



2024 WCHS SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE AND ELIGIBILITY

Friday, May 17th by 11:59pm .
via email to cjohnson@thewcs.org



Who can apply?

All students who are expected to graduate WCHS by June 2024 and will be enrolled in an accredited college program within one (1) year of the scholarship deadline are eligible. Scholarship winners will be required to provide the WCHS with proof of registration from their college Bursar's office.

WCHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships do not require the divulgence of financial information as they are not needs based but rather determined by merit. If any of the scholarships listed below require you to supply additional information, you will receive a separate set of instructions when you have identified your desire to apply for that specific scholarship.

Scholarship awards are to be paid to the college that you will be attending if the award is more than \$500. Scholarship awards are to be used toward reduction in tuition or towards books and materials during the freshman year at college.

Scholarships must be redeemed within the year and will expire on June 1, 2025.

Scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500-\$1000.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

*****Academic Scholarships—Scholarships will be awarded in the following areas for outstanding academic achievement and/or excellence.*****

Applicants must have attended the Williamsburg Charter High School for at least 2 years. Applicants must have embodied all the characteristics as described in our Core Value of Respect. Student must respond to each scholarship's particular guidelines.

FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

This is a three-part essay question. You must answer all questions to be considered eligible for this scholarship. Must have 2 teacher recommendation letters (not the form).

The following characteristics are critical components of a WCHS education

Sincerity Personal Integrity Humility Truthfulness Wisdom
Compassion Charity

Write a short essay explaining how you have developed these characteristics while here at the Williamsburg Charter High School.

Write a brief essay explaining how you think each of the eight statements below relates to the founding of the WCHS

“Men build institutions...so that four hundred years later their descendants can say, “That’s what he left.” --Na'im, Akbar

In a well-constructed response, describe what people will remember about you at the WCHS

10 years from now

20 years from now

30 years from now

FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA CONT.

- 1) How will your college education be financed?
- 2) Please describe in your own words any employment held during the past three years, either for your family at home, part-time jobs, outside employers or a community service (s) that you engaged in as an active participant.
- 3) What special recognition have you received for outstanding school work such as merits, honors, prizes or rewards at WCHS?
- 4) Have you participated in any extracurricular activities while at WCHS? Please include the following information.
- 5) What are your favorite recreational activities?
- 6) What are your hobbies?
- 7) Have you received any special recognition in connection with your recreational activities or hobbies? If so, what?
- 8) Name of educational institution you will be attending in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023. Please explain why you are selecting this institution.
- 9) Where do you plan to live next year? On Campus/Off Campus/ With Parent(s)/Guardian/Other?

PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The student must type a 2 page essay that explains how they have demonstrated the following over their time at WCHS.

- academic leadership or academic passion in any subject area
 - exemplary behavior
 - excellent attendance

Must have 2 teacher recommendation letters and a (1) one recommendation form (page 20) from their advisor that attests to the demonstration of the qualities listed above.

NINA B. MOGILNIK, FOUNDING BOARD CHAIR SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Must have 1 recommendation form (page 20) from either a teacher or staff.

Who uttered the following words:

***“If I am not for myself, then who will be for me?
And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?”***

What does this quote mean to you?

**How might the ideas in this quote affect your behavior in the world, especially
as you look at your future beyond the Williamsburg Charter High School?**

THE WCHS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

**Must have 1 recommendation form (page 20) from
either a teacher or staff.**

**“It is not about the destination; it’s about the
road that leads you there.”**

**As you reach the end of the road at the WCHS, reflect on what challenges you have
encountered on that road. How has the school supported you on that journey?
Explain how you have displayed the Core Value of Respect throughout your time at
the WCHS. What do you feel you will personally leave behind for others to
remember? What will your legacy be? How will you be remembered at the school?
How will you try to keep your legacy alive at the school?**

WOLVERINE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The “WOLVERINE” SCHOLARSHIP for creativity, leadership and extraordinary contribution to the school community.

Must have 1 recommendation form (page 20) from either a teacher/staff or coach.

