



# 2026 Scholarship Opportunities

**Main Street Community Foundation has scholarships available to individuals pursuing educational and career opportunities in a variety of different areas and at different stages of their academic careers.**

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**All information including applications can be found at  
[mainstreetfoundation.org/scholarships](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/scholarships)**



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## **Application Process**

Main Street Community Foundation's Scholarship Program begins accepting applications on January 15. The deadline for the majority of scholarships is March 6; there are a few exceptions that are noted in this directory. Students may submit applications at any time.

1. The majority of scholarships utilize an online application, which can be accessed at [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship); there are a few exceptions that are noted in this directory.
2. Review scholarships early and follow the application instructions carefully. The majority of applications require a transcript, letters of recommendation, essay or other documentation that may take a little time to complete or collect.
3. Be sure you meet all eligibility requirements for the scholarship you are applying to, follow the directions carefully, include all required documentation and submit the application on time.
4. Watch your email for an award letter from the Community Foundation in mid-May.

## **What You Need to Know – Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: When are applications due?**

**A:** The majority of applications are due March 6 by 11:59 p.m.; there are a few exceptions that are noted in this directory.

**Q: Can I apply for and receive multiple scholarships?**

**A:** Yes. You can apply to and receive as many scholarships as you qualify for.

**Q: What time period can the scholarships be utilized?**

**A:** Scholarships awarded in 2026 are applied toward the 2026-2027 academic school year. Renewable scholarships follow the same academic calendar and are payable once per academic year.

**Q: How do I claim my scholarship?**

**A:** You will have to complete the *Scholarship Payment Request Form* on the online application portal, and it requires a copy of your tuition bill/invoice. The Community Foundation will then process the scholarship and send it directly to the school.

**Q: Who do I contact regarding application questions and/or concerns?**

**A:** All questions and concerns can be addressed to Samantha Rajotte by calling 860.583.6363 or by emailing [samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:samantha@mainstreetfoundation.org).

**For more information, including additional FAQs, visit our website.**

## **We Have Scholarships for You...**

Main Street Community Foundation has nearly 100 scholarship opportunities for high school, college and adult learners. Last year, \$358,085 was awarded from the scholarship program to help local students reach their academic and career goals.

Each scholarship has unique criteria established by the donor. Donors are individuals, families, businesses or other organizations that seek to assist students in pursuing their education and achieving their goals and dreams; they have a belief that helping students ease the financial obligations of education is an investment in the future.

We have scholarships based on...

### **Areas of Interest**

Business | Education | Engineering |  
English | Health Care | Journalism |  
Law Enforcement | Manufacturing |  
Music | Nursing | Performing Arts |  
Science | Trades | Visual Arts |  
Writing

### **Individual Circumstances**

Academic Achievement |  
Child/Dependent of a Conn Acoustics,  
GE or Yarde Metals Employee |  
Community/School Involvement |  
Financial Need | Member of Sports  
Teams | Overcame Challenges

### **Where Students Live or Attend School**

*Residents of Bristol, Burlington,  
Plainville, Plymouth, Southington,  
Wolcott and more.*

*Students of Bristol Public Schools,  
Plainville Public Schools, Plymouth  
Public Schools, Regional School District  
10, Wolcott Public Schools, private  
schools, technical or vocational schools  
and more.*

### **Where Students Will Continue Their Education**

Community College | Four-Year  
College or University | Graduate  
Program | Military Academy |  
Vocational/Technical School

## **New Scholarships for 2026**

***David J. Bourassa Memorial Scholarship Fund:*** Bristol resident; there is preference to students looking to pursue an education/career in the mental health field

***Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Christopher P. Calnan H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund:*** Bristol resident who is a graduating senior from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or Saint Paul Catholic High School; student must have earned at least three varsity letters during their secondary school experience

***Manon Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund:*** Male graduating senior from Bristol Central High School; there is special consideration to current and former basketball players

***Harold M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund:*** Graduating senior from Plainville High School; student must have participated in any sport each of the four years of high school

***Wolcott Crossroads Pass It On Scholarship Fund:*** Resident of Wolcott pursuing studies in health and wellness, mental health, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, social work, psychology, counseling, or other related areas

## **Look inside**

for a complete list of scholarships available from  
Main Street Community Foundation

# High School Students

The following scholarships utilize an online application unless otherwise noted. To apply for a scholarship listed below, visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](http://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship).

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<b>Academic Achievement Award</b>	<b>3 @ \$5,000; and 1 @ \$5,000 per year for two years</b>
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This scholarship was established in 2015 to support academically talented graduating seniors of Bristol Central High School.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School
- Pursuing post-secondary education at a four-year college or university
- Must be ranked academically in the top 10 of the class
- Must have attended Bristol Central High School for at least 3 years
- Demonstrated commitment to school-related activities
- Community service
- Leadership qualities

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or coach.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

<b>Animal Rescue Foundation Helen &amp; Scott Lowe Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>2 @ \$1,000</b>
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This fund was established in 2025 by the Animal Rescue Foundation to honor the memory of Helen Lowe, and her husband Scott, who left a generous bequest to the Terryville organization.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Graduating senior from Terryville High School or Lakeview High School, preference to give one scholarship to a student from each high school
- Pursuing post-secondary education or career training in the animal science field
- Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school or a community, state, or private college or university

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write an essay addressing why you have chosen to pursue a career in the animal science field.

<b>Christian Arndt Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$410</b>
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This award was set up through a bequest from the estate of Terryville resident Christian Arndt, who passed away in 2004.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Graduating senior from Terryville High School
- Academic achievement especially in the area of science

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**Bowerman Scholarship Fund****\$1,830**

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Bryan Bowerman, retired President of Farmington Savings Bank, to give back to his high school and encourage a student in the field of business.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Student must be accepted and planning to attend the University of Connecticut with preference given to a student attending the School of Business*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Potential for success in the chosen field*
- *Outstanding character and citizenship*
- *Commitment of service to school and community*
- *Financial Need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Please submit a copy of your college application essay.

**Bristol Lions Club F. Fred Soliani Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$1,350**

This fund was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2008 and was established by the Bristol Lions Club to honor the memory of F. Fred Soliani, a dedicated and honored member of the Lions Club, a noted Bristol educator and civic activist.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Potential for success in a chosen field*
- *Outstanding character and citizenship*
- *Proof of commitment of service to school and community*
- *Financial need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Compose a couple paragraphs about yourself focusing on information such as: (1) How community service has impacted your life; and (2) The community service activity that has given you the greatest satisfaction.

**Bristol Lions Club/James J. Keating Scholarship Fund****up to \$2,850**

This fund was established by the Bristol Lions Club in 2022 with a bequest previously received from the estate of Mark M. Keating. This scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Keating's father, James J. Keating.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott, with a preference for Bristol residents*
- *Pursuing undergraduate studies at an accredited college or university*
- *Must be classified as legally blind or visually impaired as defined by the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-294a*
- *If there are not eligible applicants in a given year, the scholarship may be awarded to a previous recipient as long as the student is enrolled in an undergraduate program and is in good standing with a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation required.

***Essay Requirement; Choose One:***

- *Compose a couple paragraphs about yourself focusing on information such as: (1) Your outstanding qualities and achievements; and (2) How you handle your visual impairment or blindness.*
- *Describe the role your visual impairment or blindness has played in shaping your life.*
- *Submit a copy of your college application essay.*

### **Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Christopher P. Calnan H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund 3 @ \$1,500**

The Bristol Sports Hall of Fame Christopher P. Calnan H.O.P.E. (Helping Outstanding People Excel) Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 with a generous donation from John "Jay" Calnan, for the purpose of awarding scholarships in memory of his brother Christopher P. Calnan.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol*
- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or Saint Paul Catholic High School*
  - *One scholarship will be awarded to a student from each Bristol high school*
- *Must be continuing their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or at an accredited trade or technical school. Applicants who have earned a full-ride scholarship, either athletic or academic, or are attending a military academy are not eligible to apply for these scholarships.*
- *Must have earned at least three varsity letters during their secondary school experience. These letters do not have to be from one sport.*
- *Academic achievement/class rank*
- *Financial need*
- *School and community involvement. This includes school activities and any work/volunteer experiences. Participating in high school sports is a requirement for this scholarship. Therefore, sports will not count here as activities. Applicants also may not use a required service project as an activity.*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation.

