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## **WATERTOWN FOUNDATION, INC.**

### **2023 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Watertown Foundation is a tax-exempt community foundation created by and for the citizens of Watertown. The Foundation enables people with philanthropic interests to support non-profit community organizations and to provide scholarships to Watertown graduating high school seniors assisting them financially in achieving post-secondary education.

Scholarship awards are competitive. Awards are based on information submitted on the following application and from the high school scholastic record, test scores, essays, extracurricular and community involvement, and financial information. Awards are the sole decision and responsibility of the Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee and are based on the committee's judgment of the applicant's submitted application information.

#### **APPLICATION CRITERIA INCLUDE:**

- Residency in Oakville-Watertown for at least three years (regardless of the secondary school attended)
- Academic merit based on scholastic record
- List of activities and contributions to your school and community as presented on one separate page including hours served and years that you participated
- Financial need based on FAFSA information
- Student essay as defined in this application
- SAT or ACT score report. One page will suffice. We understand that you may not have taken a standardized test. However, if you do have scores, you must send them in.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The Watertown Foundation must receive Scholarship applications by **March 27, 2023**. Scholarship applications received after that date will not be considered.
2. Complete all sections of this application. If the applicant feels that certain requested information is not appropriate, reasons for not submitting that information should be submitted separately.
3. All scholarship applications must be submitted through the student's high school guidance office.
4. The Guidance Office will forward the completed application with school transcript and recommendations directly to the Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795.
5. A photocopy of the first two pages of the Student Aid Report (SAR) showing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) must be sent directly to the Committee at the above address (not through the high school guidance office). Students with extraordinary financial circumstances, such as a parent's recent unemployment, should explain these circumstances in a separate statement. Please also include the signed consent-release form.
6. Student and parent or guardian must sign the application.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (2 pages)

Scholarships awarded by the Watertown Foundation are described on the last page of this form. Check the scholarship for which you feel you are qualified (Scholarship Committee may award a scholarship for which you have not applied).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ricky Bozzuto Memorial Scholarship                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Watertown Scholarship                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinhold and Katie DeWitt Scholarship                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Watertown Foundation Scholarship                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> William H. & Margaret E. Eppheimer Memorial Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Watertown Foundation Past Presidents Sch.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fletcher Judson Memorial Scholarship                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Watertown Oakville Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litchfield Bancorp Scholarship                          | <input type="checkbox"/> AFF/Watertown Oakville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship for STEM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> M. Heminway Merriman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scholarship        | <input type="checkbox"/> David Woodward Scholarship                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joyce Mordenti Scholarship                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathleen M. Scully Memorial Scholarship                 |  |

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Years living in Watertown/Oakville \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Names of parents or guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian places of employment

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of applicant's brothers and sisters

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Family financial information is confidential information; therefore, the Watertown Foundation has chosen to require that scholarship applicants provide information on financial need through the analysis of the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*). This form is used to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans. In addition, most colleges and universities use information from the FAFSA to award non-federal aid. FAFSA applicants receive a report called a *Student Aid Report*, or SAR, through the mail or the Internet. The SAR lists the information reported on the FAFSA, and will report the *Expected Family Contribution*, or EFC. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and your college's cost of attendance as determined by your college. Your application for a scholarship *must* include your EFC. **A copy of the first two pages of the SAR must be submitted directly to the Scholarship Committee, Watertown Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795.** The Scholarship Committee uses the Expected Family Contributions (EFC) as determined by the Student Aid Report (SAR) to determine financial need.

## Essay

The student essay helps the Scholarship Committee become acquainted with you as an individual in ways different from your academic credentials, involvement, and other objective information. The Committee uses your essay as an evaluation tool. On a separate paper, type an essay of approximately two pages double-spaced (11 pt. font) on **one** of the topics listed below:

- a) What have you learned about yourself through a mistake or failure?
- b) Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION *(must be submitted through the high school guidance office)*

**Grades:** Include a scholastic transcript, and standardized test scores.

**Recommendations:** Include two teacher and/or guidance counselor recommendations.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

List on a single separate page organizations and activities in which you have participated, and how long you have participated during the past three years **in order of their importance to you**. You may include, for example, scholastic organizations or activities, sports, summer study, travel, and church and civic activities. These activities should support the criteria of the scholarship for which you are applying.

## ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS

It is recognized that academic and career horizons of students change during the college experience.

As you anticipate college, indicate your intended academic major: \_\_\_\_\_

Your intended career goal is: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

List colleges/universities to which you have applied. Indicate if you have been admitted. Prioritize your attendance preference by indicating 1, 2, 3. If you have definitely made your choice and have financially committed to a specific school/college/university, indicate that choice.

Applied	Admitted			Priority
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Have not heard	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Have not heard	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Have not heard	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application checklist:

- Choose a specific scholarship for which you are applying
- Submit this application to your guidance office with:
  - Completed application
  - Recommendations
  - Typed essay on one question cited above
  - Separate list of organizations and activities supporting your application
  - SAT and/or ACT scores
- Send your EFC information and signed Consent Form directly to the **Watertown Foundation, P. O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795** by **March 27, 2023**. Do not send through the guidance office.

*The Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee will not consider incomplete applications.*

## **WATERTOWN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS (DO NOT RETURN THIS PAGE)**

**RICKY BOZZUTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior on the basis of scholastic excellence in the areas of mathematics, physical sciences and information technology. The recipient should demonstrate financial need. This scholarship is given in memory of a man devoted to scholarship, country, work, and especially his family.

