



2025

Weller Education Scholarship

The Weller Foundation, Incorporated

Overview

This **\$7,000 scholarship** aims to recognize and financially assist a student upon graduation who has chosen a course of study leading to a degree in teaching in a public or private elementary or secondary school.

Award

Qualified applicants from the five (5) eligible high schools shall compete for one (1) scholarship of \$7,000. Payment will be made for the recipient's benefit in two (2) equal installments of \$3,500, paid directly to the institution providing the education program. Payments are contingent upon the recipient's continued pursuit of a degree in education. The initial scholarship payment will be issued once the Foundation receives a copy of the recipient's tuition bill. For the subsequent scholarship payment in the following academic year, proof of continued enrollment and verification of a 3.1 GPA (official transcript) are required.

A minimum of three (3) qualified applicants will ensure the award's granting. If there are fewer than three (3) qualified applicants, the award will be granted at the judges' discretion.

If the applicant pool exceeds ten (10) qualified applicants, the trustees will identify finalists at their discretion. The finalists will be selected based on their cumulative academic performance, demonstration of extracurricular effort in the education field, and essay.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be seniors who are full-time students at Joel Barlow, Masuk, Newtown, Shelton, or Trumbull High Schools. Applicants must remain full-time students for the entire academic year.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents. The award recipient must attend an undergraduate degree program in the United States.
- Applicants must be accepted and subsequently enrolled at a four-year, fully accredited college or university majoring in elementary or secondary education.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 during the first three (3) cumulative years of high school and a minimum SAT score of 1160 or an ACT score of 22.
- Applicants must not be related to a Weller Foundation Trustee.
- The applicant's sole responsibility (and not the Weller Foundation and/or its judges) is to ensure that the college program requirements for the education major are adhered to and that the college program qualifies for this scholarship.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to adhere to this scholarship program's rules.

Requirements

- **Please complete the application form, submit a resume (including a list of hours**

worked within the field of study), and include all other required attachments by the application deadline, **February 26, 2025**.

- An essay, 500 to 700 words in length, written by the applicant, must be submitted with the application. The essay must be typed, and the word count must be recorded at the end of the essay. Essays that are not within the specified range of words may be disqualified. The essay shall be entitled “Why I Have Chosen A Career in Education.” The essay must focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant’s secondary educational experiences, including specific examples, anecdotes, and suggestions for change.
- An official copy of the student’s high school transcript must be attached to the application. The student’s GPA, SAT, and/or ACT scores must be indicated on the transcript or official documentation.
- Three character references (one from a classroom teacher, a guidance counselor, and another from another adult) must be written, signed, and attached to the application.
- Those who have submitted acceptable applications must attend an interview with the judges centering around the applicant’s educational views. The interview will take place on **Monday, March 17, 2025**. The time and place for the interview will be announced.

Applications

Students should submit their application to their school representative/Weller Liaison for approval

and signature. **The Foundation must receive applications by February 26, 2025.**

- To receive this scholarship, the recipient must attend the Interview Session on **Monday, March 17, 2025**, and be enrolled in an education program in the fall following the scholarship award date.

Judging

- A committee of the Foundation’s Trustees will rule on eligibility and judge the award recipients. The committee’s selection of the award recipient shall be final.
- The award recipient will be chosen based on the applicant’s ability to demonstrate a commitment to the education field as a career and his/her potential success as an elementary or secondary school teacher. The following will assist the judges in choosing an award recipient:
 - Academic record
 - Documented evidence of dedication to the field of education (for example, peer tutoring, teaching internships)
 - Substance and quality of the essay
 - Applicant’s interview with the judges
- **The award recipient will be notified by telephone on March 17, 2025.**
- Financial need is not a factor in determining the award recipient.

The Trustees reserve the right to exercise their discretion on all matters.

2025 APPLICATION FORM

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Submission deadline: February 26, 2025

Complete the application using this fillable pdf form. Save and print your completed application to submit to your school representative.

(Please TYPE or PRINT all data in black ink.)

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian (2) Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ High School: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Class of _____

Intended Educational Career: _____

List the colleges and universities to which you have applied for admission.

College	Accepted/Applied	Address	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

My Intended Major: _____

Degree Upon Completion: _____

Have you participated in any teaching internship activity? Please specify below and attach documentation.

Have you participated in any school-related peer tutoring activity? Please specify below and attach documentation.

List extracurricular activities. Please feel free to attach a resume. For jobs or volunteer work, indicate hours/days worked. Attach letters from organizations verifying involvement.

The application must include the items listed below. Any omission will automatically disqualify the applicant.

1. The current high school transcript indicating your grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 or a class rank in the top 20% at the end of Grade 11 of high school and official documentation indicating a minimum SAT score of 1160 and/or an ACT score of 22.
2. A 500-700 word typed essay, "Why I Have Chosen A Career In Education." The essay must focus on the strengths and weaknesses of your secondary educational experiences, including specific examples, anecdotes, and suggestions for change.
3. Three character references: one classroom teacher, one guidance counselor, and one other adult.
4. A copy of your resume.

If applicable, you are encouraged to submit evidence of teaching experience, including duties and duration, and the supervisor's verification.

Signed State of Eligibility:

I have read the program's criteria and have met the eligibility requirements. I confirm that the above and attached information is true and that I am not related to a Trustee of The Weller Foundation, Incorporated.

Student Signature *Date*

RECEIVED BY SCHOOL REP: _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____

Attachment Checklist:

- ___ 500-700 Word Essay (word count must be included at the end of the essay)
- ___ Official Transcript with GPA indicated
- ___ Official documentation with SAT and/or ACT scores
- ___ Three Character References
- ___ Copy of Resume
- ___ Verification of Work Experience (attach a signed letter from the organization)