

# WEYMOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Each year, residents of Weymouth ask a number of questions concerning the Scholarship Fund and its activities. The following is a sample of questions which may be of interest to citizens.

### ***What is the Scholarship Fund?***

The Weymouth Scholarship Fund was established by Town Meeting in 1989, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 60, Section 3C, which permits a community to designate a place on municipal bills whereby taxpayers may voluntarily contribute to the Scholarship Fund. All donations received are awarded to Weymouth residents in pursuit of higher education, without regard to race, color, creed, age or sex.

### ***Who can apply for a scholarship?***

Any resident of Weymouth, of any age, who is or will be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school, can apply.

### ***I am an adult and want to go back to college to finish my degree. Can I apply?***

Yes, as long as you reside in Weymouth and will be attending an accredited college, trade school or institution.

### ***Where do I apply?***

Applications are available at Town Hall in December or you can download a copy from the Town's Web Site. Completed applications **must** be returned by March 15th. The Awards Ceremony takes place at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

### ***How are winners chosen?***

A selection committee scores the applications based on scholastic record, community or school involvement, character and financial need. Each applicant is assigned a number and the applicant's identification is removed from the application when it is received so that the applicant's identity is unknown to the Award Selection Committee until the scoring of all applications is completed and the winners chosen.

***If I applied for a Scholarship and was***

### ***refused, should I bother to apply again?***

Yes. All applicants should reapply every year because circumstances may change.

You may have lost by just a few points and competition varies from year to year.

### ***Can more than one student in a family receive an award in the same year?***

### ***Can the same student apply for an award each year he/she is attending college?***

Yes to both questions. However, if you have received two previous awards you cannot apply for a third.

### ***How much of the income received by the Scholarship Fund goes toward administration expense?***

100% of donations received go to scholarships. The members of the Scholarship Fund Committee are volunteers. Expenses for printing, postage and supplies are paid for by the Town of Weymouth.

### ***What type of education will the Fund assist?***

- (a) Any 2 or 4 year college or graduate school leading to a degree
- (b) Continuing education to assist in development of student's career goal
- (c) Vocational education where training leads to development of occupational skills.

### ***Who determines the scholarship recipients?***

The Award Selection Committee. This Committee is made up of members of the Scholarship Fund Committee.

### ***Where does the money for scholarships come from?***

Money for scholarships comes from:

- (a) The taxpayers of Weymouth who voluntarily contribute by sending a donation to the Scholarship Fund c/o Town Hall, 75 Middle St., Weymouth, 02189. A donation envelope is included with the property and excise tax bills.
- (b) Donations in memory of loved ones. Donation envelopes are available at most

local funeral homes. You may also mail a donation to the Scholarship Fund c/o Town Hall and include the deceased's name with your donation. If the total monies donated in memory of a loved one exceed \$1,000 a one-time scholarship in memory of the deceased is awarded. If the total of all contributions received in memory of a loved one amounts to less than \$1,000, monies contributed will be put into the general Scholarship Fund to be combined with other unrelated contributions for distribution to scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Committee will send an acknowledgment of each thoughtful gift immediately upon its receipt to the family of the person being memorialized.

(c) Individuals, businesses or organizations may set up a permanent or one-time Scholarship. If the total monies received exceeds \$1,000 in any given year a scholarship is awarded in the name of the donor's choice.

### ***What is so unique about the Weymouth Scholarship Fund?***

The Weymouth Scholarship Fund is **Weymouth people helping Weymouth people** further their educational goals.

## **SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND BY SENDING IN A DONATION TODAY**

**Town of Weymouth Scholarship Fund  
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Weymouth, MA 02189**

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