

## Scholarship Rules

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## Previous Recipients

**2026** | Krishiv Patel - Shelton High School

*“Pre-Fall Prediction: Anomaly Detection Approach Using IMU Data.”*

**2025** | Shane John - Trumbull High School, Springfield University

*“Anterior Cruciate Ligament Repair: Biomaterial Approach Using Mussel Byssal Threads.”*

**2024** | Samuel DiVasto - Trumbull High School, UMass Lowell

*“Magnetohydrodynamics Salt Water Generator: Using magnetohydrodynamics to extract energy from flowing saltwater”*

**2023** | Sofia Nwosu - Masuk High School, Cornell University

*“Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Tear Prevention in Young Athletes”*

**2022** | Samuel Staubly - Newtown High School, Rochester Institute of Technology

*“A Program and System for Accurately Aligning an Astrophotography Mount to a Camera”*

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## About The Weller Foundation, Incorporated

The Weller Foundation, Incorporated is a non-profit organization established in 1962 to provide financial assistance to educational, charitable, and civic organizations. The Foundation’s primary objective is to stimulate more responsible individual contributions to our community. Currently, eleven award programs are active.

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The Weller  
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The Barton L.  
Weller  
Scholarship

2026-2027

An independent research scholarship for high school seniors excelling in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math)

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**The Weller Foundation, Incorporated provides a \$22,000 scholarship to one student based on an innovative independent research or study project.**

### What is required?

Participants are required to complete a five month, original independent research study or project. The 2027 Barton L. Weller scholar will be selected by a panel of judges based on the submitted project.

### What topics can you pursue?

Any topic – from art to behavior science to computers to zithers – providing it involves independent study or a creative endeavor.



### Who is eligible to participate?

Any senior-year student at Joel Barlow, Masuk, Newtown, Shelton or Trumbull High School on a full-time basis during the entire 2026-2027 academic year. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents. The award recipient must attend a four-year undergraduate degree program in the United States.

### How to apply?

Interested students should submit a two to four page proposal detailing the topic and goals of their independent research study/project. To submit the proposal the use the [Project Proposal Template](#) and complete the [Student Cover Page](#).

Proposals must be received by

**October 1, 2026**

Students should submit their application to their school representative/Weller Liaison for approval and signature. The Liaison will email the completed application to the Foundation to [bwellerfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bwellerfoundation@gmail.com).

### If you're selected as a finalist ...

Up to five finalists will be selected from all entries and will be notified by email.

Selected candidates will receive \$200 to help defray expenses and will have from **October 15, 2026** until **March 4, 2027** to submit your final project.

### When will the scholarship be presented?

The finalists, who have successfully completed and submitted their projects on time, will be eligible to receive \$500 for completion and timely submission of their projects. At that time, the \$22,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student whose project is judged to be the best.

### PROJECT CALENDAR

May 22, 2026	Scholarship announced
May 22 – Oct. 1, 2026	Student proposal formulation
Oct. 1, 2026	Proposal due for evaluation
Oct. 15, 2026	Finalists announced
Oct. 15 – Mar. 4, 2027	Finalists' project development period
Nov. 4, 2026	Expense check awarded to finalists
Jan. 7, 2027	Mid-project review
Mar. 4, 2027	Project submissions due
Mar. 17, 2027	Interview with judges
Mar. 17, 2027	Scholarship announced