



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury 2026 Ward Family Service Award Scholarship Eligibility

The Ward Family Service Award Scholarship seeks to acknowledge the academic achievement and citizenship of students who reside in the Greater Waterbury area and attend or attended the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury. The Ward family created this scholarship to honor a past or current member of the Boys & Girls Club who exhibits a commitment to leadership, scholarship and community service.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be a current or past member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury

- a. Students must be graduating from high school in Spring 2026 and planning to attend a post-secondary institution, full-time, for the 2026 - 2027 academic year or currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, full-time, and planning to return for the 2026 - 2027 academic year.
- b. Students must submit the Ward Family Service Award Scholarship Application that includes family demographics, academic achievements, extracurricular activities and a personal statement.
- c. Students must provide verification of acceptance to or attendance at college/university
- d. Students must submit one (1) letter of recommendation. (The recommendation may not come from a relative.)
- e. Students may be asked to participate in a personal interview.

Prior recipients of the Ward Family Service Award Scholarship are welcome to apply. Scholarship will be awarded at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury's Annual *Rising Star Awards & Scholarship Dinner*.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Applications may be hand-delivered or mailed to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury at 1037 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06705 or submitted via email to general@bgcgwater.org (NOTE "Ward Family Service Scholarship" in the subject line). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Applications submitted electronically must be attachments in either Word or pdf form – no photos or screenshots will be accepted. Entire application must be submitted together except for the recommendation. If the recommendation is to be submitted separately, application must clearly state that recommendation is to be submitted separately and by whom. Separate packages or emails will not be accepted.

To download a Scholarship Application, please visit www.bgcgwater.org. For more information, contact general@bgcgwater.org or call 203/756-8104.

Scholarships will be awarded at the *Rising Star Awards & Scholarship Dinner* at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury, 1037 East Main Street, Waterbury on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.



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Applications require:

- high school or college transcript
- one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor (recommendation may not come from a relative)
- verification of acceptance to or attendance at college/university
- 1-2 page essay (no more than 600 words) answering the following questions:
Why education is important to you, why you have chosen your educational path and what you hope to accomplish with your education. Include your past service to your community and your plans for future service.

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Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Name & Address (if different):

Father's Name & Address (if different):

Current School Name & Address:

Graduation Date:

Are you a current or former member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury

(circle one): ****required** Yes No

If yes, during what year(s)? _____

Have you received the Ward Family Service Award Scholarship previously (circle one):

Yes No

If yes, what year? _____

Name & Address of School Attending in Fall 2026:

If accepted to particular school within the university/college, please state:

Declared Major:

Tuition:

Additional Costs (if known) (type & amount):

List All Scholarships &/or Financial Aid Received (source and amount):

Please list all extracurricular activities & date(s) of participation (in & out of school, including volunteer activities, community service, sports, academic and non-academic activities, etc.). Please include whether you held a leadership role as part of the activity.

Please list any achievements or awards you have received (please include the source and year):

Personal Statement – Why education is important to you, why you have chosen your educational path and what you hope to accomplish with your education. Include your past service to your community and your plans for future service. (No more than two (2) pages)