**REINHOLD AND KATIE DEWITT SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded on the basis of academic excellence, demonstrated sensitivity to others needs, and the ability to work cooperatively with those in need. This scholarship is not based on financial need, and is given through the generosity of Mrs. Reinhold DeWitt in recognition of the benefits she and her husband received from their educations that provided them the opportunities for work, friendships, and service to others.

**WILLIAM H. AND MARGARET E. EPPEHIMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a graduate of Watertown High School and awarded according to standards set by the Foundation.

**FLETCHER JUDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior on the basis of academic excellence and exemplary community service.

**LITCHFIELD BANCORP:** Awarded to a deserving senior from the Watertown Oakville community.

**M. HEMINWAY MERRIMAN 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHOLARSHIP:** Through the generosity of the Woodward Fund, a scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is a Watertown or Oakville resident and shows a contribution to Watertown through time and energy devoted to improving the community.

**JOYCE MORDENTI SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to an Oakville resident who self identifies as female (by birth or by choice) and is attending any University of Connecticut campus. Recipient need not be entering freshman year to apply. Preference given to recipient who has demonstrated ability to overcome extreme odds in high school, such as bullying, emotional disturbances or other mental health challenges, pregnancy, truancy, and academic suspensions. This scholarship is not based on grades or financial need and is given through the generosity of Joyce Mordenti and Jim Pohl in recognition of the benefits she and her husband received from their educations at the University of Connecticut. It commemorates the Watertown Foundation Scholarship that Joyce received in 1970.

**KATHLEEN M. SCULLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a high school senior who is a resident of Watertown or Oakville. The scholarship is given in memory of Kathy, an exceptional educator and administrator who spent her entire 36-year career in the Watertown/Oakville school system. The scholarship is based on financial need and awarded to a student who is pursuing a degree in education.

**TOWN OF WATERTOWN SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a high school senior who is a resident of the Town of Watertown. The scholarship is awarded based on a combination of the student's gpa, financial need, and participation in community and public service.

**WATERTOWN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded in recognition of the contributions the student has made to the community and to the high school while maintaining a strong scholastic record. The student should demonstrate financial need. One scholarship provides a renewal opportunity for the sophomore, junior, and senior years of college.

**WATERTOWN FOUNDATION PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP:** In 1925, a small group of residents gathered to organize a foundation, dedicated to making our community a better place to live. Under the guidance and generosity of David Woodward, the first president, the Watertown Foundation was established supporting the needs of the community. Fifty presidents of vision and commitment have volunteered their time and talents to further the goals of our forefathers and have led this foundation since its founding. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has exemplified the ideals of community service and has shown vision and leadership in their efforts to improve the lives of others in our community following the inspiration of the founding fathers of the Watertown Foundation.

**WATERTOWN OAKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior who intends to pursue a post-secondary education in a business-related field of study and who demonstrates academic excellence, participates in an extracurricular business-related club or organization, and provides evidence of contributing to the school and/or community through volunteer activities and/or entrepreneurship.

**ANTONACCI FAMILY FOUNDATION/WATERTOWN OAKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STEM:** Awarded to a graduating Watertown High School senior, with preference given to a student in technical education, who intends to pursue a career in a skilled trade or a science-, technology-, engineering- or math-related field at a post-secondary school or institution, and who demonstrates academic excellence and provides evidence of contributing to the school and/or community through volunteer activities and/or entrepreneurship.

**DAVID WOODWARD SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a student resident in Watertown or Oakville. This scholarship is given in honor of David Woodward, one of the founding charter members of the Watertown Foundation through the generosity of the Woodward Foundation.

## CONSENT – RELEASE PROVISION

The Watertown Foundation, Incorporated (the "Foundation") uses the Internet to improve communication with its members and the Watertown/Oakville community at-large and to highlight its philanthropic activities. Recipients of the Foundation's grants and/or scholarships will be showcased through the posting of photographs, video images and/or audio clips and the listing of recipient's names on the Foundation's website and other social networking websites. By completing and submitting this application, you hereby agree to the following:

I hereby grant to Foundation full permission and authority to photograph and/or film me and the unlimited right and permission to use, distribute, publish, reproduce, display, exhibit, create derivatives of, or to otherwise transmit the images taken of me, including my name, city, state of residence, picture, voice, conversations, performance, image, likeness, biographical information, and all other attributes of my personality and appearance ("Image" or "Images"), individually or with others, in whole or in part, in conjunction with other materials, in any media, including digital, electronic, print, television, film and any other media now known or to be invented, for the purpose of advertising and promotion, or any other lawful purpose whatsoever, in perpetuity throughout the world, without additional compensation to me, except where prohibited by law. I agree that the Images may be altered, cropped or modified in any manner and that I shall have no claim, including, without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity, arising out of any use, blurring alteration, change, distortion, illusionary effect, faulty reproduction, fictionalization, or use in any composite form of my name, picture, voice, image, likeness, form, biographical information and any and all attributes of my personality and appearance. I understand that I shall not have the right to inspect and/or approve of any such uses or any copy that may be used in conjunction with an Image.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. This is a standard form that allows us to put a group photo of the scholarship recipients in the paper as well as listing the names of the various award winners.

Please return this signed form, along with the first two pages of the *Student Aid Report (SAR)* listing the EFC, to: Watertown Foundation, P.O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795