#### ***Essay Requirement (no longer than 250 words each):***

- *Identify a lesson that you learned from participating in sports. Briefly tell how this lesson will help you through college and the rest of your life.*
- *Identify an adult who has made a significant impact on your life. Briefly tell how this adult's actions influenced you.*

### **Julie Larese Bristol Tramps Scholarship Fund**

**\$1,000**

The Bristol Tramps Sports Reunion is an organization that recognizes local athletes, coaches, teams and supporters of athletics in Bristol, and for years the organization has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors in memory of Julie Larese, one of the founders. In 2022, this scholarship was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation.

#### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Involved in school athletic activities of any kind*
- *Student-athlete who has earned a minimum of two varsity letters and two All-American conference awards*
- *Special consideration will be given to those who have received All-State recognition*
- *Character traits of a good citizen*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation required.

***Essay Requirement:*** No essay required.

**Note: This scholarship does not require an application. The recipient is chosen by the Guidance Department and Athletic Department.**

**Burlington Lions Charities Scholarship Fund****3 @ \$1,200**

This fund was established by this volunteer service organization to support further education opportunities for Burlington residents.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating seniors who are residents of Burlington, even if they attend school outside of town*
- *Will support all forms of higher education i.e. two-year, four-year, technical, etc.*
- *Proof of community service*
- *Have reasonable grades, not necessarily the top of the class*
- *May have some special circumstances which contributes to financial need (answer question in Section V of application)*
- *Students with potential who may not receive assistance from other services*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Detail your involvement with Burlington Lions Club activities over the past four years.

**Ron Burns Community Leadership Scholarship Fund****\$3,000**

Established in 2020 by The Bradley Family Foundation to honor Ron Burns' dedication to the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol and his community. This fund will assist members in good standing of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol with post-secondary or technical education.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating high school senior*
- *Current member in good standing of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol for a minimum of 2 years*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic Achievement; must have at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale*
- *Community Service*
- *Evidence of the following qualities: Grit (perseverance), good moral character and citizenship*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher or advisor and one from a staff member at the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol (letters will not be accepted from Ron Burns).

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay on a current national issue that you feel strongly about. Please explain the perspective from both/all sides of the issue and then justify/explain your position on the issue.

**Manon Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$2,000**

The Manon Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2025 to honor the life and legacy of Manon Collins who passed away in 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. Manon showed incredible strength, unbelievable grace, and determination throughout her illness and still brought love, light, and laughter to everyone who knew her. She was a devoted mother, a loyal friend, an enthusiastic fan of basketball and found peace bird watching and taking long walks on the beach. This scholarship celebrates her generous spirit, her unwavering support for those she loved and her gratitude for the little things that made life beautiful.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating male senior from Bristol Central High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school or a community, state, or private college or university*
- *Special consideration will be given to students who were a member of the BCHS boys basketball team for at least one year during their time in high school; students can have played at any level – freshman, JV or varsity*
- *Evidence of kindness, dedication and strength*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, employer or extracurricular activity advisor.

***Essay Requirement:*** Choose one of the following:

- Submit a copy of your college application essay.
- Submit a paragraph addressing your desire to enter your chosen field and state your career goals.

**Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy Public Safety Scholarship Fund****2 @\$1,000**

This Fund was established in 2023 by the Bristol Police Department and Bristol Public Schools to honor Dustin and Alex's selfless service, and to remember the sacrifice they made to the community of Bristol. A scholarship will be awarded annually to one student each from Bristol Central High School and Bristol Eastern High School.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School in good academic standing; a student from each school will be awarded a scholarship*
- *Pursuing a major in public safety and/or criminal justice*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a community college, state college or a private college/university*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief essay detailing your future plans and goals in public safety and/or criminal justice as well as your motivation for pursuing such a career.



**Katherine Dobroczyński Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$780**

This scholarship fund honors the memory of Katherine Elizabeth “Katie” Dobroczyński who passed away unexpectedly in 2013 at the young age of 10. Katie was a proud member of the Southington YMCA and loved to swim, fish with her dad and play golf. She also loved animals and wanted to be a veterinarian. Originally established by the co-workers of Katie’s mother, Christina Dobroczyński, this fund has been built with donations from family and friends. The first scholarship award was made in the Spring of 2021, the year Katie would have graduated from high school.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior of Southington High School*
- *Preference will be given to current members of the Southington-Cheshire YMCAs*
- *Interest in pursuing studies in the area of neuroscience, veterinary medicine, or elementary education*
- *Financial need*
- *Academic Achievement; must have at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale*
- *Community involvement*
- *Must have overcome challenges/obstacles*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation from a teacher.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement on how this scholarship will help further your career goals.

**Coach Randy Doucette Scholarship Fund****2 @ \$700**

This scholarship fund was established in 2025 in memory of Philip “Randy” Doucette by his family. “Coach” as he was affectionately known, was highly accomplished with the Plainville High School (PHS) swim team where he earned the CIAC Connecticut Boys Swimming Coach of the Year in 2009, and was later inducted into the Plainville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2015. Coach, who graduated from PHS in 1966, was also a physical education teacher for 37 years at PHS, challenging his students and athletes to always “work hard and keep your head in the game” in every aspect of life.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Plainville*
- *Graduating high school senior of Plainville High School*
- *Currently a member in good standing on the high school swim team*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Evidence of leadership is considered*
- *Evidence of ability to overcome challenges/obstacles is considered*
- *Academic history is considered*
- *Financial need is considered*
- *Involvement in school activities is considered*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation, which must be from one of the high school swim team coaches.

**Essay Requirement:** Why did you choose swimming as a sport and what has it meant to you?

**Karen Finder Scholarship Fund****\$1,500**

Established by Burlington residents Karen and Robert Finder in 2003 to support a graduating senior of Hartford’s Sport & Medical Sciences Academy who is planning to attend a two or four year college. Karen was one of the founders, and the first principal, of this Connecticut magnet school.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Available to a graduating senior from the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy in Hartford*

**Contact the Guidance office at the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy for requirements, application and due date.**

**Carolyn Fisher Scholarship Fund****\$470**

This scholarship was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation from Terryville High School in 2003.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School*
- *Pursuing a career in education*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** What one improvement would you propose for the education system specifically or overall?

**Olivia Fusco Memorial Art Scholarship Fund****\$540**

This fund was established in 2016 by the family and friends of Lucinda Fusco to honor the memory of her daughter, Olivia Helene Fusco, a Southington resident, who sadly passed away in 2015 at the young age of 14.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Southington High School*
- *Must show proof of a GPA of at least 80*
- *Pursuing a two-year or four-year program with a major in visual or performing arts or art education*
- *Applicant must exhibit leadership qualities*
- *Involvement in community service*
- *Must have overcome challenges/obstacles*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation from a teacher.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief essay explaining how art has influenced your life and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your career goals.

**Azilda Hebert Music Scholarship Fund****\$830**

This scholarship was first established by bequest from retired Bristol music teacher Azilda Hebert. It was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2001.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Interest in pursuing post-secondary music education*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, with at least one being from a music teacher.

***Essay Requirement:*** How do you plan to use music in your career?

**Dorothy Micloskey Ives Award****\$1,295**

This scholarship was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2002 by Dorothy Ives, a former teacher in the Bristol school system.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School, Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Interest in pursuing a vocation or apprenticeship in one of the following creative endeavors: dance or gymnastics, drama or stage craft, a music related endeavor or writing, i.e., poetry, fiction or non-fiction*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a teacher who discusses the applicant's interest in one of the above fields.

***Essay Requirement:*** No essay required.

**Harold M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$1,000**

This fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2025 by the Harold M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Foundation. This scholarship honors the life and legacy of Harold M. Johnson, Jr., Plainville High School Class of 1980, who was a four-year, three sport athlete who passed away in 2010. Harold earned multiple letters in each of his chosen sports: football, basketball and track & field. Harold was dedicated to putting in the time and effort in order to improve himself so that each of the teams he was on had the best chance of winning. Evidence of his willingness to lead by example was proven when during his senior year his teammates elected him as team captain for each of teams for whom he played.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating high school senior of Plainville High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school or a community, state, or private college or university*
- *Participation in any Plainville High School recognized sport (freshman, Junior Varsity or Varsity) in each of the four years of high school. This criteria could be met by playing the same sport each year or a combination of sports.*
- *Multiple sport participation in at least two years with one of those being senior year.*
  - *Cheerleading is a recognized sport at Plainville High School. For purposes of this scholarship, fall and winter participation in Cheerleading will only qualify as a single sport.*
- *Students must demonstrate sportsmanship*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Write an essay that describes what the ultimate team player means to you, and describe by giving examples and instances of how you were that team player during your career at Plainville High School.

