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Dear Students, Parents/Guardian,

The application for the 2026 West Hempstead Community Scholarship (WHCSF) is available on our website www.whcsfund.wixsite.com. There are also copies available at the West Hempstead Secondary School Guidance Office and the West Hempstead Public Library.

We are proud of our involvement with the students who live in West Hempstead. Education can open the door to so much growth and potential but costs at times, can be prohibitive. Our goal is to make a difference by awarding several scholarships in the amount of **\$2,500 per student**.

If you or your child have any questions with regard to our organization or scholarships, you can contact me at 516-483-0875 or by emailing whcommunityscholarshipfund@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Theresa Walz, Chair
Eileen Fennell, Co-Chair
WHCSF Selection Committee



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2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The West Hempstead Community Scholarship Fund (WHCSF) is made up of public spirited members who seek to promote the education of students residing in West Hempstead. Their participation is on a voluntary basis and funds are raised through the cooperation and generosity of your friends, neighbors, businesses, and service groups in the community.

Scholarships are available to ALL High School graduating students residing within the confines of the West Hempstead Union Free School District, but not necessarily graduating from the West Hempstead Secondary School. However all applicants must be planning to continue their education beyond high school. This year, each individual award will be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

- The Scholarship Fund will award three or more scholarships. The scholarships are based on an evaluation of character, potential, community service, and financial need.
- Documentation of financial need is required (see submission of 1040 tax return in application instructions).
- A student may apply and be eligible for a scholarship without citing financial need, but the Fund will give primary consideration to the financial need applicant.

Applications are reviewed by a Selection Committee. The information requested is the basis for the Committee's selection and is necessary to assist in making a fair and equitable decision. All information submitted will be kept in confidence and will be destroyed within the current year. All semi-finalists will be interviewed by the selection committee.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete your application carefully and in a legible manner. Failure to do so may weigh against your candidacy.
2. You must request an **official sealed** stamped transcript from your school. A broken Seal will disqualify the application. In addition, two letters of recommendation are required from teachers, guidance counselors, or community leaders. You are responsible for it to be mailed to the WHCSF. These documents should be mailed along with the application to the Scholarship Fund, to be received no later than **February 6, 2026**.
3. If your financial need is to be considered, please attach the following document to the application.
 - A signed copy of your family's 1040 Federal Income Tax Return for 2025 (or 2024 if the 2025 has not yet been prepared). *Blackout ALL Social Security #'s
4. **Your application and all the supporting documentation must be mailed and postmarked no later than February 6, 2026 to, P.O Box 2132 West Hempstead, NY 11552. It can also be emailed to whcommunityscholarshipfund@gmail.com, or you may drop off in the marked box from January 20, 2026 to February 6, 2026 between 4:00-8:00 PM at 562 Maple Street or 99 Poplar Street in West Hempstead.**

Should you have any questions or need help with this application, please contact the Chairperson of the Selection Committee, Theresa Walz at 516-483-0875.

All winners are required to attend the Awards Dinner, as our guests, on **Thursday, May 14, 2026** at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at Plattduetsche Park Restaurant at 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

You and your parent or guardian are responsible for the information contained in your application and your signatures below are required:

Parent/Guardian: I understand that the student may be contacted via phone or email and may be invited for an interview in relation to this scholarship application _____

Initials

We certify that all information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of our knowledge.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Applicant Information Form

Name of Applicant _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current School _____ Graduation Date _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (Town) (Zip Code)

Home Phone #: _____ Home: Own _____ Rent _____ Other _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Name of Father: _____ Living... Yes _____ No _____

Father's Employer: _____ Title: _____

Name of Mother: _____ Living... Yes _____ No _____

Mother's Employer: _____ Title: _____

Do you have any brothers/sisters? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many and their ages: _____

If you have been employed during the last four years, fill out the following information:

<u>Employment</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Total Amt. Earned</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Are you applying for a scholarship based on merit? Yes _____ No _____

Are you applying for a scholarship based on need? Yes _____ No _____

Please answer the following **four (4) required questions** on a separate sheet of paper:

1. List all school activities in which you have participated by grade, 9-12. If none, why? Indicate any honors or awards connected with these activities.
2. Describe any community activities in which you have participated including the grade, 9-12. If none, why?
3. Please indicate all the schools that you have applied to and why? (Indicate if you have been accepted).
4. If you are applying based on financial need, please explain your need for a scholarship. Be as specific as possible.

REQUIRED ESSAY: Describe a specific experience that has influenced your life (in approximately 500 words). *Parents may also attach a statement, if so desired.*

Required Questions for Financial Need Based Applicants ONLY:

- If you are applying for a Scholarship based on Need, please remember to attach a copy of the **Federal Income Tax Form 1040** for **each** parent. **Please block out all Social Security Numbers on all pages of the copy of the tax return.**
- Income not appearing on your tax return (such as Veteran pensions, social service benefits, disability, tax exempt interest, etc.) must also be provided. \$ _____
- Will you be contributing money towards college expenses? Yes ___ No ___ How Much? _____
- Have you received any scholarships, grants, or loans to date? Indicate below:

- Are your parents employed by a university entitling you to reduced tuition? Yes ___ No ___

Thank you for your application. If you have **any questions**, please email

whcommunityscholarshipfund@gmail.com

Please have all documents submitted no later than **February 6, 2026.**

APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Did you remember to:

- ☐ Sign your name on the appropriate line on page 3.
- ☐ Include an official copy of your transcript
- ☐ Complete the Applicant Information Form on page 4.
- ☐ Include a listing of all of your extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Write and include your personal essay.
- ☐ Obtain and include TWO Letters of Recommendation from teachers, guidance counselors, or community leaders.
- ☐ If you are applying based upon need, did you provide the necessary financial documentation?