

## **Westport Fishermen's Association (WFA) Scholarship Program**

### **POLICY:**

1. WFA will award up to two (2) \$650 merit scholarships awards annually to graduating high school seniors, preferably with a demonstrated interest in river/environmental protection.
2. A relative who has been a WFA member in good standing for the previous three years must sponsor the applicant.
3. The scholarship shall be designated a "merit" scholarship. Academic criteria and community citizenship will be evaluated, not financial need.
4. The scholarship check will be sent to the awardee, upon receipt of the college transcript showing successful completion of the first semester.
5. The scholarship is for one year, although awardees are encouraged to apply for WFA continuing scholarships in subsequent years (up to four year awards available).
6. The winners will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:
  - Academic Record
  - Essay
  - Evidence of interest in and activities with an environmental focus
  - References/recommendations
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Community services activities/Work experience (verification required)
  - In some cases, the WFA scholarship committee may interview applicants
7. A committee of three WFA members shall be appointed annually by the President of WFA to review applications and select award recipients.
8. WFA award announcements will be made by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT**

1. Complete and sign the WFA Scholarship Application form.
2. Attach the following:
  - a. An essay you write which addresses WFA's mission "to preserve and protect the Westport River's natural environment" and how your educational objectives and your past and anticipated future activities may further this goal.
  - b. Your high school transcript
  - c. Three (3) character references from individuals who hold responsible community positions and are familiar with your academic, extracurricular or community activities. At least one reference should be from a teacher. Relatives or friends are NOT appropriate. These may be attached or you may ask your references to submit directly to WFA. In either case, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all materials are received by WFA by the deadline.
  - d. A current photograph suitable for publication
3. Send completed application by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to:  
WFA, PO Box 83, Westport Point, MA 02791

# Westport Fishermen's Association Scholarship Application

For High School seniors entering college

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_

Name and relationship of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Requirement: Must be sponsored by a family member who has been a WFA member in good standing (dues paid) for the three years prior to this application.

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers & Sisters: Full Name	Age	Occupation or School Attending
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
_____	____	_____
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Comment briefly on your plans following college: \_\_\_\_\_

Community service in school and/or community: \_\_\_\_\_

High school honors and activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Work experience / jobs held: \_\_\_\_\_

Other scholarships and amounts received: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete application requires: Three (3) character references, transcript, current photograph suitable for publication, and essay. Due by April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to:

**WFA, PO Box 83, Westport Pt., MA 02791**