

## **WATERTOWN FOUNDATION, INC. 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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 this 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 Watertown for at least three years (regardless of the secondary school attended)
- Academic Merit based on scholastic record
- List activities and contributions to the applicant's school and community as presented on a separate page including years that you participated
- Financial need based on FAFSA information
- Student essay as defined in this application

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The Watertown Foundation must receive Scholarship applications by April 1. Scholarship applications received after April 1 will not be considered. Individual high schools set their own deadlines to comply with this April 1 deadline.
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 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 on a separate statement.
6. Student and parent or guardian must sign application.

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

- Ricky Bozzuto Memorial Scholarship
- Reinhold and Katie DeWitt Scholarship
- Fletcher Judson Memorial Scholarship
- Guinea, Silks, Orsillo Scholarship
- Crystal Lukowski Memorial Scholarship
- Martell Memorial Scholarship
- Lorene C. Neave Memorial Scholarship
- Marigold Spencer Memorial Scholarship
- Town of Watertown Scholarship
- Watertown Foundation Scholarship
- David Woodward Scholarship

**PERSONAL 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  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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. Graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). 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. (Financial need is not required for application to the Reinhold and Katie DeWitt Scholarship.) A copy of the SAR must be submitted directly to the Scholarship Committee, Watertown Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795. To determine financial need, the Scholarship Committee uses the Expected Family Contributions (EFC) as determined by the Student Aid Report (SAR) of the FAFSA.

**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.

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

**Test information:** Applications will not be considered without SAT scores.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

List on a 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, your intended academic major will be: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

List schools/colleges/universities to which you have applied and 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
_____	Yes	No	Have not heard	_____
_____	Yes	No	Have not heard	_____
_____	Yes	No	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 Scores

Send your *EFC* information directly to the Watertown Foundation, P. O. Box 117, Watertown, CT 06795 (not through the guidance office)

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

## **WATERTOWN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

**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.

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

**GUINEA, SILKS, ORSILLO SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to two Watertown High School seniors in the top half of their graduating class, have financial need, and have participated in Watertown High School's sports programs as players, cheerleaders, or managers. This scholarship is in memory of three Watertown High School students who died in an automobile accident.

**CRYSTAL LUKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a Watertown High School senior intending to pursue a career in health, allied health, or medicine. The recipient must have demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of others and have the ability to work cooperatively with those in need. This scholarship is given in memory of Crystal Lukowski, a special needs student, who graduated from WHS in 1994.

**MARTELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a student accepted, enrolled or eligible for entry into a technical, business, two-year or professional school (for example, LPN or hairdressing) that meets the approval of the Scholarship Committee. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is in the middle ranking of the graduating class.

**LORENE C. NEAVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a student resident of Watertown or Oakville pursuing a degree in nursing. This scholarship is given in Lorene's memory by her family.

**MARIGOLD SPENCER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Awarded to a Watertown High School senior who has contributed to the community through generous use of time, talents, and leadership. This scholarship is given in memory of a long-time Watertown resident who lived this same spirit of generosity.

**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 grade point average, his financial need, and his 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. This scholarship provides a renewal opportunity for the sophomore, junior and senior years of college.

**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.