



# Character Excellence \$1000 Scholarship



The Character Council of Western New York and Harvest Time Partners are pleased to offer \$1000 scholarships to college or trade school bound seniors who exemplify character in their daily lives. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior from a public, private, parochial, or home school, enrolling full-time in a college or trade school for the fall following his/her graduation. Student must be a current resident of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, or Wyoming counties to be considered. The scholarship will be made payable directly to the chosen post-secondary institution.

Application Deadline: Must be postmarked by February 25th of the student's graduating year.  
Awards will be announced by April 1st.

## How to Apply: Please complete this application; it must include the following items:

### 1. Qualifying Essay (Up to 600 words):

- Using the list of 12 character qualities that the Character Council of Western New York embraces (provided with this application), select 3 that you believe will be most important to help you build success in your life. You may use the main trait or a companion trait listed.
- Essay must include your definition of "success." somewhere in the essay. We aren't looking for a dictionary definition.
- Considering our definitions of the qualities, explain specifically how exemplifying each of your 3 chosen character traits **will serve you and others throughout your college education and beyond** and how it will help you achieve your definition of success. While you may wish to make connections to how these traits have served you thus far, the essay's primary purpose is to show how these traits will serve you IN THE FUTURE.

### 2. Character reference from a family member or friend (@ 250 words):

- Using the list of 12 character qualities that the Character Council of Western New York espouses, select 2 qualities, which are in your opinion, authentically exemplified by the applicant.
- Considering our definition of the qualities, explain how the applicant's genuine demonstration of these two qualities has significantly benefitted your life and/or the lives of others.

### 3. Character reference from a teacher, employer, coach or other adult mentor (@ 250 words):

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### 4. Candidate Contact Information Sheet:

Complete the Candidate Contact Information Sheet providing personal information for use in contacting you regarding the status of your application. Your identity will NOT be shared with the selection committee. Please refrain from using your name in your essay.

Gather together all items above and submit via US mail to:  
Character Council of WNY -Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 613, Hamburg, NY 14075

**Submissions must be postmarked by February 25th for consideration.**

**This is a highly competitive scholarship, in fairness to our applicants, submissions POSTMARKED AFTER February 25th will not be able to be considered.**

**Character Council of Western New York**



**CORE Character Traits**

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Please complete all sections. This information will be used for making contact regarding the status of your application. The personal information shown below will NOT be made available to the selection committee and in no way impacts the selection process.

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS :  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

• TELEPHONE : \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) or LEGAL GUARDIAN : \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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In the event you are selected for a scholarship, this information will be used by the committee for the purpose of creating your bio for the Awards Dinner program. It will not be considered in the selection process.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/TRADE SCHOOLS APPLIED TO:

INTENDED MAJOR/CAREER GOALS:

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES /VOLUNTEER WORK :

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Character Excellence Scholarship Character Reference Letter

FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



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TEACHER, ADULT MENTOR, COACH or EMPLOYER

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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