

THE WESTERLY COLLEGE CLUB, INC.
2023-2024 Scholarship Application

I. Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be residents of Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond, or Westerly, RI, or Stonington or North Stonington, Ct.
2. Applicants must be applying for a scholarship to fund a Bachelor degree from a four-year accredited institution. Scholarships are not eligible for an Associate degree or Graduate degree.
3. Applicants must have completed at least one full year of college. Awards are granted for sophomore, junior, or senior year, for 1 year only, and are not renewable. Applicants must re-apply yearly.
4. This scholarship is not available to anyone whose relative is a member of the Westerly College Club.

II. Application Requirements:

A. Application

_____ Completed application form with a resume if you have one. Please provide all 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 2023-2024 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 2023) 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 2023 transcript, a Fall 2022 transcript will be accepted with the application pending final receipt 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. 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: collegeclubwesterly@gmail.com. Please put “Scholarship Application” in the subject line. All documentation must be received by May 31, 2023.

Please make every effort to send all documentation in one email. If some document(s) cannot be sent electronically, it should be mailed to: Westerly College Club, P.O. Box 1342, Westerly, RI 02891, Attn: Scholarship Committee. Deadline is also May 31, 2023.

Any application package that is late or missing any materials (except for a copy of the official Spring 2023 transcript, if delayed) will not be considered for the 2023-2024 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. Interviews

Each finalist will be scheduled for a required 30-minute interview. The interviews will be scheduled during a 2-week period beginning approximately Monday, June 5, 2023. We expect that all interviews will be held virtually using Zoom or Facetime.

Finalists should be prepared to discuss costs and funding and how costs and any gaps in funding were met in 2022-2023 and should know sources of funds such as: family contributions, loans taken (whether parental personal or student), grants, work study, other scholarships, as well as their own contributions.

Finalists will be contacted during the first 2 weeks of June by a member of the Scholarship Committee to schedule a time slot on an interview day. Please look for an email during that time period with “Scholarship Interview” in the subject line.

After concluding 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.

Other sources of funding available:

Grants for College (risla.org)	College Scholarships.org (collegescholarships.org)
Rhode Island Student Grants (collegegrants.org)	Community 2000 (community2000.org)
Rhode Island Scholarships (rischolarships.org)	Eastern Ct Community Foundation (cfect.org)
Rhode Island Foundation (rifoundation.org)	Stonington Community Ctr. (thecomom.org)

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