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Main Street Community Foundation awards more than \$432,000 in scholarships to 186 students

This year, the scholarship program is helping 186 Connecticut students pursue their college, career and academic goals by awarding nearly half-a-million dollars.



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BRISTOL, Conn. — The Main Street Community Foundation is helping students from across [Hartford County](#) take the next step in their educational journeys.

The public charity and philanthropic organization headquartered in Bristol announced this week that it has awarded \$423,543 in scholarships to 186 recipients through its 2026 scholarships program.



The scholarships, funded through 100 individual scholarship funds, support students at every stage of their academic careers.

Recipients include elementary and secondary school students, graduating high school seniors, current college students and individuals enrolled in career and skilled trades training programs.

This year's scholarship recipients are pursuing careers in a wide range of fields including healthcare, business, criminal justice, journalism, education, engineering, visual arts and the skilled trades. Foundation officials say the awards are made possible through donors who are passionate about expanding educational opportunities and investing in the future of students throughout the region.

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Each scholarship fund represents a unique story and legacy established by individuals, families, businesses or organizations committed to supporting education. Those funds primarily benefit students from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Helping recipients pursue their academic and career aspirations while honoring the vision of the donors who created the scholarships.

Most of the awards were presented during the Main Street Community Foundation's annual scholarship reception on June 23 at the Double Tree Hilton in Bristol. More than 200 families and community members attended the event, which celebrated student achievement while recognizing the generosity of those who make the scholarship programs possible.

The foundation encourages community members interested in supporting future students to contribute to one of its scholarship funds. A complete list of the 2026 scholarship recipients can be found [here](#), and additional information about the scholarship program is available on the foundation's [website](#).

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