**Grace & Norma Joy Scholarship Fund****\$1,070**

This scholarship was transferred to the Foundation in 2008. It was started by Grace and Norma Joy's nieces, Eileen Moylan, Lorry Belanger and Donna Ricci to honor the memory of these two sisters who would have excelled in college if given the opportunity. Both sisters had a high regard for education and volunteered as mentors in the Bristol school system representing exceptional role models of independence and strength

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing post secondary education at either a two-year or four-year college*
- *Financial need*
- *Potential for success in a chosen field*
- *Outstanding character and citizenship*
- *Commitment of service to school and community*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Submit a copy of your college application essay.

**Kalt Moreau Family Scholarship Fund for Education****\$1,000**

This scholarship was established in 2018 by Susan Kalt Moreau, Ph.D., former Superintendent of Schools in Bristol, to *pay it forward* in recognition for what others did for her. This scholarship is open to a woman graduating senior from a Bristol public high school.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Woman who is a graduating senior from Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing a degree in education at a two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic Achievement*
- *Financial Need*
- *Evidence of service to school and community*
- *Consideration will be given to the student's: Potential for success in the chosen field; leadership qualities; work history*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Submit a copy of your college application essay or a letter as to why you want to be an educator.

**Vincent T. Kozyrski Scholarship Fund****\$450**

This scholarship was established to honor Vincent T. Kozyrski, a long time employee of the Fletcher-Terry Company.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior who resides in or attends high school in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education in the field of engineering at a four-year college or university*
- *Financial need*
- *Outstanding leadership qualities*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Submit a copy of your college application essay.

**Ray Machine Corp./Ray & Darlene Lassy Family Fund****\$2,120**

Ray Lassy, a longtime resident of Plymouth, established this scholarship fund in 2017 to assist students who have the same passion he did. Working for over 50 years in a field he loved, Ray started a small tool and die business in the basement of his parents' house while working at a machining manufacturer. He eventually opened his own shop in Terryville before expanding the business to Ray Machine Corporation, also located in Terryville. Ray held several patents for parts he designed and tooled and was passionate about the work he did.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School or Thomaston High School*
- *Applicants must be pursuing a two-year or four-year study program or equivalent in precision machining (i.e. CNC operator, machinist, etc.), mechanical engineering, or manufacturing and design at a qualified technical education school, community college, or four-year college or university*
- *Must have dealt with challenges/obstacles*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**John J. and Doris Lazorik Memorial Scholarship Fund****up to \$4,580**

This scholarship was established by family and friends to honor Doris Marie (Doucette) Lazorik following her sudden death in 1979.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Attending a four-year college or university*
- *Financial need*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Leadership qualities*
- *Job history*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement to include your school activities and awards, community activities, job history and future plans and goals.

**Thérèse MacCallum “Great Kid” Scholarship Fund****2 @ \$855**

This fund was established in 2005 by the family of Mrs. MacCallum as a testament to her great love of both children and education. The family honored her wish of starting this scholarship after her death.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Offered to a male and female graduating senior of Southington High School*
- *Must show proof of an unweighted GPA between 75-89 (no higher or lower) on a 100 point scale*
- *Community service*
- *Commitment to a sport and/or music*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation. It can be from a parent, relative, teacher or coach explaining why the applicant is just a “great kid” and deserves this scholarship.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a short essay explaining why you are applying for this particular scholarship.

**Nicholas P. Maglio ACE (A Chance for Education) Fund****\$2,000**

This fund was established in 2011 by the family of Nicholas P. Maglio in his memory. Nicholas was a devoted father and Bristol Public School teacher.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior of Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a two or four year college or university*
- *Financial need*
- *Evidence of good character*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation from a family member or friend. This letter must describe the student's character, qualities and the impact the student has had on the recommender's life or on someone else's life; it also must include a story/anecdote about the applicant and not simply a list of activities and academic achievements that can be found elsewhere in the application.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay that answers the following questions: Who do you admire? Which of their qualities do you admire most?

**Maskery Family Scholarship Fund****\$2,000**

This scholarship was established in 2018 by Paul Maskery to honor his family and give back to the students of Farmington and Plainville. Paul, who grew up in Plainville, was a long-time teacher, coach and Athletic Director at Farmington High School. The scholarship is open in annual rotation to a graduating senior from Farmington High School and Plainville High School.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Plainville High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic Achievement*
- *School, Community and Work History*
- *Financial Need*
- *Leadership qualities*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Three letters of recommendation required: One must be from the principal, assistant principal or dean of students of the student's high school; and the other two can be from a guidance counselor, teacher and/or coach.

***Essay Requirement:*** Submit a copy of your college application essay.

**Robert E. and Angeline P. McCormack Scholarship Fund****up to \$1,540**

This fund was established at the Main Street Community Foundation in 2002 by Angeline McCormack to honor her husband's wishes to establish a scholarship in their names for students involved with the school-based organizations of the Kiwanis Club.

***Eligibility requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Southington High School or*
- *Currently enrolled college student who graduated from Southington High School that either previously applied for or received this scholarship*
- *Good academic standing*
- *Financial need*
- *Demonstrated community service*
- *Preference for an active member in the Southington High School Kiwanis KEY Club or the Circle K International Club*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay requirement:*** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and career interests.

**McMaster-Moulthrop Scholarship Fund****TBD**

This fund was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 1999. It was established by the late Blanche McMaster to honor her and her mother's, Ella Moulthrop, love of children.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Available to a graduating senior from Bristol Central High School*

**Contact the Guidance office at Bristol Central for requirements, application and due date.**

**Ken E. Micloskey Award****\$1,295**

This Fund was established in 2002 by Dorothy Ives in memory of her son Ken who graduated from Terryville High School and died in combat in Vietnam. Dorothy was a former teacher in the Bristol school system.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School*
- *Member of the school's track and/or cross-country team*
- *Wishes to pursue further education*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** No essay required.

**Dave Mongillo Memorial/Golf Scholarship Fund****\$1,000**

This scholarship fund was established in 2018 to honor the memory of Dave Mongillo, a lifelong Southington resident and member of the Southington Weed Wackers Golf League. Dave was often referred to as the King of Concrete, dedicating most of his life to his own foundation business. He was highly regarded in the industry as a master craftsman known for his work ethic, quality and attention to detail.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior of Southington High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Must be a current member of one of Southington High School's sports teams; preference to those who are a current member of the school's golf team*
- *Must show proof of an unweighted GPA between 75-89 (no higher or lower) on a 100 point scale*
- *Financial need is considered*
- *School and community involvement or work history*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation required.

***Essay Requirement:*** How has athletic participation impacted your life?

*\*The first payment of the scholarship is to be paid out during the student's second semester of their freshman year of postsecondary education.*

**NESMA Scholarship Fund Award 1****\$2,500**

In March 2010, the New England Spring and Metalstamping Association established this fund to assist students pursuing post-secondary education.

***Award #1 to a graduating senior attending high school in a New England state (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)***

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Pursuing a certificate program in advanced manufacturing*

**OR**

- *Pursuing post-secondary education in mechanical engineering*
- *Preference will be given to those applicants entering an advanced manufacturing program*
- *Evidence of successful completion of courses relevant to your chosen career field*
- *Community Service*
- *Financial need is considered*
- *Evidence of outstanding leadership qualities*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a math or science teacher and one from someone who knows you well.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay addressing your desire to enter your chosen field and state your career goals. Limit your thoughts to no more than one page.

**AJR Nocera Memorial Fund – Graduating Senior****\$1,000**

This scholarship was started in 2007 by family and friends to honor the memory of Andrew (AJ) and David (Junior) Nocera.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from a high school in Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who will be attending a post secondary institution full time*
- *Must have at least a B average*
- *Involvement in school/community*
- *Must have dealt with challenges/obstacles in their efforts to achieve their goals*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a short essay stating three of your goals and how you will use your knowledge and creativity to achieve them.