Below are some characteristics that have been identified as the qualities possessed by the winner of the Wolverine Award. Please tell us which two qualities you feel best applies to you:

- Creativity
- Risk-Taker
- Leadership
- Innovative Thinker
- Perseverance
- Energetic
- Involves Entire Community
- Positive Attitude
- Dreamer/Doer

Applicants must type a 250 word (one page typed) response to the following bullet points:

- Refer to the two qualities you chose from the list above and explain how those two qualities enabled you to generate the type of school environment described in the award description.
- Cite specific examples when you best demonstrated these qualities during your time at WCHS.
- Explain why you think the type of environment that you have helped create is important in a school.

ELLEN KIMATIAN EAGEN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Must have 2 recommendation forms (page 20) from either a teacher or a staff member.

“The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive. Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.”

--Albert Einstein

In your time here at the Williamsburg Charter High School how have you served others? Your school community? How have your actions been of service to the school? Why do you feel these qualify as service? What does “Service” mean to you? How will you “serve” others in the future?

CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. The student must type a 1-page essay that explains how they have shown resilience in overcoming obstacles.
1. They must plan to attend college or a program that will prepare them for employment.
1. They must have **2 recommendations letters from teachers that attest** to their positive citizenship within the WCHS community.

ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Student must have earned an 85% or higher for all English classes (or 75 in AP).

Student must have earned an 80% or higher on an English regents exam.

Student must secure an **English teacher's recommendation form** (page 20) for this scholarship.

Student must type a well-developed response of at least four paragraphs to ONE of the following topics:

- a) Discuss how your experiences in English class have inspired or influenced you as a student.
- b) Discuss ways in which effective communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) are necessary for success in life after high school.
- c) Discuss a work of literature you studied as an English student that has had a profound effect on your life.

Student must also submit a writing sample of his/her choice. This can be creative or a graded assignment in which you scored a high grade.

MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Student must have an average of 85% or higher in all mathematics classes (75% or higher for students that have completed at least one full-year AP mathematics course).
1. Student must have passed at least two mathematics regents exams with at least a 65% on one; and at least an 85% on the second.
1. Student must get a **Math teacher to complete a scholarship recommendation form** (page 20) for this scholarship
1. Student must write a 1 page essay reflecting on their math experience at WCHS and how their experiences in math class have inspired or influenced them as a student.

HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Student must also submit a writing sample of his/her choice. This can be creative or a graded assignment in which you scored a high grade.
1. Students must have earned an 85% or higher on both the Global and United States History Regents Exams.
1. Student must secure a **History teacher's recommendation form (page 20)** for this scholarship.
1. In addition, students must type an essay that responds to the following quote using their knowledge of Global and United States History to show an understanding and appreciation of the study of history.

"Liberty cannot be preserved without knowledge of history among the people."

-John Adams

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Student must have earned an 85% or higher in all Science classes (or 75% in AP).
1. Students must have earned an 80% or higher on one Science regents exam and passed another Science regents exam.
1. Student must secure a **Science teacher's recommendation form (page 20)** for this scholarship.
1. Student must type a 1-page essay reflecting on their Science experience at WCHS and how their experiences in class have inspired or influenced them as a student.

SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Must have 1 teacher recommendation form (page 20) .

Applicants must meet the following 3 criteria as well as complete an essay on the topic below:

Student must have been a positive role-model for his/her peers and demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities.

Student must have exhibited foremost qualities of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Consistently prepared for their physical education classes.

Applicants must read the following quote and then type a 1-2 page essay answering the following question:

“Once upon a time, student athletes were students first, athletes second; the Olympics was about amateurism and the pursuit of excellence, not the pursuit of endorsements; and professional athletes enhanced their physiques through rigorous work-outs, not through performance enhancing substances.”

- Myles Brand, former National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) President

No doubt athletic excellence is at an all time high, but is ethics in athletics at an all time low? Why should ethics be important to sports?

ART SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Student received 85% or higher in all Art classes

Two Recommendation Letters

The letters may come from any combination of:

**Advisor, Academy Leader, Counselor, Student Life Associate, Core Academic Teacher ,
Letters from Art Teachers will not be accepted**

ESSAY:

Part 1 : Your Artist Biography - please feel free to write *your personal art story*. Begin with your earliest artistic memory and work your way forward, highlighting the important milestones and achievements along the way. Conclude with your high school experience, and how you intend to follow an Art related career path in the future.

Part 2: Use the questions provided to help frame your essay on Visual Arts in Education:

What purpose does Visual Arts serve in education today?

