

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2020-2021

THE WESTERLY COLLEGE CLUB, INC.

The Westerly College Club (the “Club”) was founded in 1910 to promote fellowship among women in the Westerly area with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, to contribute to cultural and civic life of the community, and to award scholarships to applicants who meet criteria established by its members.

The Club first offered a Latin prize of fifty dollars. In 1944, a permanent scholarship was established. Today, scholarships are funded from two sources: the Club and the Lois Hamilton Fontaine Scholarship Fund of the Westerly College Club, Inc. The latter, an endowed fund managed by the Rhode Island Foundation, is dedicated to Mrs. Fontaine, a former teacher of Latin and an outstanding leader of the Club.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be residents of Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond, or Westerly, RI, or the Connecticut border towns of Stonington or North Stonington.
2. Applicants must be applying for a scholarship to fund a baccalaureate from a four-year accredited institution. Scholarships are not eligible for Associates degree or Graduate degree.
3. Scholarships are granted for sophomore, junior, or senior year. Applicants must have completed at least one full year of college.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A. APPLICATION: ATTACHED BELOW

Along with your signature at the end of the application, we must have a signature(s) of your parent or guardian on page 8 if you are a dependent.

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 specifying any unusual personal or financial circumstances that may warrant special attention by the Scholarship Committee.
2. A complete copy of the applicant's 2020-2021 Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or from the College Board's CSS/Financial Aid Profile, which also must include the "expected family contribution" (EFC).
3. A copy of the applicant's most current financial aid award letter from the college or university the applicant is attending. If unable to provide this letter at the time the application is submitted, a letter from the institution specifying when the financial information will be available to the Club must be included.
4. A copy of the applicant's most recent (Spring 2020) college or university billing statement for tuition, fees, room and board (as applicable).
5. The most recent official college transcript(s) (not copies). **If unable to obtain a Spring 2020 transcript, a Fall 2019 transcript will be**

accepted with the application pending final receipts of the Spring transcript. If late, please forward as soon as you receive it.

6. A current letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member or friend. A minimum of 1 will be required.

C. DEADLINE

The application package comprising the completed application form and supporting materials must be sent in one envelope to:

The Westerly College Club, Inc. P.O. Box 1342 Westerly, RI 02891
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

It must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2020.

Any application package that is late or missing any materials (except for a copy of the official Spring 2020 transcript **IF** an explanation attesting to when it will be ready to be sent has been provided) will not be considered for the 2020 – 2021 year.

II. SELECTION CRITERIA

In choosing finalists from the applicant pool, the Scholarship Committee considers the following, which are not in any particular order:

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

III. INTERVIEWS

Each Finalist will be scheduled for a required interview. The interviews will be scheduled during a 2+ week period beginning approximately Monday, June 8, 2020 and will last about 30 minutes. If the applicant cannot attend an interview due to illness or previously arranged travel, special arrangements can be requested for a phone interview. However, this is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and may not be possible. If an in-person or other interview cannot be arranged, that application will not be considered.

All eligible applicants will be contacted around the first week of June by a member of the Scholarship Committee to schedule a time slot on an interview day. Please look for an email from the Committee that week referencing “Scholarship Interview”.

After conducting all interviews, the Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients and notify all applicants by early July. **The decision of the Scholarship Committee is FINAL.**

Please remove and retain pages 1-4 of this document for your reference. Only pages 5-10 are required for the application, making copies of these pages is recommended. If a student is interviewed, questions will be asked at the interview about the information on these pages. It is expected that the student be knowledgeable about all information on the application that was submitted. This includes Part C, Costs and Funding/ Financial Aid Information.

Questions? Please email info@thewesterlycollegeclub.org

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PART A. STUDENT INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____

2. DATE OF BIRTH: _____

3. ADDRESS: _____

4. TELEPHONE: CELL: _____ HOME: _____

5. EMAIL ADDRESS (if school address, also give private email):

6. NAME and ADDRESS OF COLLEGE:

7. MAJOR: _____ FALL 2020 CLASS LEVEL _____

8. CUMULATIVE GPA: Fall 2019 _____ Spring 2020 _____

9. OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED:

10. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

11. PARENT, STEPPARENT OR GUARDIAN (NAME/STATE OF LEGAL RESIDENCE)

A: _____

B: _____

12. SIBLING(S)/other household members (NAME, AGE, SCHOOL STATUS)

PART C: COST/FUNDING AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION (Information is confidential/for review only by the Scholarship Committee).

Cost of Education	Actual 2019-2020 (\$)	Expected 2020-2021 (\$)
Tuition		
Room and Board		
Books		
Fees		
Transportation		
Other (please specify)		
Total Cost:		

Source of Funds
Family contribution *
Actual family cont.
Student contribution
Work study award **
Grants
Scholarships
Loans offered
Loans taken
Other
Total Funds Available

Unmet Need 2020-2021 * (Cost - Total Funds Available): _____**

*Expected family contribution as noted on Federal Student Aid report and/or College Board's CSS/Financial Aid Profile

** Please note if work study award accepted

***It is expected that there is a number in this row. Please be prepared to explain to the Scholarship Committee how you met this Need during the past school year using the next section

D. OTHER

Do you have any unusual personal, financial or family circumstances that warrant special attention from the Scholarship Committee or something from above that needs more explaining? Please be specific.

How did you learn about us? _____

Please list other sources of financial aid funding you have pursued. (see list of suggestions that follows below, list not complete)

E. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

1. The undersigned hereby certifies that the information on this application is true and complete to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned shall provide, on request, any information required to verify statements on this application. The undersigned realizes that non-compliance with requests for information will result in the loss of eligibility for a scholarship award.

Applicant's Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (needed if Applicant is a dependent, must be a parent whose information is provided in Step 2 of Supporting Materials)

_____ Date: _____

2. The applicant hereby grants permission to The Westerly College Club, Inc. to use his/her photograph on the Club's website and in future publications. No personal or financial information will be used.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: _____

EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE:

Rhode Island Grants

Rhode Island State Sources of Financial Aid

School Grants in Rhode Island

Rhode Island Foundation

Collegescholarships.org

Community 2000

Eastern CT Community Foundation

COMO (Stonington Community Center) financial aid scholarship