



## Kristin Appelget Civic Engagement Student Awards Program 2011 Application Form

### Student Awards Program Overview

The Kristin Appelget Civic Engagement Student Awards Program is named for the former CEO & President of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce and its Foundation who served from 2003-2006. The award will honor young people who have made outstanding contributions to their communities by working or volunteering through civic, school, religious, political and other organizations.

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation will honor up to four college bound high school juniors currently attending high school in the Princeton region, including public and private school students and home-schooled students. The Princeton Region, as defined for this student awards program, includes the school districts within Cranbury, East Windsor, Ewing, Hamilton, Hightstown, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Kingston, Lawrence, Montgomery, Pennington, Plainsboro, Princeton Borough, Princeton Township, Robbinsville, Rocky Hill, Skillman, South Brunswick, Trenton, Upper Freehold and West Windsor.

Candidates for the award must complete the attached form, provide an essay outlining their volunteer experience and how it impacts their future plans, and provide one letter of recommendation. Eligible candidates include juniors who are pursuing a path of continued education at a university, college, junior college, community college or vocational/technical institution.

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation seeks to reinforce the goals of civic engagement and civic participation by acknowledging the contributions of young people. The Foundation seeks nominations and applications from high school juniors who have made a significant contribution to their communities, have established leadership in their civic activities and have demonstrated a sustained commitment to their communities.

### Definitions of Civic Engagement

“...individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern. Civic engagement can take many forms, from individual voluntarism to organizational involvement to electoral participation. It can include efforts to directly address an issue, work with others in a community to solve a problem or interact with the institutions of representative democracy.”

Source: Michael Delli Carpini, Director, Public Policy, The Pew Charitable Trusts

“Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes... A morally and civically responsible individual recognizes himself or herself as a member of a larger social fabric and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own; such an individual is willing to see the moral and civic dimensions of issues, to make and justify informed moral and civic judgments, and to take action when appropriate.”

Source: *Civic Responsibility and Higher Education*, edited by Thomas Ehrlich, published by Oryx Press, 2000.

### Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation Mission Statement

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, exists to effectively focus the skills and resources of the greater Princeton business community on the critical civic, educational, scientific, cultural and economic development interests of the region we serve.

### Who We Serve:

- Individuals and businesses who recognize the importance of effective corporate and private citizenship and who are committed to the development of their leaders;
- Non-profit and local government boards, committees, councils, and commissions who are in need of a diverse, skilled, knowledgeable and passionate pool of community leaders;
- Established and emerging business, academic, non-profit, and local government leaders throughout the greater Princeton region.

### Privacy Disclaimer

All information requested on this nomination form will be kept confidential within The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation and evaluators. The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation will use reasonable efforts to protect the personal information you provide from unauthorized use, disclosure, alteration or destruction.

**Application Submission Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011 - 4:00 pm**



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REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FOUNDATION

**To be filled out by the applicant**

*Please note that the information provided on this page will not be presented to the award review committee. It is strictly for statistical reporting and logistical needs.*

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Gender (optional):** \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_ Male

**Race (optional):** \_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_ Asian American \_\_\_\_ Native American  
\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_ Multi-Racial \_\_\_\_ Other

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current cumulative grade point average:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA Scale (circle one):** 4.0 4.5      **GPA Weighted? (circle one):** Yes No

**Expected date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Year

**Contact Information for Letter of Recommendation**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any civic engagement, community or volunteer activities you have participated in during the past four years, including year(s) and length of service. Indicate any positions of leadership you have held and special awards or honors you have received. Please list specific activities you played a direct role in rather than a general description of the organization's activities. *(Use additional sheets if needed.)*

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Contact E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Write a brief essay (200-300 words) on your civic engagement goals as they relate to your education, career, future leadership roles and your involvement in the community.**

*(Use additional sheets if necessary or submit typed copy.)*

A series of horizontal lines provided for writing the essay. There are 28 lines in total, spaced evenly down the page.

## Application Submission Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011 - 4:00 pm

This award application form becomes complete only if you have enclosed the following materials:

- Award Application Form
- Essay on Goals and Aspirations (200-300 words)
- Letter of Recommendation

*We encourage you to submit any and all documents via email, if possible.*

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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_