

Motion for Article 4 – Town Scholarship Fund

To see if the Town will vote to re-accept Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1984, as codified at Section 3C of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, to re-authorize the adoption of a town scholarship fund to be entitled “Town of Burlington Scholarship Fund” whereby the taxpayer can voluntarily checkoff, donate, and pledge an amount not less than one dollar or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, and to establish a city or town scholarship fund, the purpose of said fund is to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents. Any amounts donated to the scholarship fund shall be deposited into a special account in the general treasury and shall be in the custody of the town treasurer.

And to establish a scholarship committee, consisting of the superintendent or designee, and no fewer than four (4) residents of the town appointed by the board of selectmen to a term of three (3) years. The scholarship committee shall select the recipients of and amounts of financial aid from the scholarship fund and shall be guided by any criteria established by the scholarship committee, subject to any bylaw and further subject to the following criteria:

- (a) The recipients of financial aid must be residents of the town at the time the financial aid is first awarded and have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level at an institution deemed accredited by the committee; and
- (b) The committee shall take into consideration each recipients financial need, character, scholastic record and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular school activities.

And to authorize the scholarship committee to distribute financial aid from both interest and principal of the fund, without further appropriation.