



2009 Student Scholarship Guidelines & Application Form

Description: West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Student Scholarship

In support of business and the community, the West Hartford Chamber will recognize one outstanding high school senior each year with the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce Student Scholarship. The Scholarship is unique in that it is specifically for students who choose to attend a career or technical school, two-year college or other certification program leading to professional advancement. It is hoped that this award will help career-oriented students achieve their work goals and enrich the area workforce with their skills and talents.

Amount

\$2,000 pending acceptance in chosen school or training program.

Eligibility

For the academic year 2008-2009, students must be graduating seniors from either Hall or Conard High Schools in West Hartford whose post-secondary school plans involve career or technical training.

Eligible students may have participated in (but are not limited to) these programs: Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology Education, the School-to-Career Program, the REACH and the STRIVE programs.

Application process

Students are required to complete the Chamber Scholarship Application Form and submit:

- a) A brief essay describing your career objective and your reasons for selecting this career; the people, courses or experiences helping you make that choice, and the reasons why this scholarship will be especially meaningful to you.
- b) One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher.
- c) One (1) letter of recommendation from a school counselor.
- d) One name with contact information as a reference.

Timeline

- **April 1:** Application form will be e-mailed to Bob Segee, Department Supervisor, School Counseling, West Hartford Public Schools bob_segee@whps.org (cc: to Pat Drago, Co-Chair of the Chamber Education Committee pat_drago@whps.org)
- **April 24:** Deadline for application packets (application form with letters and references) to be received at the Chamber office.

Send to:

2009 Student Scholarship
West Hartford Chamber of Commerce
948 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107

- **April 30:** Chamber will inform West Hartford Public Schools of the scholarship winner.
- Scholarship will be awarded in the WHPS spring awards ceremony.



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STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ / _____

Address: Street/City

State, ZIP

CONTACT #: _____ / _____

Preferred Phone #

e-mail (optional)

5-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **STUDENT ESSAY:** In 300-500 words, describe your career objective and your reasons for selecting this career; the people, courses or experiences helping you make that choice, and the reasons why this scholarship will be especially meaningful to you.

*(You may write your essay on the back of this page,
or on a separate sheet and staple it to this application form.)*

2. **TEACHER REFERENCE LETTER** *(Attach the teacher's letter to your application.)*

Teacher _____ / _____

Name (Please print)

Phone #

3. **SCHOOL COUNSELOR LETTER** *(Attach the counselor's letter to your application.)*

Counselor _____ / _____

Name (Please print)

Phone #

4. **REFERENCE PERSON** *(Name, phone and addresses are required.)*

Reference: _____ / _____

Name (Please print)

Phone #

_____ / _____
Address: Street

City, State, ZIP

5. **DEADLINE IS APRIL 24, 2009:** *Complete this application fully and return it with your essay and references to the Chamber by April 24.*