joan Keyowski - Treasurer .Board of Directors - Nichole Morrell, Barbara Fabrizio, Diana Mikulak -Photo submitted by Karrine Vanasse, publicity chair for Quota Club of Greater Bristol

"We recently provided small grants for three kids that didn't have enough money to take a school trip to Boston," said Vanasse. "It wasn't a lot of money, but for those kids it means everything. That's what Quota is all about."

Toward the end of last year, Quota of Greater Bristol elected a new president, Katie Cunningham, who has been working on new "raffle calendar" fundraiser for June.

"Due to covid, we haven't been able to have our Fashion Show," said Vanasse. "So, club members have solicited donations of gift cards. For \$10 you will be able to purchase a calendar and you will have chances to win them throughout the month."

Vanasse added that Quota of Greater Bristol is also reaching out to local restaurants to hold more "give back" nights in the future, where a portion of proceeds benefit the non-profit organization.

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