**Anthony Norton Scholarship Fund****\$660**

This fund was established in 2015 to honor the memory of Anthony Norton who passed away in June 2015 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Anthony's 15-year career as a teacher and coach led him to his most recent position as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the Eli Terry Jr. Middle School in Terryville where he started the first environmental science club for middle school students.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior of Terryville High School*
- *Pursuing a two-year or four-year program with a major in education or science. For this scholarship, science includes research, earth and environmental science; it does not include health science.*
- *Student must demonstrate active involvement in school and community related activities (i.e. clubs, sports, community service)*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation from a teacher.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining why you wish to pursue a career in education or science.

**Scott W. Organ Student-Athletic Scholarship Fund****\$1,640**

This scholarship was started in 2000 by local orthopedic surgeon Scott W. Organ to support deserving student-athletes.

**Eligibility requirement:**

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Must be a student-athlete*
- *From a single-parent family*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay giving your opinion on how growing up in a single parent home affected your life.



**C. Henry Ozga Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$2,770**

This fund was established in 2021 through a bequest from Chester “Chet” Henry Ozga. Chet was a longtime resident of Wolcott who was born and raised in Terryville. He had a giving heart and wanted to give back to his hometown of Terryville by helping fellow Terryville High School graduates achieve their educational goals.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior of Terryville High School*
- *Award will be for at least one year with the opportunity to renew for up to three additional years of undergraduate education after initial award. Must reapply every year and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining your career goals and any special circumstances that would demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

**Ralph Papazian Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$800**

This scholarship fund honors the memory of Ralph Papazian who passed away unexpectedly in 1995. Ralph was the former supervisor of athletics for the Bristol School System, a coach and physical education teacher.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Financial need*
- *Minimum B overall average, with good attendance record in school and sports practices*
- *Evidence of leadership and citizenship in school and the community*
- *Evidence of good work ethic and determination*
- *Dedication/commitment to athletics*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation, which must be from a coach that has coached the student.

**Essay Requirement:** Compose an essay about yourself focusing on such information as: (1) How athletic participation has impacted your life; (2) The accomplishments that have given you the greatest satisfaction; and (3) What are your future goals regarding furthering your education?

**Estelle Delano Peterson Scholarship Fund****\$630**

This scholarship was started in 2004 by the children of Walter and Estelle Peterson at the request of their father. Mr. Peterson wished to have a scholarship established in memory of his wife who passed away in 1975. She was the first police woman in Terryville and served as the town’s public health nurse for many years. The Petersons moved to Terryville after meeting during World War II when Walter was recuperating from a head wound and Estelle was the nurse.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School*
- *Financial need*
- *Interest in pursuing a career in nursing or health care*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** What is it about the healthcare field that interests you?

**Plymouth Community Club Scholarship Fund****\$660**

This scholarship was transferred from Terryville High School in 2003.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Involvement in school and community*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and any special circumstances that demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

**Plymouth Human Services Scholarship Fund for Healthcare Students****\$690**

This scholarship was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2023 by the Town of Plymouth Human Services Commission; it was originally established when the Plymouth VNA closed. The Plymouth VNA served the town and its residents for many years and this scholarship will continue the organization's legacy forever.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating high school seniors who reside in Plymouth*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education or career training in the healthcare field, which can include studying at a vocational school or community college in an allied health profession, or at a two-year or four-year college or university pursuing a degree in a healthcare program of study*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Why are you choosing to enter the healthcare profession?

**Radcliff Family Education Fund****up to \$5,002.50 per year**

This scholarship was established in 2003 by Bristol residents Donald and Betty Radcliff to provide funds to assist high school seniors to further their education but need financial assistance.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating seniors from the towns of Bristol and/or Plainville*
- *May not be at the top of the class academically but demonstrate a good work ethic and may have special circumstances*
- *Scholarship may be awarded for up to 4 years if the recipient maintains a "C" average and does their best while in school. Must reapply every year.*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and how you feel this scholarship will benefit you.

**Radcliff Plainville High School Fund****up to \$4,357.50 per year**

This scholarship was created in 2006 by Bristol resident Donald Radcliff to provide continuing support to a senior male high school student from Plainville High School who wishes to pursue post-secondary education but needs assistance to do so.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating male senior from Plainville High School*
- *Financial need*
- *Personal motivation and a good work ethic*
- *Not necessarily one of the best students but who has a dream and needs help to achieve it.*
- *Scholarship may be awarded every year but student must reapply and continue to meet the basic criteria and maintain a "C" average*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Describe your hopes and dreams for the future and how you plan to achieve them.

**Louis J. Rascoe Scholarship Fund****\$530**

This fund was established in 2005 by Mary Rascoe in recognition of her son, Louis J. Rascoe, who retired from the field of education in 2005 after 32 years of service.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Terryville High School*
- *Entering the field of education*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Attended elementary school in Plymouth*
- *Financial need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Please explain why you have chosen to pursue a career in teaching as well as what you see as your greatest challenge in this pursuit.

**Clement J. Roy Scholarship Fund****\$1,110**

This scholarship was transferred to the Foundation in 2012. It was established in 1976 by teachers at Bristol Eastern High School to honor the memory of Clement J. Roy.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing post secondary education at a two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Participation in athletic/sports*
- *Financial need*
- *Outstanding character and citizenship*
- *Commitment of service to school and community*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Submit a copy of your college essay.

**Dora Schubert Scholarship Fund****\$2,060**

This fund was established in 1961 through a bequest from Dora Schubert, and it was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2017. Dora's desire was to establish a named scholarship to defray the expenses of education for deserving students. She was a longtime Plymouth resident.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior of Terryville High School*
- *Preference to children of members of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Terryville*
- *Financial need*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Involvement in school and/or community related activities*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Submit a copy of your college application essay.

**Ervin E. Trask Scholarship Fund****up to \$2,500**

Ervin E. Trask had given his entire adult life to the advancement of educational opportunities for all youth. He was born in Maine in 1899, but passed away in Plainville in 1956 at the age of 56. He was the superintendent of Plainville Community Schools for 15 years, and was the director of state basketball tournaments for 25 years with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Ervin, "an outstanding example of leadership in education," was well-loved and well-respected; May 25, 1955 was deemed "Mr. Trask Day" to honor his 35th anniversary in the field of education. This fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2024 to continue his legacy of giving Plainville students the best opportunities for success.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating high school senior from Plainville High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Preference for students pursuing a career in education*
- *Demonstrated financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief personal statement on how this scholarship will help further your education and career goals.

**Dr. Joan T. Wallace Prize for Highest Achievement in English at Southington High School****up to \$2,090**

This fund was established in 2014 by Dr. Joan T. Wallace, the first coordinator of English Language Arts in the Southington Public Schools, to recognize and promote excellence in all areas of the English language arts. The graduating senior with the highest GPA in English/Language Arts will be awarded this scholarship. The student will be selected by the English Department at Southington High School.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Southington High School*
- *Pursuing post secondary education at either a college or university*
- *Have the highest four-year cumulative GPA in English/Language Arts*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**Note:** This scholarship does not require an application.

**John & Peggy Ann Walsh Memorial Scholarship Fund** up to \$5,000 per award recipient

This permanent scholarship fund was established by the family of Peggy Ann Walsh to honor her memory as a former Bristol school teacher. In 2020, the scholarship fund was rededicated to also honor the memory of Peggy's husband, John (Jack) Walsh.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior from Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High School attending a four-year college or university*
- *Financial need*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Involvement in extra curricular activities (including community service, school related activities and/or employment)*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation. One must be from someone that can support the student's participation in a school related activity or employment (i.e. band, athletics, school club, employer, etc.). The second letter must be from a teacher that can speak to the student's academic achievement.

**Essay Requirement:** Please write an essay stating why you feel you deserve this scholarship and if you feel that you have financial need.

**Kristen Warner Scholarship Fund****\$580**

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Kristen's parents to honor her memory.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Southington High School*
- *Financial need*
- *Academic achievement of at least a B average*
- *Interest in the welfare and protection of animals or other groups or activities that you have been a part of that have benefited your school or community*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** You are asked to attend a social function and when you arrive you realize that you are not familiar with any of the people at the function, what do you do?

**Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead of Bristol CT –****Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund****2 @ \$500**

This fund was established in 2021 by the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP as part of the chapter's goal of achieving equality through educational opportunities. The scholarship is named in memory of two trailblazers: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead, a Bristol resident who was a community leader and one of the many community members and pastors who spearheaded the establishment of the Bristol NAACP back in 1985.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior from Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth or Southington*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic achievement; must have at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher and one must be from an adult member of a church, civic organization, business, etc.

