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To whom it concerns:

Every year, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) offers the Joanne Champion Granger scholarship to a college-bound high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and human rights. This year, HOME will be awarding \$1,500 to first place and \$500 each to two honorable mentions.

HOME will also give \$100 to the first place winner's nominating organization in thanks for its participation. **We graciously ask your assistance in notifying your seniors that we are now accepting applications.** We encourage you to please post this information in your hallways, on social media, and on your webpage, if possible. The application deadline is **February 10th, 2017**, and the scholarship winner will be honored at HOME's 54th Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 20th, 2017.

This award was created to honor the memory of Joanne Champion Granger, a woman dedicated to civil rights and a long-time member of HOME. We are a nonprofit civil rights organization that has fought for fair housing in the Buffalo-Niagara region since 1963. Our mission is to promote the value of diversity and ensure the people of Western New York an equal opportunity to live in the housing and communities of their choice.

We have enclosed additional information about the scholarship, an application form, and a brochure with more information about HOME. You can also find this information on our website: www.homeny.org/events-updates/joanne-champion-granger-scholarship. Additionally, I would be happy to visit your school to discuss the scholarship and/or conduct a presentation on fair housing issues.

Please contact me at (716) 854-1400 ext. 22 or kfacey@homeny.org with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Kibrett Facey
Education Specialist

THE JOANNE CHAMPION GRANGER SCHOLARSHIP

"I hope that young people will develop a real excitement for life and the marvels of the world around and within them. This type of excitement can only come with the ability to see, to judge, and to respond to the world..."

- JOANNE CHAMPION GRANGER

These simple words embody the personal philosophy of the late Joanne Champion Granger, a high school science teacher and community activist in whose honor this scholarship was established. Her personal experience with housing discrimination did not defeat her but led her to use her courage and determination to work for equal rights in housing for herself and others. Even after her retirement from Mount Saint Mary's Academy, she remained an active member of many service and civil rights organizations, including Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

The award, created in 1995 at the behest of Joanne Champion Granger's husband, Dr. Carl Granger, is granted to a high school senior who demonstrates a commitment to the ideals by which she lived: academic excellence, pride of work, and commitment to human rights and human service.

\$1500 First Place

& two Honorable Mentions will receive \$500

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Is a college-bound high school graduate of 2017 and currently attending school in Erie or Niagara County.
- ◆ Has maintained a "B" average or higher verified by a grade report from the applicant's high school.
- ◆ **Must write and submit an essay** which demonstrates community involvement and commitment to human rights and /or equal opportunity in housing. This is the most heavily weighted portion in the scoring process. **(Maximum three pages, double spaced)**
- ◆ Must have a letter of recommendation from **school personnel or a community leader** familiar with the student's activities.
- ◆ The award will be presented at HOME's 54th Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, April 20, 2017. **The winner(s) must attend the award ceremony** that evening to receive the scholarship.

It is HOME's desire that the scholarship shall not reduce any other aid provided to the student. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, February 10, 2017.

No application will be considered without an application form, a list of extracurricular activities, an essay, a grade report, and a letter of recommendation.



Housing Opportunities Made Equal

Joanne Champion Granger Scholarship Application Form

Please print or type.

PART I - CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Nominating School/Organization Name: _____

School Name (if different from above): _____

Home Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Letter of Recommendation Written By:

Name: _____

Title: _____

School/Organization Name: _____

School/Organization Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

PART II – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

We ask that applicants approach a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, community leader, or anyone familiar with the student's accomplishments and character to write a brief letter of recommendation. The letter should describe the achievements, activities, and attributes of the student that make them a suitable candidate for the award.

PART III – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On a separate piece of paper, please type up a list of **up to 10** extracurricular activities and what years you participated in them. Examples of activities you may list: volunteer work, job(s), sports, music, clubs, youth groups, or classes you have taken outside of school. **PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED 10 ACTIVITIES.** If you exceed the limit, only the first 10 will be considered and you may lose points for not following directions.

PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION & ESSAY

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SENT TO US IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED:

- The completed application form.
- Letter of recommendation.
- A list of up to 10 extracurricular activities.
- An original essay (MAXIMUM THREE PAGES, DOUBLE SPACED) written by the applicant answering the following question: "Describe your personal contributions to human or civil rights or the community at large, and discuss your plans for furthering this cause in the future."**
- An official copy of the applicant's high school transcript showing a grade average of "B" or higher. Must include grades from first half of current school year.
- Please read the following statement, then sign and date the application form.

If selected as the scholarship winner, I will attend HOME's 54th Annual Celebration Dinner on **Thursday, April 20, 2017** and participate in the award ceremony. I understand that two complimentary tickets for the dinner will be given to me after I am notified of winning the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the completed application form and supporting documentation by **February 10, 2017** to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o HOME, Inc.
1542 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209

Or fax to 716-854-1140, attn.: Scholarship Committee

Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc. (HOME) presents the
2017 Joanne Champion Granger Scholarship

To qualify, applicants must:

- a.) Be a college-bound, high school senior with an average of B or greater;
- b.) Complete an essay demonstrating community involvement and a commitment to human rights;
- c.) Submit a nominating letter from school personnel or community leader; and
- d.) Attend HOME's 54th Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 20rd, 2017 to accept the \$1,000 scholarship award.



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Applications and more information can be found at HOME's website: www.homeny.org, or by contacting

Education Specialist Kibrett Facey at kfacey@homeny.org or (716) 854-1400 ext.22