

The College Woman's Club of Westfield 2017 Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Eligibility: Winners are typically selected based on **financial need and academics** with consideration also given to **character and leadership**. The candidate must be graduating from high school at the end of this current academic year and plan to enroll in a four-year college program commencing the next academic year. In addition, women who are presently matriculated into an undergraduate program may seek a one-year grant. Applicants must have maintained residency in Westfield for at least one year prior to applying. We encourage all young women to apply.

**Completed applications with all documents listed below must be submitted by
Monday, March 13, 2017, 3:00 pm
to the Counseling Department Secretary at Westfield High School .**

- The College Woman's Club Scholarship Application Form with references
- Printed copy of the Common Application including Personal Essay
- High School Transcript (provided by the high school)
- Counselor's Letter of Recommendation (provided by the high school)
- One recent photo (photo optional for application, required if awarded scholarship)
- For current college student applicants, an official academic transcript and letter of recommendation from a faculty member are required.

To assess financial need, we also **require these items** enclosed in a separate sealed envelope:

- FAFSA form available through the high school guidance office or online.
- Latest two years' tax returns; preferably for years 2015 & 2016 including Schedules C and E, if applicable, from parent(s), and from the student, if filed.

Both the FAFSA and tax return components are referred to an outside agent for assessment of financial need and are not reviewed by the scholarship committee. FAFSA and tax information is for the exclusive use of the independent analyst and is ***strictly confidential***.

After the initial review of applications by the committee, select candidates will be notified of the date and time of the mandatory interview with the selection committee. The interview will take place in April. Once the selection process has been completed, each candidate will be notified of the committee's decision regarding her application.

All winners will attend the College Woman's Club Annual Scholarship Dinner and Awards Ceremony to be held at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2016 at the Echo Lake Country Club. Recipients will be formally honored at that time. In addition, parents or guardians of honorees are invited to attend the awards presentations held immediately following the dinner.

For questions : Ms. Annmarie Puleio, Chair, CWC Scholarship Committee, 908 789-1549
annmariepuleio@gmail.com

~ REFERENCES ~

Please indicate the name, address, phone number and preferred time of day to contact your references. **It is your responsibility to notify your references that the Scholarship Committee will contact them by phone for comment.**

Teacher Reference: (Select a teacher who knows you well ~ preferably both in and out of the classroom.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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Personal Reference: (Select an adult who knows you through work, volunteerism, or extra-curricular activity, etc.)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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~ FISCAL DATA ~

Applications: In order of preference, please list all colleges to which you have applied. Please state your intended major and the degree you will seek. Include the annual cost (tuition, room and board) plus any extraordinary expenses.

***Please note that we will request finalists to also furnish copies of financial aid award letters from accepted institutions prior to interviews.**

Intended Major: _____ **Degree:** _____

<i>College</i>	<i>Rationale for Choice</i>	<i>Cost/Year</i>
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Scholarships: Please list all scholarships for which you have applied.

<i>Name of Scholarship</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Financial Disclosure: Please indicate the anticipated dollar amount of money you expect to have available each year for tuition, room and board, and books; and the sources of those funds.

2017-2018 - Student-Source	_____	\$	_____
Parent-Source	_____	\$	_____
2018-2019 - Student-Source	_____	\$	_____
Parent-Source	_____	\$	_____
2019-2020 - Student-Source	_____	\$	_____
Parent-Source	_____	\$	_____
2020-2021 - Student-Source	_____	\$	_____
Parent-Source	_____	\$	_____

Please explain any extraordinary expenses or circumstances:

Summer Plans: Please indicate your plans for the upcoming summer, including earnings expectations.

~ APPLICANT UNDERTAKING ~

In signing this application, I understand that I am releasing a copy of my high school transcript including grade point average and SAT scores to the scholarship committee. Also, should I be awarded funds through the College Woman's Club, I understand that to accept any scholarship funds, I must be a candidate for a baccalaureate degree.

Furthermore, I understand that I must maintain good academic standing to be eligible for College Woman's Club funds. I also understand that my academic progress must be substantiated through a college transcript to this committee each academic semester while under the College Woman's Club funding. I understand that I must make arrangements for my transcript to be sent by the college registrar to the College Woman's Club no later than January 15th and July 1st of each academic semester.

Lastly, I attest that to the best of my knowledge, all information furnished in this application, including the FAFSA and tax returns, is true and complete and without exception. If I am an award recipient and do not conform to the policy requirements stated in this Applicant Undertaking, the College Woman's Club can assume that I am not interested in receiving the scholarship funds. I understand that the payments on my behalf will be terminated.

~ SIGNATURES ~

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian(Father/Guardian)

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian(Mother/Guardian)

Date