

The Great Race Frank D. Ruggerio Community Service Scholarship

The Great Race Committee will be offering the 2026 Frank D. Ruggerio Scholarship. We are pleased to invite your **High School Guidance Department [or scholarship committee]** to **nominate ONE** outstanding senior to apply for a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a student in the **Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES District. The Auburn School District will allow two candidates** as a result of the large student population. The Frank D. Ruggerio Memorial Scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to their hometown community through a variety of service and volunteering. Frank Ruggerio displayed a passionate commitment to teamwork and community service, and held an unwavering belief that what we give to the world is more important than what we get from it. Thus, the winner of this award is the person who demonstrates to us that he or she best exemplifies this way of living and thinking.

The successful applicant will have the scholarship paid directly to the accredited two or four-year institution that they plan on attending in the 2026-27 should complete the following:

1. The basic information page. Be sure to sign the waiver.
2. A typed, printed or neatly handwritten essay, not to exceed 1000 words, explaining why you meet the criteria for the award, that you have a passionate commitment to teamwork and community spirit, and how this has helped you achieve your personal and academic goals.
3. A recommendation signed by the person or school nominating you, specifying why they believe you meet the criteria of the award, with their name, address, phone number, and relationship to you.

Applications should be emailed to john2bike@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be received by **May 4th, 2026**. All nominees will be contacted by email or by the US Postal Service no later than May 21th, 2026 with the decision of the committee. Questions should be directed to John Lawler – email john2bike@gmail.com, or cell phone- 315 730 6806.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from your nominee!

The Great Race Committee

Basic Information Form

Name _____

School _____

Home Address _____

Town/City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

College attending _____

List of volunteer and service activities you have participated in, along with approximate dates.

You may attach extra sheets if necessary.

‘I hereby give the Ruggerio Memorial Award Committee permission to contact any person who recommends me for this award.’

Signature _____

Print name here _____

Date _____