



JOHN P. OLDHAM GRADUATE AWARDS

John P. Oldham School
165 Prospect Street
Norwood, MA 02062

Once again, the Oldham School Graduate Award Committee, composed of Oldham PTO members and Oldham staff, will present its annual awards to three qualified high school seniors at the Fifth Grade Musical in June. Deserving students will be awarded \$500 each. Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship. The three awards available are:

- 1. Faith Kelley Graduate Award.** Faith Kelley, mother of eight, was a dedicated Oldham parent, volunteer, and former PTO president. With all of those kids at home it really was her social time! She enjoyed organizing teacher appreciation events, roller skating parties at Rolland, talent shows, and creating fun experiences for all at the Oldham. Faith had a knack for persuading all of her friends to pitch in as well as a gift for organizing. She was a tremendous collaborator and good at communicating her point of view with humor. This award is based not just on academics but other factors as well, such as activity participation, education goals, efforts, and need.
- 2. Richard Talanian Award.** This scholarship is named after Mr. Richard Talanian, who served as the Oldham School principal for 19 years, retiring in 1998 after a 42-year career. Mr. Talanian earned the respect of his colleagues and students by being firm, yet fair. He was supportive of his teachers, and appreciated the demands his staff balanced between home and school life. He was accessible to students and staff, always seen in the classrooms and hallways. This award recognizes a student who has exhibited kindness and compassion to fellow students and members of the community. Financial need is also a criterion for this award.
- 3. John C. Burns Award.** Mr. Jack Burns was a beloved teacher and after-school coach at the Balch School for 32 years. He became Principal at the Oldham beginning 1998, after Mr. Talanian retired. A sports enthusiast, Mr. Burns shared this passion with the children he coached, from the elementary school to the high school levels. Mr. Burns was known for his innovative ideas using technology in his classroom as well as his ability to keep on going despite personal battles he was fighting at home. Mr. Burns' sense of humor and passion for learning will always be remembered by the students and teachers whose lives he touched in the 40 years he spent at the Balch and Oldham Schools. This scholarship awards a student who has demonstrated striving for academic excellence and exemplifies the importance of community service.

Candidates must have graduated from the 5th grade at the John P. Oldham Elementary School. Any student who meets the requirements and is planning to further their education beyond high school will be an acceptable candidate. This includes college, vocational, or technical school.

Please complete the application form and include a separate cover letter for each award that you are applying for explaining why you are qualified to be this year's recipient, as well as your ultimate goals and future plans. Applications must also include two letters of recommendation and a copy of your high school transcript. (If you are applying for multiple awards, then only one copy of a recommendation letter and your transcript are required.)

Completed applications should be sent to the Oldham School- Attn: PTO by **Friday, May 24, 2024.**



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Scholarship Application**

Name		
Address		
Phone		
Email		
Scholarship Applying For (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith Kelley Graduate Award
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Talanian Award
	<input type="checkbox"/>	John C. Burns Award
School now attending		
Dates you attended the Oldham School		
Extra-curricular activities - please include sports, clubs, work experience and/or volunteer experience, and special interests		
College or school to which you have applied and/or been accepted		

Did you remember to include?
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Or emailed to: oldhampto@gmail.com

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