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January 14, 2019

Dear Administrator,

On behalf of the O'Keefe Foundation Inc., I would like to bring to your attention a wonderful scholarship opportunity for one of your most deserving students. The O'Keefe Foundation is a Not for Profit charitable organization formed in memory of Firefighter Patrick J. O'Keefe of the FDNY's Rescue Company One who was killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

This scholarship is an \$8,000.00 grant award paid over 4 years and is available to any United States citizen who is an immigrant or child of an immigrant **OR** a student who has lost a parent to an act of violence.

The qualifications are simple-tell us your story:

The student must be a graduating senior, accepted into an accredited college or university (at the time of the award not the time of application) fit one of the above mentioned criteria and reside in Nassau or Suffolk county or one of the five boroughs of New York.

There are NO academic requirements.

How Does a Student Apply?

All that needs to be done is the student must complete an enclosed application, provide two letters of recommendation and write an essay telling us about him or her.

You then **MUST send 6 copies of the essay together with one completed application to the address listed below no later than March 15, 2019.**

What to include in the essay!

In an essay of 1000 words or less the student should, **if choosing Option ONE- Immigrant**, include such information as:

1. the circumstances by which he/she arrived in this country
2. what are the challenges faced both here upon arrival and abroad
3. what were the influences on the decision of the family to become American citizens
4. what are their plans for the future

In Memory of

FF Patrick J. O'Keefe FDNY Rescue 1

15 Baylis Place Lynbrook, New York 11563 Tel: (516) 662-0485

OR Option 2

If applying on the basis of the loss of a parent include such as:

1. the circumstances surrounding the loss
2. how the applicant and family are coping with the loss
3. the personal goals and aspirations of the applicant

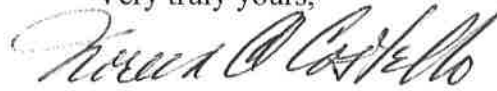
The Essay should be 12.pt type, double spaced and submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than **March 15, 2019 to:**

**The O'Keefe Foundation, Inc.
15 Baylis Place
Lynbrook, New York 11563.**

***** Make sure to include 6 copies of the essay with one application*****

The recipient will be presented with a plaque at their high school awards ceremony and the scholarship check at the Foundation's Awards Breakfast held in September, the weekend after Labor Day. If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (516) 662-0485.

Very truly yours,



Noreen O. Costello, President
The O'Keefe Foundation

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS
NECESSARY OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER AND
APPLICATION**