For whom is Visual Art created?

In what settings is Visual Arts available?

How is it funded?

Explain why you believe schools have decided to reduce funding to Visual Arts programs or even completely remove it from their institutions?

Portfolio Review

Students must submit 5 original works of art created within this year 2023-2024, for review.

Dance Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must have been part of at least one WCHS dance production

Student must secure a Performing Arts teacher's recommendation form (page 20) for this scholarship

Applicants must write a 500-word essay answering ONE of the following questions:

a. Should every child be exposed to dance in the education system? Why? or Why not?

OR

b. How can dance be used as a forum to bring people of various backgrounds together?

Music Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must have completed at least one second level music course (i.e. Mixed Choir, Music Production, Piano II, House Band. Etc.)

Students must secure a Performing Arts teacher's recommendation form (page 20) for this scholarship.

Applicants must write a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

Can music be used as a tool to bring about social change? If yes, how? If no, why not? Create a coherent argument supported with examples.

OR

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "Music is the universal language of mankind." If music is universal, how have you or how will you use music to foster connectivity and community.

The Gabriella Deen Award for Excellence in Theatre Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must have been part of at least one WCHS theatre production

Student must secure a Performing Arts teacher's recommendation form (page 20) for this scholarship

Applicants must write a 500-word essay answering ONE of the following questions:

Option A

Part of the Mission Statement for the WCHS theatre program states that we will “create stories for people who don’t have a voice and inspire others to celebrate the power that their own voices can have.”

During your tenure at WCHS, how have you used theatre to create stories for the voiceless and/or celebrated the power of your own? How might you use your creative voice in the future to continue this work both in and out of theatre?

OR

Option B

Part of the Mission Statement for the WCHS theatre program states that we will “create a space where we have the freedom to fail and where we don’t have to be afraid of who we are or who we want to be.”

Describe a failure or failures that you have had during your tenure in the WCHS theatre department, what you did when faced with those failures, and how that has affected the way you approach your work both in and out of theatre. Has that failure shaped the way you plan to handle adversity in the future? Explain why, or why not.

Club Adam, Incorporated Scholarship

CLUB ADAM, INCORPORATED WILL AWARD FOUR (4) \$500 GRANTS TO FOUR (4) STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) A STUDENT WHO WILL BE ATTENDING ANY HBCU INSTITUTIONS.**
- 2) A STUDENT WHO WILL ATTEND A TRADE SCHOOL IN NEW YORK STATE.**
- 3) A STUDENT WHO WILL MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK.**
- 4) A STUDENT WHO WILL BE ATTENDING ANY NEW YORK STATE INSTITUTION.**

THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A ONE (1) PAGE ESSAY ENTITLED, "WHY" DEPENDING ON THE CATEGORY THEY HAVE SELECTED. FOR EXAMPLE: WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO A TRADE SCHOOL?

AS INDICATED ON PAGE (20) OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM, CLUB ADAM, INCORPORATED WILL REQUIRE TWO (2) TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE ESSAY

Please note that each scholarship requires a separate essay. Please spend time thinking about and crafting your response. Your essay is a significant part of your application, and it is easy to tell a well thought-out essay from one that was written the night before.

All essays must be submitted via email to Ms. Charisse Johnson at cjohnson@thewcs.org.

ONLY Times New Roman font and in 12 pt. . All submissions must have your student ID number, and name of the scholarship you are applying for on each page in the upper right hand corner.

All submissions must be original work. Any student submitting plagiarized work or suspected of submitting plagiarized work will be automatically disqualified from all WCHS scholarship opportunities.

Essay should only have your ID number not your name.

Also submit your essay as a PDF not a google document.

Google Form: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent (top 10% of this school year)	Outstanding (top 2% of this school year)
Energy and Initiative					
Responsibility					
Social Maturity					
Self-Confidence					
Dependability					
Classroom Participation					
Disciplined Work Habits					
Creative, Original Thinker					

Sample Email

Good Morning Ms. Johnson,

I am applying for the Wolverine Scholarship and I would like for you to complete a teacher recommendation form for me. The form must be submitted by_____.

Below is the link to the form and a brief description of the scholarship I am applying for. I appreciate you taking the time to complete the form and have a great day.

Recommendation Form

Thank you,

Charisse Johnson



Questions