***Essay Requirement:*** Why is it important to have the truth of U.S. history taught at every level of public school?

# High School, College Students and Adult Learners

The following scholarships utilize an online application. To apply for a scholarship listed below, visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](http://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship).

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## **E. Bartlett Barnes Award of Journalism Fund**

**up to \$8,840**

This award was established in 1980 by a group of community friends wishing to pay tribute to Bart Barnes, retired publisher of the Bristol Press, whose association with this newspaper spanned 48 years until his retirement in 1985. His lifelong love of journalism and community service is well-known in the Bristol area, and it is difficult to find a local organization in which Mr. Barnes had not been active.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Residents of Bristol, Burlington and Plymouth*
- *Evidence of interest in pursuit of a career in journalism, media-related communications, creative writing and/or related studies*
- *Scholastic achievement*
- *Financial need*
- *Combination of leadership and "good citizenship" skills in school and community*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay explaining what your involvement in the field of journalism and/or creative writing has been, how you feel it has helped you and those around you and your plans to use writing in the future.

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## **Stanley P. Bitel Memorial Fund**

**\$10,000**

This scholarship was established in 2015 through gifts from family and friends to honor the life of Stanley P. Bitel, the founder of Rowley Spring and Stamping Corporation in Bristol which was founded in 1954. He personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self achievement, all characteristics that should be displayed by the recipient.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Residents of the state of Connecticut who are a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled post secondary student or an adult learner seeking qualifying skilled training in the manufacturing trade*
- *Past recipients of the scholarship are not eligible to reapply*
- *Qualifying training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education/trade schools, workforce development programs or pursuit of a four-year degree in business or engineering as it relates to a career in manufacturing*
- *School, community and work history*
- *Academic achievement, with a minimum of a B average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation either from a teacher or an employer that demonstrates that the applicant is a "go-getter".

***Essay Requirement:*** The manufacturing industry has an abundance of career opportunities including engineering, sales, finance, management, precision machinist, distribution, quality control inspectors, tool & die maker, lean manufacturing, supply chain management, just to name a few.

Write a one page essay introducing yourself and describing why you wish to pursue a career in the manufacturing field.

**Sylvia Bodak Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$440**

This scholarship was established in 2001 by the family and friends of Sylvia Bodak with assistance from the Women's Cancer Care Foundation. The fund was set up to honor the life of a loving wife and mother who passed away in 1999 after a courageous battle with cancer. Through their experiences during Mrs. Bodak's illness, the family had come to know and wished to support the work of individuals in the field of oncology and/or cancer research.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Preference for those that live, attend school and/or work in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *For individuals pursuing a career in cancer research, oncology, or any related field. Prospective students either be engaged in or interested in fields such as medicine, nursing, pharmacology, and related careers*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief summary about yourself, including your reason for choosing oncology nursing and/or cancer research as a career.

**Peter and Marjorie Bossi Educational Fund****\$710**

This scholarship was established in 2003 by Marjorie Bossi to honor her late husband.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central High School*
- *Interest in music*
- *Financial Need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a teacher.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and any special circumstances that you feel would demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

**David J. Bourassa Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$1,000**

This scholarship fund was established by David "Dave" Bourassa's family in 2024 to honor his memory and impact on the many people he knew and loved with his kind and fun-loving spirit. Dave was a master electrician for over 35 years. He was known for his infectious smile and strong work ethic, all while admirably battling schizoaffective disorder for many, many years. He was brave, kind, patient, and gentle. His family has started a movement to "Be Like Dave." Dave was one of the kindest people you could meet. He loved his family and desserts, especially cookies, and that was pretty much Dave. If everyone could be a little more like Dave, the world would be a whole lot kinder. More kindness and more cookies.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled post-secondary student or an adult learner*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school or a community, state, or private college or university*
- *Preference for students looking to pursue an education/career in the mental health field*
- *Community/school involvement*
- *Financial Need*
- *Leadership qualities*
- *Ability to overcome challenges/obstacles*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation required.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief personal statement explaining how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals.

**Bristol Boys & Girls Club Schulman Fund****up to \$7,900**

Established at the Bristol Boys & Girls Club and transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2000, this fund provides post-secondary scholarship assistance to current and former members in good standing of the Bristol Boys & Girls Club.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Current or former member in good standing of the Bristol Boys & Girls Club*
- *Student must be accepted at or enrolled in an institution of higher education*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Financial Need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay about a staff member of the Bristol Boys & Girls Club that has influenced you.

**Bristol Police Scholarship Fund****\$1,440**

This scholarship was established in 1999 by the Bristol Police Union Local 754 to assist students who wish to pursue a career in law enforcement.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol and/or graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern or St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Pursuing a career in federal, state or local law enforcement or related field*
- *Academic or technical ability*
- *Evidence of good moral character*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay which includes your high school and community activities, as well as your future plans and goals in law enforcement.

**Bristol Yale Club Scholarship Fund****up to \$2,000 per award recipient**

The Bristol Yale Club was established in 1905 as a social and networking group for graduates of Yale University. Over the years its members have assisted many students wishing to attend Yale University. In 1999, club members decided to take a portion of the existing scholarship fund and establish the Bristol Yale Club Scholarship Fund, which would assist students pursuing a variety of post secondary opportunities and wishing to secure their education at other institutions as well.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott who is pursuing technical/vocational school, undergraduate studies or graduate studies*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Preference to students who have a high degree of financial need*
- *Community involvement*
- *Good moral character*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement explaining any special or extenuating circumstances that demonstrate your financial need for this scholarship.



**Bristol Yale/Miles Peck Jennings Memorial Scholarship Fund****up to \$21,580**

The Bristol Yale Club was established in 1905 as a social and networking group for graduates of Yale University. Over the years its members have assisted many students attending Yale University. Transferred to the Foundation in 2021, this scholarship will assist students pursuing higher education, with a preference for those attending Yale University.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating seniors or graduates of public, private or parochial secondary schools located in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville or Plymouth*
- *Must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited college or university, with a preference for students attending Yale University or any of Yale University's graduate or professional schools or divisions*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Financial need*
- *Community involvement*
- *Good moral character*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirements:**

- In no more than a paragraph, explain any special or extenuating circumstances that demonstrate your financial need for this scholarship.
- In no more than a paragraph, explain your goals and any special circumstances that you feel would demonstrate your need for this scholarship.
- Submit a copy of your college essay or write a brief personal statement on how this scholarship will help further your career goals.

**Alicia M. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$1,000**

This scholarship fund was established in 2021 by the family of Alicia M. Butler to honor her memory as a devoted champion of special needs children and her career as a teacher and school psychologist. Alicia was born and raised in Bristol, a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School, and was a lifelong educator. She lived a life full of love, compassion, meaning and purpose.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of one of the three Bristol high schools*
- *Must be pursuing post-secondary education at a four-year college or university with a major in education or related education pathway*
- *There is a preference for students pursuing elementary education, special education or those pursuing a career as a school psychologist*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Community involvement*
- *Financial need will be taken into consideration*
- *Evidence of good character and citizenship*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor.

**Essay Requirement:** Describe your passion for a career in education or a related education pathway.

**Evan J. Chyun Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$8,800**

This scholarship fund was established in 2022 and honors the memory of Evan J. Chyun who passed away four days before his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 29, 2022 following a tragic automobile accident. Evan was a passionate advocate for social justice especially racial and gender equality. A champion for people often ignored or mistreated by the system, he worked as a public defender striving to make the world a better place for all.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating high school senior or graduate of Bristol Eastern High School; or adult learners who graduated from Bristol Eastern High School and are returning to school*
- *Pursuing undergraduate education at a two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Academic achievement is considered*
- *Financial need is considered*
- *Community service*
- *Involvement in school activities*
- *Leadership qualities are considered*
- *Ability to overcome challenges/obstacles is considered*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation, both of which must be from teachers.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**Conn Acoustics Scholarship Fund****up to \$5,000 per award recipient**

This scholarship was established in 2006 by company President Peter LeBlanc to assist employees with post-secondary education costs for their children.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Must be a child or grandchild of a Conn Acoustics employee. For the purposes of this scholarship, company employment will be defined as anyone employed by Conn Acoustics for at least three years and is employed by them at the time of the application deadline*
- *Be enrolled or about to enroll in some form of post-secondary education including technical education*
- *Must be hardworking and can demonstrate their drive and motivation to succeed*
- *Not automatically renewable but recipients may reapply each year if they continue to meet the criteria*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement to tell us about yourself, the personal qualities you value, your future goals in life and how you would use this scholarship.

