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Dear Applicant,

Astor is honored to announce the **Ralph P. Cautela Scholarship Program** for two Hudson Valley Astor clients to be used for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Cautela believes that every child has the right to a stable home, education, and a chance to succeed in life.

Born and raised in Westchester County, he graduated from college with a degree in Political Science and Economics and initially worked for 10 years in the field of urban planning and development. In 1978 he founded R.P. Cautela Realty, Inc. He is a former Board Member, Officer and Past President of Dutchess County Association of Realtors and is currently an active member on the Governmental Affairs Committee. He previously sat on the planning and zoning Boards of the Village of Rhinebeck for 13 years and served as an Officer of the Northern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. Further, he was licensed by the New York State court system as a Hearing Officer for the 3rd and 9th Judicial Districts to adjudicate residential property tax grievances.

Astor is currently accepting applications for this year's scholarship program and invites any current or former Hudson Valley clients who are entering their first year of school to apply. A total of two applicants will be chosen to receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship to be used for college, university, or vocational studies. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be matriculating to school in the fall of 2024.

**Applicant Criteria:**

- Entering a college, university, or vocational school in the Fall of 2024
- Current or former Astor client based in the Hudson Valley
- Demonstrated financial need
- Demonstrated academic performance

Please review the application and make sure that all sections and attachments are included in your submission. Completed applications can be emailed to Mia DeYoung at [mdeyoung@astorservices.org](mailto:mdeyoung@astorservices.org) with subject line: **Ralph P. Cautela Scholarship**

or mailed to:

Astor Services

Attn: Mia DeYoung/Ralph P. Cautela Scholarship

6339 Mill Street

Rhinebeck, NY 12572

**Applications must be postmarked or electronically sent by July 12<sup>th</sup> and decisions will be made by July 19<sup>th</sup>.** We look forward to receiving the applications and awarding two Astor scholars the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams!



## Ralph P. Cautela Scholarship Application - \$5,000

**Emailed or Postmarked by:** July 12, 2024

**Application Instructions:** Please complete the form, attach required documents, and send to [mdeyoung@astorservices.org](mailto:mdeyoung@astorservices.org) or mail to Attn: Mia DeYoung, 6339 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

### **Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Same as above

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M F

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### **Education:**

Name of High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards and/or Honors, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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Organization/Club Membership, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have a GED Certificate for High School Equivalency, please provide date received:

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Are you a member of any organizations or clubs outside your school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**College/University/Vocational School:**

Intended Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Start date and anticipated completion year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Information:**

Number of people living in household (including parents): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Family Contribution to School Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that all statements or information I have provided above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature, if applicant is under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

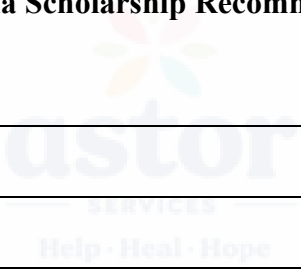
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

With this application, please attach the following documents:

- Astor Recommendation form signed by Astor Services employee
- Most recent report card, copy of GED, or transcript
- An essay on the topic of what this scholarship support would mean to you (minimum 200 words)

Please note that Astor will validate attendance/registration with institution ahead of funding transfer. If awarded, the student must provide a thank you letter before funds are wired to the institution. Notice of success will be sent by July 19.

**Astor Services**  
**Ralph P. Cautela Scholarship Recommendation Form**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief summary of why you support this student in their scholarship application: \_\_\_\_\_

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