

# **West Seneca East Senior High School**

## **Scholarship Booklet**



This booklet contains scholarship information for scholarships specifically offered to West Seneca East Senior High students, as well as, local scholarship information.

**Please note that East Senior specific scholarships are**  
**due by 2:00 p.m. on March 29, 2023**

**This scholarship book can be found online at:**

<https://www.wscschools.org/Page/23813>

\*Fillable applications are available here\*

### **Scholarship Websites**

Take the time to familiarize yourself with these sites and check them often!

Scholarship information is updated frequently and there are always new additions.

- <https://www.wnyschoolcounselor.org/content.100051.scholarships>
- [www.fastweb.com/](http://www.fastweb.com/)
- <http://www.wnycollegeconnection.com/additional-scholarship-websites>
- <https://studentscholarships.org/2023scholarships.php#sthash.y218fLkf.dpbs>

## **Scholarship Application Tips**

### **1. Make the effort**

The truth is many scholarships require essays. These essays are often short, concise, and easy to write. Yet, every year millions of students pass up the opportunity because of essays. Take the time and make the effort. Many essays can be used again for other scholarships (with some minor adjustments).

### **2. Check for eligibility**

Always thoroughly read the scholarship application, requirements, and instructions. Some scholarships are very specific as to who is eligible to apply.

### **3. Pay attention to deadlines**

Whether it says “Postmarked by \_\_\_\_” or “Due on \_\_\_\_\_”, you should always pay very close attention to deadlines. Keep a running list of scholarship due dates, complete the applications early, and get everything in on time. ALL Scholarships in this booklet are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 29, 2023 NO exceptions will be made.

### **4. Follow directions**

Not following directions remains one of the most common and costly blunders. Pay attention to what information and documentation is required (transcripts, essays, letters of recommendations, etc.).

### **5. Neatness matters**

If possible, always type your application. If you must print, take your time. A good idea is to keep copies of the application so that you have a working rough draft to work from.

### **6. Keep copies of scholarships**

Always keep copies of your scholarships just in case. You may be able to re-use information.

### **7. Proof-read**

Read and re-read your entire application. Check for misspellings, errors in grammar, and clarity. Once you have read the application, pass it along to a parent, friend, or teacher and have them check for errors.

### **8. Ask for help**

Some scholarship applications are short and concise. Some are long and confusing. If you are having problems or need clarification, do not hesitate to contact a representative.

## **Final Suggestions**

1. Play the numbers game. Apply to as many scholarships as possible. Do not neglect smaller local scholarships. They add up fast.
2. Create an inventory list/activity resume. This includes all of your extracurricular activities, awards, honors, jobs, and noteworthy hobbies. Include pertinent details that shed light on volunteer work, projects you have been involved in, and personal qualities and growth you have demonstrated through the activity.
3. Reuse, Reuse, Reuse. Save your application, essays and other materials as there will often be a common theme. Do not reinvent the wheel. Many essays and materials can be used for a number of scholarships.
4. Type your applications. Do not handwrite your applications unless you are asked.
5. Print or copy the application and fill out the copy first.
6. For recommendation letters: allow 2 weeks for the completion of the recommendation. You should provide the person writing the recommendation a "Letters of Recommendation Request Form" so that they can personalize your recommendation and provide greater detail.
7. DEADLINES. Late applications are not accepted. Pay very close attention to all deadlines and requirements.
8. ORGANIZATION is monumentally important throughout the scholarship process. You should:
  - Keep a scholarship file
  - Maintain a college scholarship search calendar, marking all due dates in red
  - Have a saved copy of your Activity Resume, Recommendation Letters, Essays, and other pertinent information that will be used frequently
  - Have a copy of your PSAT/ACT/SAT scores available for your reference, as well as your transcript.

## **West Seneca East Senior High Scholarships**

The following scholarships have applications included within this booklet. Please make sure to complete the applications fully and follow the instructions. Some can be turned in to Student Services directly but there are some that need to be mailed directly. **Pay attention to details!**

- **Cheektowaga Lions Club Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Must reside in Cheektowaga; Based on service, leadership, citizenship and academics, & financial need; Transcript from counselor required. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Chris Kaczowski Memorial Scholarship**
  - Graduating Senior attending a two or four year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2023. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Clinton Street Elementary PTA Scholarship**
  - Graduating Senior; Former student of Clinton Street Elementary; Essay required. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **CSEA Local 868/Unit 6716 Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Parent must work for Local 868/Unit 6716; Based on academics and extra-curricular activities. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Donald W. Seel Memorial Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Enroll in a 2 year or 4 year college; further studies in the area of education. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Involved in some type of musical activity (instrumental, singing, song writing, recording, etc.); Accepted or in application process to a musical college or program. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Harry H. Johnson Memorial Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Must be enrolling in a college/university; Family member does not need to be a Veteran. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Heather A. McGowan Memorial Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Based on academics, need, school, and community activities. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Jeffery Michael Sgroi Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Based on academics, leaderships, and community activities. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Kiwanis Club of West Seneca, Inc. Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Based on academics, leadership, service & financial need. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**

- **Lukey's Legacy**
  - Must be a West Seneca Central High School Senior that has been accepted in a college or University beginning in September 2023. Applicant must submit a completed application and a short typewritten essay between 250-500 words about someone or something that inspires or influenced you to set you up for your future goals. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **PFLAG Scholarship**
  - **Seniors only**; Must be a self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (LGBTQ) youth or a straight ally (i.e., a heterosexual who demonstrates outstanding support to LGBTQ youth and/or the LGBTQ community).  
**DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **Rotary Club of West Seneca Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; residents of West Seneca School District; family income not considered; demonstrate how you have lived the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self" in extracurricular and community involvement and volunteer work; contact information for adult service leaders required; class rank/academic average used to indicate academic effort; describe your personal qualities relating to education goals and professional success. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **Vigilant Fire Company, No. 1 Scholarship**
  - Graduating Seniors only; Must be residents of the Town of West Seneca; Must demonstrate a commitment to a career in the field of public service. Qualifying students exhibit high moral values, strong work ethic, unwavering integrity and desire to give back to their communities. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **We Need More Cowbell**
  - Graduating Seniors only; Must be attending college in the Fall 2023 (full or part time), be involved in activities both in and outside of school, and love calendars. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Civic & Patriotic Commission Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Based on community involvement and volunteer work. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca East Senior High School Parent Teacher Group Scholarship**
  - Graduating Senior attending a two or four year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2023; Parent must be a member; Entries based on content, grammar, and neatness. DEADLINE: **March 29, 2023**

- **West Seneca East Spirit Booster Club Scholarships**
  - Senior athletes only (males and females); Parent must be a member; Chosen at random; Must have earned a Varsity letter in at least one sport; Must attend college in Fall 2023. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Lions Club Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Outstanding service to the community (minimum of 100 hours). **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Lodge No 1111 F. & A.M. Educational Aid Grant**
  - Seniors only; Extracurricular activities and sports; Personal statement, transcript and letter of reference needed. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Police Benevolent Association Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Must reside within the WSCSD boundaries; Short-essay required. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Teachers Association, Inc. Senior High Scholarships**
  - Seniors only; Must be accepted into college/university for Fall 2023; Brief essay required. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **West Seneca Woman's Club Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Males and females eligible; Must have actively participated in community affairs. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**
- **Wilbur C. Biddlecom Memorial Scholarship**
  - Seniors only; Plan to major or minor in foreign language at a two or four year university/college. **DEADLINE: March 29, 2023**

