



Haddon Township High School Alumni Association

Daniel N. Santora, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

\$1500.00 – One Award
Application Deadline – April 30, 2021

Criteria:

- The recipient must be a student with a physical, learning, family or financial challenge.
- The recipient should demonstrate a level of academic achievement, that he/she has compensated for the challenge and is prepared to enter college, trade school, military service or other pursuit of higher education.
- The recipient must be a member of the current graduating class of Haddon Township High School and has demonstrated school spirit during his/her years at HTHS.
- The recipient must be able to provide evidence of acceptance to an institution of higher learning prior to receipt of the award.

Information to Submit to Selection Committee:

- Applicant’s Background Information
- A counselor’s or teacher’s recommendation. May be a short description of the student, the teacher/counselor’s knowledge of the challenge and the effort expended to overcome the challenge. (mandatory, exclusion will disqualify the applicant).
- Official high school transcript
- Essay

Applicant’s Background Information

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Full Name of Applicant _____
First Last Middle Initial

Home Address _____
Street City/State Zip

Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT’S COUNSELOR:

Grade Point Average _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____ Counselor’s Name _____

Counselor’s Email _____ Counselor’s Signature _____

Counselor’s signature verifies that the application is complete with the counselor’s/teacher’s recommendation, transcript, and essay.

Please submit the application to the Guidance Office

Haddon Township Alumni Association, 81 Village Drive East, Hamilton, NJ 08620

www.hthsalumni.org

info@hthsalumni.org

Last Name

First Name

Please list significant activities, leadership positions, and/or honors/recognitions. Place and (X) in the grades column when activities occurred. You may attach a student resume instead.

Activities	9	10	11	12	Leadership Position/Honors

List Community Activities:

Please write a short essay clarifying why you would be deserving of this scholarship, and how you overcame your challenge. It is important to describe the school spirit you have demonstrated. Essays must be attached. Please be sure to place your name on any attached documentation.

Applications postmarked after May 1, 2020 will be excluded.

About Daniel N. Santora, Jr.



Dan Santora graduated from HTHS in 1973. He passed away due to complications of throat and brain cancer in February 2019. He was 63-years-old and a lifelong resident of Haddon Township.

Dan graduated from Glassboro College (now Rowan University). He operated a successful painting contractor business until his first major battle with cancer in 2000. He was 45-years-old at the time. In 2006, he founded the Haddon Township High School Alumni Association and presided over the organization until his death except for a brief hiatus.

The Alumni Association's chief goal was to establish scholarships for HTHS students. That goal was realized with several scholarships and many gifts given to the school via funds raised mainly by selling alumni T-shirts, sweatshirts, and raffle tickets at sporting events and community functions such as the Township Block Party and Luau at Crystal Lake. There were also Beef and Beer and 50/50 proceeds. Whenever HTHS asked for anything from the Alumni Association, Dan worked with his committee and made it happen.

Mr. Santora taught classes on Microsoft EXCEL at HTHS' Adult School for many years. Quite an achievement as surgeries had removed much of the tissue and muscles on one side of his neck. Most of the time he required the use of a hand to hold his head upright. Dan published a book on EXCEL for Business with Amazon Press in 2009. He also worked on many Class of '73 reunions and our recent Backyard BBQs (non-reunions).

He was a man of many talents and interests. He dabbled in art: drawing and painting; music: playing guitar and appreciating many genres; computers: building, repairing and programming; photography, and woodworking.

He was a very active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield. In his eulogy, Dan was described as a "Godsend" who shouldered daunting maintenance tasks in a church that was built in 1842. He often worked alone, parsing jobs into manageable blocks of labor and staying the course until they were completed.

Daniel Santora's school spirit bloomed many years after his graduation. He overcame hardships many would have withdrawn from. One thing is certain, Dan's heart was always with HTHS and its alumni.