

# Elizabeth Gonzalez Memorial Beacon Student Hardship Fund Application

## Who we are

The Suffolk Community College Foundation's mission supports student access to quality education and vocational skill training by providing scholarships, emergency loans, hardship grants and funding for program development. Additionally, the Foundation seeks to engage alumni to maintain their connection to the college, to support foundation events, philanthropy, student mentorship and internship opportunities.

## Contact Us

For information on eligibility and the application process, contact:

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### Applicant Information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist

- High School student in Suffolk County, New York
- Enrolled or Enrolling in the Suffolk County Community College Beacon Program
- Provide a narrative and the supporting documents demonstrating a critical financial need and desire to continue in the Beacon Program at Suffolk County Community College
- Submit this application, together with all supporting documents to:

Suffolk Community College Foundation  
Elizabeth Gonzalez Memorial Beacon Student Hardship Fund  
The Cottage – 533 College Road, Selden, NY 11784

### What is the Fund?

The Elizabeth Gonzalez Memorial Beacon Student Hardship Fund was established with a generous gift from a member of the Board of Directors of the Suffolk Community College Foundation. The fund memorializes the late Elizabeth Gonzalez, a third-year law student at the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center of Touro College who tragically lost her life when a drunk driver struck her vehicle as she was returning home from studying. The fund supports Suffolk County high school students who enroll for pre-college credits in the Beacon Program of Suffolk County Community College.

### Am I Eligible?

Support from the Fund is limited to Suffolk high school students who are currently enrolled or are applying for admission to the Beacon Program at Suffolk County Community College, and who are experiencing financial hardships such as homelessness or pending eviction/foreclosure; loss of utility services; lack of food security; health crisis; lack of transportation; etc.

Together with the completion of this application, applicants must provide a narrative (limited to 250 words) and supporting documents (invoices, bills, past due rent notices, eviction notices, foreclosure forms, letters and photographs) demonstrating a critical financial need and expressing a desire to continue or enroll in the Beacon Program at Suffolk County Community College.

### What is the Grant Amount?

The Elizabeth Gonzalez Memorial Beacon Student Hardship Fund provides a maximum award of up to \$350 annually.

### What is the Beacon Program?

Suffolk's Beacon Program is a concurrent enrollment program that empowers high school juniors and seniors to get a head-start on college by taking Suffolk courses at their high school during regular school hours. Classes are designed to provide college-level student learning, not replace high school requirements. Students can earn up to 30 college credits through Suffolk's Beacon Program. Credits transfer to most colleges and universities and can enhance a student's college admissions profile while realizing a significant savings on tuition costs.

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