**Rit Croce Academic and Vocational Scholarship****\$1,000**

This scholarship was established in 2014 by the family and friends of Rit Croce to honor his life and his commitment to local students.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Either an adult returning to school, or a graduating senior pursuing post secondary education at a vocational school or a two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Preference will be given primarily to adult learners, or those pursuing a trade or major in education*
- *Financial need*
- *Evidence of good moral character and the ability to deal with challenges/obstacles in life*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation, which must be from a coach, teacher, employer, etc. who knows you well.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and any special circumstances that you feel demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

**Jeffrey Downes Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Trades****\$800**

Established in 2015, this scholarship fund honors the memory of Jeffrey Downes who passed away in 2015 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Applicants must be seeking qualified skilled training as a commercial driver or other skilled trade. Qualified training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education trade schools, other career training program with a focus on a skilled trade area (i.e. CDL, electrician, plumber, HVAC, precision machining, automotive technology, welding and metal fabrication, etc.)*
- *Preference to applicants seeking a commercial driver license (CDL)*
- *May not be at the top of the class academically but maintain a minimum of a C average*
- *Preference for applicants that do not qualify for financial assistance from other sources*
- *Must demonstrate a passion for their chosen profession*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirements (no more than a paragraph each):**

- Describe your passion for your chosen profession and how you plan to use your training to accomplish your career goals.
- What does philanthropy mean to you and how do you plan to “pay it forward” in the future?

**Joann Galati Scholarship Fund for Education****\$1,030**

Joann Galati, a Southington resident who spent 35 years in education, established this fund in 2019 to continue her love of working with children and young adults and celebrate her joy of teaching. This scholarship will give students the opportunity to pursue a career in the field of education.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a four-year college or university with a major in education*
- *Have reasonable grades, not necessarily the top of the class*
- *Financial need*
- *Involvement in extracurricular activities including community related, school related and/or employment*
- *Outstanding character and citizenship*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirements:**

- Submit a copy of your college essay.
- Write a brief statement on why you have chosen to enter into the field of education.

**GE's Industrial Solutions Scholarship Fund****up to \$3,980**

This scholarship was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2015 by GE's Industrial Solutions in Plainville. Since that time, GE's Industrial Solutions was acquired by ABB Industrial Solutions and subsequently relocated to Bloomfield, CT. Scholarships will be awarded annually to eligible dependents of ABB Electrification's North America Product Development Center in Bloomfield, CT.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Must be a dependent of an ABB Electrification's North America Product Development Center employee*
- *Graduating seniors or students currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year college*
- *Financial need*
- *Leadership qualities*
- *Community service*
- *Must have a least a 2.75 GPA*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter that addresses the applicant's character, potential for success and leadership qualities.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a 500 word essay that discusses your goals for the future.

**Andrew and Murielle Giacomini Scholarship Fund****\$1,020**

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Murielle Giacomini after her untimely death in 2003. Murielle was a lifelong Bristol resident with a great love for life and strong professional commitment to helping young women in need. In 2009, the name was changed to also honor the memory of Murielle's husband, Andrew Giacomini.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Woman who is a graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central High School*
- *Preference to those who played softball in high school*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation, with at least one being from a teacher.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**Jake Gilbert Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship Fund****\$5,000**

This scholarship was established by the Robert Rosenheim Foundation in 2022 to honor the memory of Jake Gilbert, a Burlington resident who was diagnosed in 2019 with a rare, aggressive soft tissue sarcoma and passed away on October 21, 2022 at the young age of 24. Jake studied Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, and this scholarship not only honors his legacy but will help inspire other culinary students who have the same passion that Jake had for food.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating seniors or current college students who reside in or attend/attended high school in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education in the field of culinary arts; students can be pursuing a certificate, an associate degree or a bachelor's degree*
- *Must demonstrate a passion for culinary arts, including culinary background and prior experience*
- *Financial Need will be considered*
- *Academic achievement will be considered*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Write an essay addressing why you have chosen to pursue culinary arts.

**KAWFY Memorial Scholarship Fund****up to \$9,780**

This scholarship was established in 2019 through a bequest by an anonymous donor who wanted to help Southington residents achieve their educational and career dreams.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Southington who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled college student or adult returning to school*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a vocational school, two-year or four-year college or university*
- *Preference for students who have a career interest in becoming an author*
- *Financial Need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Submit a copy of your college essay or write a brief personal statement on how this scholarship will help further your career goals.

**Sean Landry Memorial Basketball Scholarship Fund****\$770**

This scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Sean by his family and friends.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Terryville High School*
- *Students must have been a member of the boys or girls basketball team for at least one year during their time in high school; preference will be given to students who have played on the high school basketball team for four years*
- *Must be pursuing post-secondary education at a two-year or four-year college or university or at a technical/vocational school on a full-time basis*
- *Must be involved in the community through athletics and/or extracurricular activities*
- *Must have received some type of award for their athletic achievements*
- *Not automatically renewable but students may reapply each year*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the coach of a team that you have played on and one of which must be from a teacher or employer.

**Essay Requirement:** On the sports team(s) you are a part of, do you consider yourself a team player and why?

**Leger Initiative for Education Fund****\$690**

This scholarship was established in 2005 by the Leger Family to assist women with completing their education. The family recognizes the special challenges faced by women in the work place and the importance of achieving higher education in order to make a better life for themselves.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Woman who is a resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott, with a preference for Bristol residents*
- *Must be a non-traditional student, which can include either 1) a student furthering their education at a vocational school, or 2) a student who took a period of time off before continuing their education and is now attending a two-year or four-year college*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay explaining your goals and any special circumstances that you feel would demonstrate your need for this scholarship.

**Dave Lepore Journalism Scholarship Fund****\$1,350**

This scholarship was established in 2003 to honor the memory of Dave Lepore, who died at age 41. In addition to being a strong supporter of Bristol, Dave was a poet, playwright, novelist, and award-winning journalist. A protégé of Bart Barnes, Dave was a feature writer and columnist for the *Bristol Press*, publisher of the *Lepore Report* and *The Citizen* and co-publisher and co-editor of the independent weekly newspaper *Bristol Today*. Dave was a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School and attended Boston University's School of Journalism.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol*
- *Must be pursuing studies in the field of journalism, which includes broadcast journalism, multimedia journalism, photo journalism and print journalism*
- *Community involvement*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, with at least one that addresses the applicant's interest in journalism.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a 500-word essay that addresses the concept of "hometown".

**Elizabeth I. and Louis J. Matt Medical Scholarship Fund****up to \$8,090**

This fund was established in 2007 by Elizabeth Matt, a retired nurse, for students who wish to pursue some type of education in the medical field.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Commitment, interest and passion for some area of the clinical medical profession, with a preference for nursing*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a teacher.

***Essay Requirement:*** What is it about your chosen medical profession that interests you the most?

**Al and Joan Monico Scholarship Fund****up to \$2,670**

This fund was established in 2013 through a bequest from Al Monico. Al's desire was to establish a named scholarship in recognition of both him and his wife Joan. They were longtime Bristol residents.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol*
- *Financial need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay requirement:*** Write a brief statement that demonstrates your financial need for this scholarship.

**NESMA Scholarship Fund Award 2****\$2,500**

In March 2010, the New England Spring and Metalstamping Association established a fund to assist students pursuing post-secondary education.

***Award #2 to a graduating senior, currently enrolled student or student returning to school who is a child or grandchild of an employee or owner of a NESMA member company in good standing***

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Pursuing post secondary education*
- *Community Service*
- *Financial need is considered*
- *Evidence of outstanding leadership qualities*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation which demonstrates work ethic in employment, academics or school/community activities. This can be from a coach, employer, teacher or someone else who knows you well.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay addressing your desire to enter your chosen field and state your career goals. Limit your thoughts to no more than one page.

