



WESTERN SUFFOLK COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION 2026 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Western Suffolk Counselors' Association will be awarding scholarships to students graduating from a Suffolk County High School and planning to pursue a post-secondary education in September 2026. The number of recipients will be based upon the quality and volume of applications received.

Scholarships will be awarded on May 13, 2026 at a reception at Wilson Tech in Dix Hills from 6pm to 8pm.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant's counselor must be a current WSCA member
- Only the counselor of record may nominate a student, it is **not transferable** to other counselors.
- Counselors may only recommend **one** scholarship candidate.
- Membership information may be found at:
<https://www.westernsuffolkcounselors.org/become-a-member>.

Required Application Materials

1. **Student Application Form:** Completed by student applicant
2. **Student Essay:** Volunteerism involves caring, sharing and commitment and can make a difference in the community. The committee is seeking students who found a need in their school or community and took the initiative to plan and execute their vision. Explain how your volunteering experience positively impacted your life and those you have served. What have you learned about yourself from these experiences and how will you apply what you have learned in your future? Please be specific (Approximately 2 pages).
3. **Activity Resume**
4. **Counselor Recommendation Form**
5. **Letter of Recommendation:** Must be specific to this scholarship and why you feel the student deserves the award. Please do not submit a general college recommendation letter.
6. **Official High School Transcript:** Include senior year grades if available. Awards are NOT based on GPA, but on the volunteering experience.

Please **Email** application and supporting documents preferably as a pdf in one attachment to:

events@westernsuffolkcounselors.org

By Friday, March 27, 2026

Questions? Please email events@westernsuffolkcounselors.org.



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STUDENT APPLICANT FORM

Name _____

Address _____
Number & Street Town Zip

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of High School _____

Educational Plans for September 2026:

College/University _____

Location _____ Major _____

Names of Parents/Guardians _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
Student

Checklist:

- ✓ Student Applicant Form
- ✓ Student Essay
- ✓ Activity Resume
- ✓ Counselor Recommendation Form
- ✓ Counselor Recommendation Letter
- ✓ Official High School Transcript

**** All application materials, as per criteria, must be emailed to the WSCA Scholarship Committee at**

events@westernsuffolkcounselors.org

Submission deadline is Friday, March 27, 2026.



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COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

Please attach a specific letter of recommendation explaining why you feel this student is a strong candidate for this scholarship. Thank you.

I verify that I am a current member of WCSA and the counselor of record for this student.

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Counselor's Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Seniors in Your Caseload _____

Number of students in the senior class _____