

# 2026 NYS Migrant Student Scholarships & Guidelines

The Weston T. Hyde, Oswego County Education Foundation (WTHOCEF) administers these scholarships to offer financial assistance to migrant students who want to further their education.



## NYS Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship

**Purpose:** To honor a migrant farmworker student from New York State needing post-secondary scholarship assistance.

**Award:** A one-time grant of \$1000.00 per individual will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria below.

**Eligibility:** A scholarship selection committee will screen candidates based on the following criteria

- Preferable status is a senior in an accredited New York State high school, or status as a senior at an accredited high school outside of New York State, but with a history of movement to New York State.
- Eligibility for Migrant Education services in New York State presently, within the past three calendar years, or anytime during high school.
- Acceptance at a post-secondary degree granting institution, preferably in New York State.
- Financial need

**Jack Perry**, a former high school and college teacher of economics and history, served as a New York State Senator representing the Rochester/Monroe County area from 1975–1992. Senator Perry served as the Executive Director of the Interstate Migrant Education Council (IMEC) for many years, advocating for improved education and services for migrant students.

## NYS Pat Crowley Migrant Student Scholarship

**Purpose:** To recognize a high school senior with a history of migration to or within New York State who has been identified as homeless according to the McKinney-Vento guidelines at any time during his/her high school years.

**Award:** A one-time grant of \$1000.00 per individual will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria below.

**Eligibility:** A scholarship selection committee will screen candidates based on the following criteria

- **Applicants must:**
  - Be a senior in high school
  - Have been identified as homeless during their high school career

**Patrick Crowley** dedicated over forty-five years to the education of migrant farmworker children and their families. He has been a teacher, migrant program coordinator, and assistant school superintendent. In each of these roles, Pat was a strong advocate for migrant farmworkers. Under his direction, the East Bloomfield Migrant Education Program was a leader throughout the state. The program provided services to a variety of ethnicities including a large population of Algonquin Indians who made the annual trek from northern Quebec, Canada, to East Bloomfield, New York, to work on area mink and chicken farms.

He was also one of the founders of the Working Together Group, of migrant education and support services agencies in Western New York State. Additionally, he has served as an alternate representative of the New York State Migrant Education Program to the Interstate Migrant Education Council (IMEC).

Pat was also a co-creator of the ESPERANZA Project, a statewide education program for homeless migrant students eligible through the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Hundreds of migrant students have garnered assistance through this service while in New York State.

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## NYS Fruits of Labor Student Scholarship

**Purpose:** To financially assist current and former students who are/were served by the New York Migrant Education Program to further their education.

**Award:** A one-time grant of \$1000.00 per individual will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria below.

**Eligibility:** A scholarship selection committee will screen candidates based on the following criteria

**Applicants must:**

- Be a senior in high school; **or** a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (GED); **or** currently enrolled in college or other post-secondary education.
- Have enrollment in or acceptance at an accredited public or private college, technical, or vocational school.
- Have history of eligibility for the NYS Migrant Education Program.
- Have desire to further their education to achieve their personal and career goals.
- Have an accomplishment of which they are proud.
- Have financial need.

**Application Packet:** The following materials must be submitted by **May 15, 2026**. PLEASE HOLD all items and send the **complete application packet** with all of the required materials together. Failure to submit the required components will result in disqualification.

1.  **STUDENT INFORMATION FORM and PERSONAL STATEMENT**—Choose whether you want to use the [online form](#) **OR** use this document, page 3 - 7.  
**and**
2.  **PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE OR ENROLLMENT** - Provide your proof of acceptance, or enrollment, at an accredited public or private college, technical, or vocational school.  
**and**
3.  **TWO (2) REFERENCE LETTERS** – Please have a representative (such as a counselor, teacher, migrant educator, coach, supervisor, coworker or other) write a letter addressing your educational commitment, grades, work ethic, etc., and supporting the need for financial assistance. A reference letter may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to or serving as legal guardian for the applicant.

### How to Submit Your Materials:

**PLEASE HOLD all items and send a complete package of the required materials all together.**

Choose email, mail, or fax.

- Email: [lisa.rivera@oneonta.edu](mailto:lisa.rivera@oneonta.edu).
  - Files sent via email must follow the [NYS-MEP guidelines](#) for secure transfer of personal information.
- Mail to: Attn: Lisa Rivera, NYS-MEP | 11211 Poags Hole Rd | Dansville, NY 14437

**For questions:** Email Paul Gugel at [paulgugel1@gmail.com](mailto:paulgugel1@gmail.com)

**The Fruits of Labor board hosts an annual celebration**, virtually via Zoom, honoring students who are the recipients of the NYS Migrant Student Scholarships. We hope that you can attend, should you be selected! This year, the Awards Ceremony will be held in the summer of 2026. Awardees will be contacted with additional information.



**Student Information Form**

**Check the box next to each scholarship for which you are applying.**

- NYS Fruits of Labor Migrant Student Scholarship
- NYS Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship
- NYS Pat Crowley Migrant Student Scholarship

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Last Name	First Name	Home Phone
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Address where you receive mail	City	State	Zip
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Name of parent(s) or legal guardian

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Applicant's Date of Birth	Applicant's Email Address
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**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

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Name of high school that you presently attend or most recently attended

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Date of high school graduation or GED/high school equivalency

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Name of accredited public or private college, technical, or vocational school to which you are accepted

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Anticipated date of graduation from post-secondary school

**APPLICANT AGREES** to the use of his/her name, photographs, and information contained in this application for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes of the scholarship(s) applied for and the NYS Migrant Education Program without further compensation or notification.

The information contained on this form and all accompanying materials are true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by my signature below.

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Applicant's Signature



## Personal Statement: Response Form

### *Directions*

For your convenience, this fillable-PDF document combines the personal statement essay questions for three scholarships into one *Personal Statement Response Form*.

Use this *Response Form* or use your own document(s), to write your Personal Statement essays when applying for one or more of the following scholarships:

- NYS Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship
- NYS Pat Crowley Migrant Student Scholarship
- NYS Fruits of Labor Migrant Student Scholarship

Submit this single document with the rest of your scholarship materials according to the guidelines for each scholarship.

**Every scholarship has two (2) sections to answer.**

- **Part 1: *All students*** applying for any of the scholarships listed above must complete this section about your post-secondary educational plans and future goals.

**Plus, answer the second section for each of the scholarships you are applying for:**

- **Part 2:** If you are applying for the ***NYS Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship***, write additional information about financial challenges you are facing.
- **Part 3:** If you are applying for the ***NYS Pat Crowley Migrant Student Scholarship***, write additional information about what being homeless has meant to you.
- **Part 4:** If you are applying for the ***NYS Fruits of Labor Migrant Student Scholarship***, write additional information about an accomplishment of which you are proud.



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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL STUDENTS: Please complete Part 1 - Educational Plans and Future Goals**

Write an essay (250 – 500 words) about your post-secondary educational plans and future goals. Please share the steps you need to take to achieve your goals.

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*Extra space to continue your response to “Part 1: Educational Plans and Future Goals,” if needed.*

**Part 2: NYS Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship - Additional Information:**

- Please indicate any financial challenges you are facing.

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**Part 3: NYS Pat Crowley Migrant Student Scholarship - Additional Information:**

- Please write about what being homeless has meant to you.

**Part 4: ONLY for applicants of NYS Fruits of Labor Migrant Scholarship - Additional Information:**

- Please write about an accomplishment of which you are proud.

- Application Packet Checklist:**
- Student Information Form and Personal Statement
  - Proof of Acceptance or Enrollment
  - Two (2) Reference Letters