

## *Commonly Asked Questions - WEF Scholarship*

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### **WHAT IS THE WESTFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION?**

The Westfield Education Foundation is a 501c(3) not-for-profit entity created in 1986 to serve as a philanthropic resource for Westfield Washington Schools. Our mission is to invest in our Westfield students, teachers, and staff to inspire a love for learning that empowers their futures by creating a legacy of community investment and involvement in our district's growth and educational pursuits.

### **WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?**

The Foundation administers ten scholarship funds that provide twenty or more scholarships each academic year. Students apply for these scholarships directly to the Foundation.

### **WHY IS THERE A COMMON APPLICATION?**

The common application enables students to provide one application that can be used for all scholarship funds that the student may qualify.

### **MAY I RECEIVE AWARDS FROM MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP?**

No, the Foundation Board has expressly indicated a position to provide financial support for as many Westfield seniors as possible. Therefore, each student selected for one scholarship will not be considered for a second.

### **AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria that were defined by the Foundation and the donors when the funds were established. Please read through specific criteria to see if you are eligible for any of the scholarship funds. The general criteria that applies to all the funds is as follows:

- Be a resident of the state of Indiana
- Be a citizen of the United States.

### **WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?**

The application is online. To be eligible for a scholarship your application must be submitted by April 22, 2022.

### **WHEN WILL RECIPIENTS BE ANNOUNCED?**

The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced during the annual WHS Senior Awards Night.

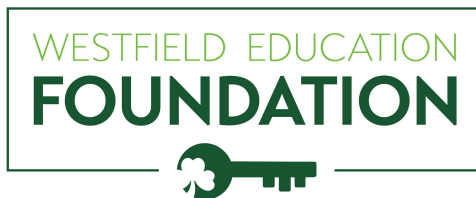
### **WHAT CAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BE USED FOR?**

The scholarships are for educational expenses: tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and miscellaneous expenses unless otherwise noted.

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### **ARE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TAXABLE?**

For degree-seeking students, a scholarship used for tuition, fees, and books and supplies is not taxable. Any portion of the scholarship that is used for room and board or miscellaneous expenses is taxable. Consult a tax expert for advice.

### **IF I AM AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP, HOW MUCH WILL I GET?**

None of the scholarship funds have set award amounts. Each year the Foundation Board determines the number of scholarships and the amount based upon investment earnings and contributions. Our scholarship funds have awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 per recipient.

### **IF I AM SELECTED, DO I GET A CHECK?**

No, the scholarship awards are sent directly to your school's office of the bursar after submitting documentation of your enrollment in an approved university or college. You will be asked to work with the treasurer of Westfield Washington Schools to process payment to the college or university.

### **WHERE CAN I GO TO SCHOOL WITH THESE SCHOLARSHIPS?**

All of the scholarships are for schools anywhere in the United States with the exception of the Crosser Scholarship which requires an Indiana school.

### **DO I NEED TO PAY SCHOLARSHIP MONEY BACK?**

No. These are charitable awards that do not need to be paid back.

### **DOES THE FOUNDATION MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT WHO IS SELECTED?**

Yes, all the scholarship funds administered by the Foundation have provisions for the Board to make the final selections for all scholarships. Scholarship recipients will be determined through a "blind" review of applications. Students' names will not be made available to the Foundation Board of Directors during the selection process.

### **IF I RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP ONE YEAR, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE AN AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR?**

No, the current position of the Foundation Board is to provide as many "new" educational opportunities each year as possible with the scholarship funds available.

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