

THE WESTERLY COLLEGE CLUB, INC.

2025-2026 Scholarship Application

I. Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Applicants must be residents of Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond, or Westerly, RI, or Stonington or North Stonington, CT.
- B. Applicants must be applying for a scholarship to fund an initial Bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited institution. Unfortunately, scholarships are not available for an Associate's degree, a second Bachelor's degree, nor a Graduate degree.
- C. Applicants must have completed at least one full year of college. Awards are granted for sophomore, junior, or senior year, (2nd, 3rd, or 4th year) for 1 year only, and are not renewable. Applicants must re-apply yearly.
- D. Applicants must NOT be a relative of an officer of the Westerly College Club nor a relative of a member of the Scholarship Committee.

II. Application Requirements: (Please read the requirements carefully and make sure you follow instructions. Missing information can disqualify an application.)

A. Application

____ Completed application form with a resume, if you have one. Please provide all the information requested on the application.

B. Supporting Materials:

The following supporting materials **MUST** be submitted along with a completed application form. If the application does not include the following 6 items, the application will not be considered.

____ 1. A **typed essay** of 300-500 words, describing the applicant's background, academic pursuits, and career goals. Please specify any unusual personal or financial circumstances.

____ 2. A copy, from the **2025-2026 Student Aid Report (SAR)** from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or from the College Board's CSS/Financial Aid Profile, showing the applicant's expected family financial commitment.

____ 3. A copy of the applicant's **most current financial aid award letter** from the college or university the applicant is attending.

____ 4. A copy of the applicant's most recent (**Spring 2025**) **college or university billing statement** for tuition, fees, room, and board (as applicable).

____ 5. The **most recent official college transcript(s)**. If unable to obtain a Spring 2025 transcript, a Fall 2024 transcript will be accepted with the application pending final receipt of the Spring transcript. If it is late, please forward as soon as you receive it.

____ 6. A **current letter of recommendation** from someone other than a family member or friend. If you are a returning applicant, please submit a new/different letter of recommendation.

C. Deadline

The application package (comprising the completed application form and all supporting materials) must be emailed to: **WCCscholars@gmail.com**. Please put “**Scholarship Application**” in the subject line. All documentation must be received by **May 31, 2025**.

Please make every effort to send all documentation in one email. If some document(s) cannot be sent electronically, they should be mailed to: **Westerly College Club, P.O. Box 1342, Westerly, RI 02891, Attn: Scholarship Committee**. All documentation must be received by **May 31, 2025**.

Any application package that is late or missing any materials (except for a copy of the official Spring 2025 transcript, if delayed) will not be considered for the 2025-2026 school year.

III. Selection Criteria

In choosing finalists, the Scholarship Committee considers the following, in no particular order:

- * Financial need
- * Academic achievement and scholastic potential
- * Commitment to career goals
- * Personal qualities

IV. Interview Process

- Each finalist will be scheduled for a required 30-minute interview. The interviews will be scheduled during the 3-week period beginning Monday, June 2, 2025. We expect that all interviews will be held virtually using Zoom or Facetime.
- Finalists will be contacted during the first week of June by a member of the Scholarship Committee to schedule a time slot on an interview day. Please expect a call from a member of the committee.
- Finalists should be prepared to discuss their application including costs and funding, how any cost gaps in funding were met in the prior year (2024-2025), and from where their sources of funds come, such as: personal contributions, family contributions, loans (whether parental, personal or student), grants, work study, and other scholarships.
- After concluding all interviews, the Scholarship Committee will recommend scholarship recipients to the Executive Committee of the Westerly College Club. The Executive Committee will vote on the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation, and then all applicants will be notified by early July. The decision of the Executive Committee is final.

Other sources of funding available:

Grants for College (risla.org)

Rhode Island Student Grants (collegrants.org)

Rhode Island Scholarships (rischolarships.org)

Rhode Island Foundation (rifoundation.org)

College Scholarships.org (collegescholarships.org)

Community 2000 (community2000.org)

Eastern Ct Community Foundation (cfect.org)

Stonington Community Ctr. (thecomo.org)

If you have any questions, please email: WCCscholars@gmail.com