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## **Margate Has More: Scholarships for Students**

### **Two, \$2,500 Margate Business Association Scholarships Available**

MARGATE –Do you feel there is too much testing in school, or if the degree of testing is acceptable as it is? Wrestling with that hot topic will earn two students each, a \$2,500 college scholarship. Students are asked to look back on their testing experience, and write a letter to Governor Murphy expressing their feelings about testing

Submissions are now being accepted for the Margate Business Association's Daniel and Maria Walters Scholarship Program. Each year, the program awards two \$2,500 college scholarships to high school seniors who have attended Margate City schools. More than \$100,500, funded by MBA special events and donations, has been awarded through this program since its inception.

Qualifications include the submission of three references that are unrelated to the applicant, a list of activities and awards, and a written essay. Students will also be asked to respond to this prompt: *Looking back on your testing experience, write a letter to Governor Murphy expressing your feelings about testing in New Jersey. Decide whether you feel there is too much testing, or if the degree of testing is acceptable as it is. In your letter, cite at least three reasons why you believe there is or is not too much testing, along with two or three suggestions for alternative ways to evaluate student performance, regardless of how you feel about the issue.*

The scholarship founders, Daniel and Maria Walters, are former educators in the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District. They began the program as a way to give back to the community. Funds for the first scholarship awarded in 1999 grew out of the first Margate Fall Funfest held in 1998. The much anticipated annual spring wine tasting has enabled the Margate Business Association to continue the scholarship award.

Submissions must be postmarked by April 8, 2019 and will not be accepted in person. The judges do not know identities of the applicants. Scholarship winners will be announced in June. Applications are available in high school guidance counselor offices and at [margatehasmore.com](http://margatehasmore.com). Call 609-822-1129 for information.

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**The Margate Business Association** exists to promote the economic and physical revitalization and welfare of the businesses and Bay District of Margate, including the advancement of the Margate Community through local scholarship, events to promote family activities and providing assistance to local governments and organizations situated in the City of Margate.

Margate City was incorporated as the borough of South Atlantic City by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature on September 7, 1885, from portions of Egg Harbor Township. Then, it was reincorporated with the name Margate City April 20, 1909. The city stretches approximately eight blocks from the Atlantic Ocean to the bay at most points in town and is roughly 2 miles long. Margate's full-time population was estimated in 2007 at more than 8,500, less than 4,000 households and approximately 2,300 families.