

THE WESTERLY COLLEGE CLUB, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2016

I. PROCEDURE

The Westerly College Club (the “Club”) was founded in 1910 to promote fellowship among college-trained women in the Westerly area, to contribute to the cultural and civic life of the community, and to award scholarships to applicants who meet the 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.

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 Bachelor degree at 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.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

The following supporting materials **MUST** be submitted along with a completed application form. If the application does not include the following 4 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 2015-2016 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 financial aid award letter from the college or university the applicant is attending. If unable to provide a financial aid 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 most recent **official** college transcript(s) (not copies). **If unable to obtain a Spring 2016 transcript, a Fall 2015 transcript will be accepted** with the application pending final receipts of the Spring transcript.
5. Letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member or friend. A minimum of 1 will be required.

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 30, 2016. Along with your signature at the end of the application, we must have a signature on page 8 of your Parent or Guardian if you are a dependent. Any application package that is late or missing any materials (except for a copy of the official Spring 2015 transcript **IF an explanation attesting to when it will be ready to be sent** has been provided) will not be considered for the 2016 – 2017 year.

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

INTERVIEWS

Each Finalist will be scheduled for a required interview. The interviews will be scheduled during a 2-week (+) period beginning June 13th, and will last approximately 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 has been rarely granted. If an in-person or other interview cannot be arranged, that application will not be considered. All eligible applicants will be contacted by a member of the Scholarship Committee, beginning June 8th to schedule a timeslot on an interview day.

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

Please remove and retain pages 1-3 for your reference. Only pages 4-7 are required for the application. Making copies of pages 4-8 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, Financial Aid Information.

Questions? Please email info@thewesterlycollegeclub.org

**THE WESTERLY COLLEGE CLUB INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2016-2017 FORM**

PART A. STUDENT INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____

2. GENDER: (CHECK ONE) FEMALE _____ MALE _____

3. DATE OF BIRTH: _____

4. PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

5. TELEPHONE #S: CELL: _____ HOME: _____

6. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

7. NAME and ADDRESS OF COLLEGE: _____

8. MAJOR: _____ FALL 2016 CLASS LEVEL _____

9. CUMULATIVE GPA: Fall 2015 _____ Spring 2016 _____

10. OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED: _____

11. HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

13. PARENT, STEPPARENT OR GUARDIAN A: _____
 (name/state of legal residence)

14: PARENT, STEPPARENT OR GUARDIAN B: _____
 (name/state of legal residence)

15. SIBLING(S) or other household members	AGE	STATUS

PART B. STUDENT LIFE. Please add lines or continue on the bottom or back of this sheet if necessary. Do not add separate sheets.

1. WORK EXPERIENCE: List paid/unpaid work experience you have had in the last 2 years.

2. HONORS, AWARDS, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS within the last several years.

3. ACTIVITIES: List major community and college activities in which you have participated, in the last several years.

PART C: FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION (Financial information is confidential and for review only by the Westerly College Club Scholarship Committee).

	2015-2016 (\$)	Expected 2016-2017 (\$)
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<u>Cost of Education:</u>		
Tuition		
Room and Board		
Books		
Fees		
Transportation		
Other (please specify)		
Total Cost		
<u>Source of Funds:</u>		
Family Contribution*		
Student Contribution		
Work Study		
Grants		
Scholarships		
Loans/Other		
Other		
Total Funds Available		
Unmet Need**		

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

**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.

D. OTHER (do you have any unusual personal, financial or family circumstances that warrant special attention from the Scholarship Committee? Please be specific.

E. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

1. How did you learn about us? _____

2. Please list other sources of financial aid funding you have pursued. (see list of suggestions that follows) _____

3. 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 loss of eligibility for grants and scholarships.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature* (if Applicant is dependent): _____ Date: _____

* NOTE: A parent whose information is provided in Step 2 of Supporting Materials

4. 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: _____

FOR ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING, please search the following:

Rhode Island Grants

Rhode Island State Sources of Financial Aid

School Grants in Rhode Island

Rhode Island Foundation

Collegescholarships.org