**AJR Nocera Memorial Fund – College Student****\$1,000**

This scholarship was started in 2007 by family and friends to honor the memory of Andrew (AJ) and David (Junior) Nocera.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Current college student or adult returning to school who is a resident of Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Must have at least a B average*
- *Involvement in school/community*
- *Must have dealt with challenges/obstacles in their efforts to achieve their goals*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a short essay stating three of your goals and how you will use your knowledge and creativity to achieve them.

**Dorothy Dewey Picard Music Scholarship Fund****\$810**

Dorothy Dewey Picard was a graduate of The Julliard School and was a well-known area music instructor for 64 years. In addition, she played in many area orchestras and was a founding member of the Bristol Symphony Orchestra. Upon her death in 1999, her daughter, Marcia White, established this scholarship to honor her mother's lifelong love of music.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Open to a high school student or individual from the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott*
- *Students must be pursuing some form of post secondary or special educational opportunity in the music field, including music studies and/or music education*
- *Preference for students interested in starting or continuing careers in the classical music field*
- *Financial need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a person in the music field with whom you have recently studied.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief essay explaining what your involvement is in classical music as well as your future plans and goals.

**Alice C. Pulsifer Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$470**

This scholarship was established in 1985 in memory of Alice C. Pulsifer, a highly regarded English teacher in the Bristol Public School system for 40 years. She retired in 1962 after serving as head of the English Departments of both Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central High Schools.

**Eligibility requirement:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or St. Paul Catholic High School, with preference for a graduating senior from one of the three high schools*
- *Must have a specific interest in English, Journalism or related studies*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Evidence of service to school and community*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement discussing your specific interest and plans in pursuing English, journalism or related studies.

**Max and Ruth Rabin Scholarship Fund****\$450**

This fund was established with a gift from Ruth Rabin and children Shaye and Paul in recognition of Max Rabin's contributions to the Bristol business community.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Residents of Bristol*
- *Must be pursuing post-secondary education in business administration*
- *Must have at least a "B" average*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay describing your long and short-term goals

**Jeanne Radcliff Fund for Global Studies****up to \$5,775**

This scholarship was established in 2024 by longtime Bristol resident Jeanne Radcliff. Jeanne is a world traveler who found joy and knowledge in exploring other countries and their cultures. When she was in college, she studied for a year in Spain and found it to be a truly transformative experience that shaped her life in countless ways. This fund will assist students who wish to have a similar experience and want to participate in study outside of the United States.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *In the process of applying to, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad program in the upcoming academic year through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States*
- *Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing; must have at least one year of classes toward a degree completed by the time their study abroad program begins*
- *Proof of study abroad program acceptance is required prior to award disbursement, and the award will only be applied to the semester(s) that the student is studying abroad*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:**

Why are you interested in studying abroad in general and in your chosen location specifically, and what do you hope to take away from the study abroad experience and how will you bring those lessons back home?



**Douglas Roland Aid for the Trades Scholarship Fund****up to \$9,980**

This scholarship was established in 2009 by the parents of Douglas Roland to honor his memory.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Applicants must possess a high school diploma or a GED certificate and be residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Financial need*
- *Be seeking career training in an occupation (e.g. certificate programs, skilled trades, allied health, etc.)*
- *Applicants must be entering a training program that does not exceed two years*
- *Students pursuing a four-year college degree are not eligible*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief personal statement of how this scholarship will help give you a "step up" to become more self-sustaining and how you will financially contribute to your career training.

**Lawrence (Larry) Scelza Memorial Scholarship Fund****\$810**

This scholarship fund was established in 2010 by Heidi DellaBianca to honor her late husband's wish to encourage people working at least part-time to pursue post secondary education.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Farmington High School*
- *Preference given to applicants who are currently employed in at least a part-time job*
- *Preference given to employees or children of employees at the Stop & Shop in Unionville, CT. The employee must have at least six months of continuous employment, in good standing, at the Stop & Shop.*
- *Enrolled in post secondary education at either a two-year, four-year or technical school*
- *Have demonstrated financial need*
- *Proof of minimum GPA of 75; C letter grade*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay explaining why you are applying for this particular scholarship.

**Glo Sessions Fund for Art Education****\$870**

This fund was established in 2012 through a bequest from Glo Sessions, a well-known local artist and former Bristol resident.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled college student or a returning student*
- *Post secondary education to pursue a visual arts career, such as painting, drawing, printmaking, illustrator, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design or similar careers*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Attach two pictures of your artwork and write a brief description of your career goals.

**Jill Lynne Shackett Educational Scholarship Fund****3 @ \$2,000**

This fund was established in 2013 in memory of Jill Lynne Shackett, a beloved teacher at South Side School in Bristol who passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 35.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of one of the three Bristol high schools, with a preference given to students who attended South Side School or Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education at a four-year college or university with a major in education*
- *Passion for teaching and the desire to become an elementary or secondary education teacher*
- *Financial need will be taken into consideration but is not a priority*
- *Evidence of leadership along with good character and citizenship*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Describe your passion for teaching and your desire to become an elementary or secondary education teacher.

**Southington Observer/StepSaver Scholarship Fund****\$510**

This scholarship was established in 2005 by the management of the Southington StepSaver. As a result of the merger between the StepSaver and the Southington Observer, subscribers of the Observer were given the option of receiving a refund or using the balance to establish this community scholarship.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Southington interested in pursuing their education at a two-year or four-year college*
- *Must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average*
- *Volunteer/community involvement*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief essay on what you think the role a newspaper should play in their local community.

**Swicklas Family Scholarship Fund****\$2,000**

The Swicklas Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2022 by lifelong Plymouth resident John Swicklas to honor his family while continuing his love of teaching. John is a former Plymouth teacher, having taught sixth grade and retiring in 2001; he was also a coach of basketball and baseball. This scholarship will give students the opportunity to pursue a career in the field of education.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Resident of Plymouth who is a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student
- Pursuing post-secondary education with a major in education
- Financial need
- Community involvement

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** No essay required.

**Jay & Elizabeth Tyrrell Scholarship Fund****up to \$4,250**

This scholarship was established in 2011 as the result of a bequest from Elizabeth Tyrrell to honor her husband Jay and benefit students from Bristol.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol and/or graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern or St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Pursuing post secondary education in the area of visual arts, such as painting, drawing, printmaking, illustrator, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design or similar career areas*
- *Financial need*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** Attach two pictures of your artwork and write a brief description of your career goals.

**John Whitcomb Scholarship Fund****\$750**

This scholarship was established in January 2001 by Mr. Whitcomb's wife and children to honor his dedication to a lifetime in the teaching profession, as well as his deep concern for all of his students and his belief in the value and self worth of each individual.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Graduating senior or graduate of Bristol Eastern High School*
- *Interest in pursuing studies in the area of social studies (i.e. history, government, sociology) and/or education*
- *Special consideration to students with potential who may be struggling to overcome difficulties and who may lack support systems*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation, with at least one from a teacher or other person who can attest to the reasons you should receive this scholarship.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement about your reasons for choosing the field of social studies/education along with your personal attributes, as well as ideas you would bring to the field. Include any special personal circumstances or difficulties you have had to deal with and overcome to get to this point.

**Eva Brodowicz Wickwire Volunteer Scholarship Fund****\$620**

This scholarship was established in 2015 by the many friends of Eva Brodowicz Wickwire to honor her memory and all that she stood for. Before she passed away in April 2015 at the age of 53, Eva was the Chief Development Officer at Bristol Hospital where she was closely involved with the volunteers.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Graduating senior or student currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year college who is pursuing a career in the health care field*
- *Demonstrated commitment to volunteering in a health care facility*
- *Preference to students who have current or past volunteer service at Bristol Hospital*

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** One letter of recommendation which must be from someone who can testify to the student's commitment to volunteering in a health care facility.

**Essay Requirement:** Write a brief statement describing how your volunteer activities impacted your choice to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

**Wolcott Crossroads Pass It On Scholarship Fund****\$1,000**

Wolcott Crossroads is a nonprofit organization that was established to address the use of drugs and alcohol among members of the Wolcott community. The all-volunteer organization consists of caring and concerned people dedicated to providing awareness, information, prevention, resources, and support to individuals and families from the Wolcott area. This scholarship will assist residents of Wolcott pursuing post-secondary education.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Resident Wolcott
- Pursuing post-secondary education at a technical/vocational school or a community, state, or private college or university
- Pursuing studies in one of the following areas: health and wellness, mental health, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, social work, psychology, counseling, or other related areas
- Academic achievement is considered
- Financial need is considered
- Must exhibit leadership potential related to the mission of Wolcott Crossroads
- Must serve as a positive role model to their peers
- Preference for past recipients of this scholarship; past recipients may reapply up to three additional years after initial award

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** No letters of recommendation required.

