

WATERTOWN FOUNDATION, INC.



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2024 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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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, and unfortunately, the Scholarship Committee will not be able to offer an award to every deserving applicant. 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.

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES:

- Residency in Oakville-Watertown for at least three years (regardless of the secondary school attended)
- Academic merit based on scholastic record and recommendations
- List of activities and contributions to your school and community
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) to determine financial need
- Student Essay as defined in this application packet
- 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. The Watertown Foundation must receive the Scholarship Application packet and the supplemental information by **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**. Information 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. See mailing address on Instructions page.
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 Scholarship Committee (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. See mailing address on Instructions page.
6. Student and parent / guardian must sign the Application, Photo Consent Form, and Community Service Form.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

- I. The completed **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** should be submitted to your **Guidance Office** following their date requirements, along with:

STUDENT ESSAY

The Committee uses your essay as an evaluation tool and helps the members become acquainted with you as an individual in ways different from your academic credentials, involvement, and other objective information.

On a separate paper, type an essay of approximately two pages double-spaced (11 pt. font) on **one** of these topics:

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & WORK FORM

Please complete the enclosed form **in order of their importance to you**. You may include, for example, scholastic organizations or activities, sports, summer study, travel, church / civic activities, as well as applicable work history.

INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE

Grades: Include a scholastic transcript, and standardized SAT and/or ACT test scores.

Recommendation Letters: Include two teacher and/or guidance counselor recommendations.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST for the GUIDANCE OFFICE:

- Completed Application with signatures
- Typed Essay on one question cited above
- Completed and signed Community Service, School Activities & Work Form
- SAT and/or ACT Scores
- Scholastic Transcript
- Two Recommendation Letters

Mail to: Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795

Deadline for receipt by the Watertown Foundation is **March 20th**.

- II. Please send this **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** directly to the **Watertown Foundation**:

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*. The Scholarship Committee uses the Expected Family Contribution (*EFC*) as determined by the Student Aid Report (*SAR*) to determine financial need.

PHOTO CONSENT FORM - Please review and sign the enclosed form.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CHECKLIST for you and your family:

- Expected Family Contributions information (A copy of the first two pages of the **SAR**)
- Signed Photo Consent Form

Mail to: Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795

Do not send through the Guidance Office. **Deadline** for receipt by the Watertown Foundation is **March 20th**.

The Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee will not consider incomplete applications.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarships awarded by the **Watertown Foundation** are described on the last two pages of this packet. Carefully review the eligibility criteria and list **one Scholarship** for which you feel you are most qualified:

Note: The Scholarship Committee may award a scholarship for which a candidate has not listed

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Years living in Watertown/Oakville _____
Street address _____ Town: _____
Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____
Email address _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

| Parent / Guardian 1 | Parent / Guardian 2 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Name _____ | _____ |
| Place of Employment _____ | _____ |
| Position/Title _____ | _____ |

Names and ages of applicant's brothers and sisters:

ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS

It is recognized that academic and career horizons of students may change. As you anticipate your future, indicate your intended academic major(s): _____

Your intended career goal is: _____

SCHOOL / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

List colleges / universities / trade schools 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 |
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| _____ | <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 | _____ |

We certify that all information submitted in the Scholarship Application packet is true and correct:

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Date _____

2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & WORK FORM

Please complete this form to highlight activities outside of the classroom. List those activities that are most important to you within each category. Please include as part of your packet to your Guidance Department.
 Note: If you have already created a similar form that includes this information, you may submit your version.

| COMMUNITY SERVICE | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Specify Activities such as Scouting, Tutoring, Church, Food Drives, etc. | Year(s): Fr-So-Jr-Sr | Avg Hours/Week or One Time Event | List leadership positions, awards, talents, recognition, certificate of achievement, etc. |
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| SCHOOL ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Clubs, Student Govt, Newspaper, Plays, Honor Society, Fine Arts, Sports, etc. | Year(s): Fr-So-Jr-Sr | Avg Hours/Week or One Time Event | List leadership positions, awards, talents, recognition, certificate of achievement, etc. |
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| WORK | | | |
| List place of employment and position. Specify year 'round or seasonal | Year(s): Fr-So-Jr-Sr | Average Hours/Week | List skills, promotions, responsibilities, etc. |
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Other information to share: _____

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



2024 PHOTO CONSENT FORM

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 the Watertown Foundation, Inc. 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 (please print): _____

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

N.B. This is a standard form that allows us to put individual photos and/or a group photo of the scholarship recipients, along with their names, in newspapers, on our website, and/or in our social media platforms.

NOTE: Please return this signed form, along with the first two pages of the *Student Aid Report (SAR)* to:

Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795

Deadline: Wednesday, March 20, 2024



2024 WATERTOWN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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Please review each description below and list **one Scholarship** for which you feel you are most qualified on the top of the Scholarship Application.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with plans to attend college or a trade school
- Applicant must be a resident of Watertown or Oakville for at least three years

For 2024 only:

A \$500 gift from the **Watertown High School Class of 1973** was given in memory of their classmates **Jeff Silks, John Guinea, and Jerry Orsillo**. This one-time award will be presented to an eligible student as selected by the Watertown Foundation Scholarship Committee.

1) The following scholarships are restricted to students graduating from WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL only and are based on financial need:

RICKY BOZZUTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence in the areas of mathematics, physical sciences and/or 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.

WILLIAM H. AND MARGARET E. EPPEHIMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who is dedicated to our community through volunteerism. Preference will be given to an individual interested in pursuing a degree in sales, marketing, or business.

FLETCHER JUDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and exemplary community service.

KATHLEEN M. SCULLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who is pursuing a degree in education. Established in 2023, this scholarship is given in memory of Kathy Scully, an exceptional educator and administrator who spent her entire 36-year career in the Watertown/Oakville school system.

WATERTOWN OAKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student 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 with a 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.

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2) The following scholarships are available to students graduating from ANY secondary school and are based on financial need:

M. HEMINWAY MERRIMAN 2ND SCHOLARSHIP: Through the generosity of the Woodward Fund, a scholarship will be awarded to a student who has shown a contribution to Watertown through time and energy devoted to improving the community.

TOWN OF WATERTOWN SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a high school senior 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 their high school while maintaining a strong scholastic record. The student should demonstrate financial need. Two scholarships provide 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 to support the needs of the community. More than fifty presidents of vision and commitment have volunteered their time and talents to further the goals of this foundation since its founding. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has exemplified the ideals of community service by following the inspiration of the founders of the Watertown Foundation.

DAVID WOODWARD SCHOLARSHIP: 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 Fund. Preference will be given to a student who has shown vision and leadership in their efforts to improve the lives of others in our community.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BANK: Awarded to a deserving individual with a preference given to a student pursuing a degree in finance, accounting, or business management.

3) The following scholarships are available to students graduating from ANY secondary school and are NOT based on financial need:

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.

JOYCE MORDENTI SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who self-identifies as female (by birth or choice). Preference given to a recipient who plans on attending any public university, college, or community college in Connecticut and has demonstrated the ability to overcome adversity in high school due to personal, academic, or mental health challenges. 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.