**Essay Requirement:** Write an essay explaining what the Wolcott Crossroads mission means to you as well as a statement describing your future goals. View the Wolcott Crossroads website and mission here: [www.wolcottcrossroadsinc.com](http://www.wolcottcrossroadsinc.com)

**Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Fund****up to \$3,000 per award recipient**

This scholarship was established in 2005 by the management and employees of Yarde Metals, Inc. to benefit the children of employees.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be the dependent of a Yarde Metals, Inc. employee
- Employees must be active associates in good standing at the company and have a minimum of two years service. Employee may also be the legal guardian of the applicant.
- Must be attending or planning to attend a two-year or four-year year college or a program in a vocational or technical field.
- Some preference will be given to the children of employees who have lost a parent and if the parent was an employee they must have had a minimum of two years of service and was actively employed and in good standing with the company at the time of their death.
- Preference to students that have not previously received this scholarship
- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Proven desire to further one's education
- Involvement in community service

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation.

**Essay Requirement:** What person has had the greatest influence on your life and in what way?

### **The Craig Yarde Scholarship Fund**

**\$5,000**

This scholarship fund was established to honor the memory of Craig Yarde, the co-founder of Yarde Metals, Inc., which started in Bristol, Connecticut in 1976. Craig personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self-achievement; he believed in hard work and core values that improved personal outcome and impact on others. This scholarship is created for those who embody these characteristics.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Bristol*
- *Pursuing post-secondary education*
- *Community and/or school involvement*
- *Commitment to and evidence of good work ethic*
- *Good moral character*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** No letters of recommendation required.

***Essay Requirement:*** Choose one of the following:

- Write a brief essay on your ability, experience and/or desire to create positive change for your family, school and/or community; how that has influenced your goals; and how furthering your education will help you achieve your goals.
- Write a brief essay on what family and core values have been instrumental in your life, and what they mean to you; also discuss how they have influenced your goals and how furthering your education will help you achieve those goals.

## College Students and Adult Learners

The following scholarships utilize an online application. To apply for a scholarship listed below, visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](http://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship).

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### **Peg Coughlin Nursing Scholarship Fund**

**\$1,190**

This scholarship was established in 2000 by the family of Peg Coughlin to honor her lifelong commitment to nursing.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Must live and/or work in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *For individuals who are returning to school to complete their nursing studies (current college student or adult learner) with preference to individuals with an interest in emergency room or hospice care*
- *Not automatically renewable but recipients may reapply if they continue to meet the criteria*
- *Financial need*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** Two letters of recommendation.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write a brief essay explaining where you are in your nursing career, what your future educational goals are and how you plan to use this education in the care of patients.

### **Richard A. DellaVecchia Scholarship Fund**

**up to \$2,770**

This scholarship was first established by the parents of Southington resident Richard Anthony DellaVecchia after his untimely death in a 1989 traffic accident. It was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2002.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Resident of Southington*
- *Currently enrolled at least part time in a two-year or four-year college with at least one year of classes toward a nursing degree completed*
- *Must demonstrate a passion for nursing*
- *Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale*
- *Must demonstrate financial need*
- *Evidence of good character and citizenship*
- *Recipients may reapply each year if they continue to meet the criteria*

***Letter of Recommendation Requirement:*** One letter of recommendation, which must be from someone who is familiar with your interest in and commitment to nursing, such as a professor or supervisor.

***Essay Requirement:*** Write an essay explaining why you feel you would be a good nurse.

**Julie A. Roche Nursing Scholarship Fund****\$600**

Established in 2014, this Fund honors the memory of Julie A. Roche who passed away in December 2013 after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Julie became a nurse in 1987 and spent her 26-year nursing career at Bristol Hospital.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott
- Currently enrolled at least part time in a two-year or four-year college with at least one year of classes toward a nursing degree completed
- Must demonstrate a passion for nursing
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Evidence of good character and citizenship
- Recipients may reapply each year if they continue to meet the criteria

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from someone who knows you well and can speak on your passion for nursing. One letter of recommendation must be from someone who is familiar with your interest in and commitment to nursing, such as a professor or supervisor.

**Essay Requirement:** Write an essay explaining why you feel you would be a good nurse.

**Pat & Bob Wollenberg Scholarship Fund for Special Education****2 @ \$2,500**

This scholarship was established in 2018 by Bob and Pat Wollenberg to assist students pursuing a career in Special Education.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- A student who has graduated from Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern or St. Paul Catholic High School
- Must have completed at least one year of college and be pursuing a bachelor's degree in a declared major of Special Education or be pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education.
- Must demonstrate community service and leadership qualities
- Has overcome a challenge or obstacle in an effort to achieve goals

**Letter of Recommendation Requirement:** Two letters of recommendation one from a teacher or administrator and one from a college advisor

**Essay Requirement:** Explain why you have chosen a career working with special needs students.

*Find more information on Main Street Community Foundation's scholarships program, including FAQs, and other local and national scholarship opportunities at [mainstreetfoundation.org/scholarships](http://mainstreetfoundation.org/scholarships).*

# Elementary and Secondary Private School Students

The following scholarships utilize an online application. To apply for a scholarship listed below, visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship).

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## **BJT Scholarship Fund**

**up to \$5,000**

The BJT Scholarship Fund was established in 2024 to support the families who are parishioners in good standing at Our Lady of Mercy Church (OLMC) in Plainville, CT to assist with the costs of Catholic education at an elementary, middle or high school located in CT.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Parishioner in good standing at Our Lady of Mercy Church (OLMC) in Plainville, CT*
- *Enrolled or planning to enroll in a Catholic elementary, middle or high school located in CT that is accredited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)*

## **Keating-Monaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**TBD**

This scholarship was established in 2008 by a bequest from Mark Keating, a former student at St. Joseph School in Bristol.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Students attending or planning to attend St. Joseph School in Bristol*
- *Financial need*
- *Evidence of involvement in church, school or community by the student and the family*

## **Lena M. and Peter L. Korotie Scholarship Fund**

**\$440**

This scholarship was established in 1997 by local residents Peter and Lena Korotie. Born and raised in Bristol, they spent their 50 plus years of marriage pursuing the values of home, family and hard work. This scholarship emanates from their growing desire to do something special to help children in Bristol.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Students attending or planning to attend St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Service to school and community*
- *Financial need*
- *Preference to students who show a special interest in math and science*

## **Malerbo Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**TBD**

This fund was established through a bequest in 2005 by Harold Malerbo.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Residents of Bristol that are attending or planning to attend St. Paul Catholic High School*
- *Academic achievement*
- *Financial need*
- *Evidence of leadership in school and community*

## **Saint Matthew School Scholarship Fund**

**\$770**

This fund was established in 2000 to assist families who have children wishing to attend, or remain at Saint Matthew School in Bristol, CT and are in financial need.



## Special Programs

The following scholarship utilizes an online application. To apply for a scholarship listed below, visit [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarship).

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<b>Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder Music Camp Scholarship Fund</b>
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<b>full camp tuition</b>
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Established in 2014, this scholarship fund honors Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder. Louise and her husband Bob have enriched the lives of thousands of students and music lovers through the Bristol String Orchestra and their former business, Fiddlin' Around, which was located in Bristol. The scholarship is to support attendance at a one-week camp experience at Laurel Music Camp.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

- *Music students – instrumental or vocal - currently in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who wish to attend a one-week camp experience at Laurel Music Camp*
- *Resident of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott*
- *Student must demonstrate a passion for music, whether it is instrumental or vocal*
- *Preference will be given to students who play a string instrument*

**Due Date: April 24, 2026.**



### **About Main Street Community Foundation**

Main Street Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for both present and future generations in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. This is accomplished by encouraging and promoting gift planning, prudent stewardship of assets, effective grantmaking and community leadership. A nonprofit public charity, created by private citizens, the Foundation works with local donors who wish to build permanent charitable endowments to support the causes they care about in their communities.

Since its founding in 1995, MSCF has awarded \$3.8 million in scholarships and an additional \$29.2 million in grants.

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