

# WTAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**WEST TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC**  
2201 West 93rd Street, Room 2012  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**West Tech Alumni Association, Inc.**

**Scholarship Program**

The West Tech Alumni Association, Inc. was established in 1983 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1996. An important part of the WTAA is the promotion of excellence in education through the granting of scholarships to West Technical High School alumni and their descendants. Alumni include students, faculty, and staff members of the former high school. Scholarships are a one-time nonrenewable \$1,000.00 award. Applicants must be enrolled on a full-time basis (12 credit hours for undergraduates) to be eligible and must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scales.

West Tech connections are important to the WTAA, scholarship applicants are required to have a WTAA member sponsor them, usually a family member.

Scholarships are reviewed for academic performance and financial needs for academic, vocational, and technical programs. All records are confidential and no information will be released by the Scholarship Committee without the applicant's expressed written permission.

The applicant fills out and submits the completed application form and a 250 to 500 personal essay describing background, academic and career goals, objectives, and other experiences that have contributed to his or her personal development and future aspirations to the WTAA. Letters of reference and transcripts are sent by the persons, high school or colleges/universities directly to the WTAA.

Kathy Nehrenz, Secretary, Scholarship Committee

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The time frame for submitting applications, references, and most current transcripts is October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.

The WTAA Scholarship Committee maintains application forms, applicants who did not receive a scholarship for the given year may re-apply with a letter of intent, an updated essay, and updated most recent transcripts.

Should an applicant have any questions or require further assistance please see the application check list (after last page of the application) or contact Kathy Nehrenz, Committee Secretary at the WTAA Office 216-631-9822.

Kathy Nehrenz

Committee Secretary

**West Tech Alumni Association Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Marital Status*

Never Married  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widow(er)

High School \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

*College: List the colleges you have applied to or intend to apply. Status: A (applied) B (intend to apply)  
C (Accepted) D (Attending)*

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Third: \_\_\_\_\_

*Intended major(s) or interest area(s) is/are (please list in order of preference):*

First \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

What is your anticipated date of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants who are dependent children*

Mother's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Father's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names and ages of brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_

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How many in college? \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants who are not dependent children*

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names and ages of dependent children \_\_\_\_\_

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How many in college? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant plans to live \_\_\_ on campus \_\_\_ off campus

Applicant's classification \_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate School

\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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Since the element of financial need can be one of the determining factors used by the Scholarship Selection Committee in selecting the recipients of the WTAA scholarship awards. It is important that complete and accurate information be supplied. All information, financial or otherwise, furnished to the committee is kept in the strictest confidence by the committee.

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*Please list any other scholarships or grants that you will receive and the amount of each (use additional pages if required).*

Name	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Have you applied for federal financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Yes  No

Will you be employed while in college?  Yes  No

Employer (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

*Please explain any other circumstance regarding financial need that you would like the Scholarship Committee to know (use additional pages if required).*

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*Please list any extracurricular school activities or organizations to which you belong, include name, dates, and indicate offices held (use additional pages if required).*

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*Please list activities or organization outside of school to which you belong, include name, dates, and indicate offices held (use additional pages if required).*

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*Please list any honors, recognition or awards you have received, include organization name and dates (use additional pages if required).*

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List three (3) non-family references and their relationship to you (teacher, employer, clergy, coach, counselor, etc.).

Name	Relationship	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*West Tech Connections*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Alumni Student    Class of (Month and Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Alumni Faculty    \_\_\_ Alumni Staff    Period at West Tech: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicant's WTAA Sponsor*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of (Month and Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

May we use your name for publicity purposes on our website, in newsletters, newspapers, etc.?

\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

Name and location of hometown newspaper:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Essay*

Please write a 250 to 500 word essay describing your background, academic goals, career goals, objectives, and other experiences that have contributed to your personal development and future aspirations. Submit the essay with this application.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **West Tech Alumni Association Scholarship Application**

### **Check List**

#### Completing the application process

- ✓ Completed Application Form, signed and dated
- ✓ Personal Essay to be included with the completed application form
- ✓ Three Letters of Recommendation sent by the persons making the recommendations
  - No letters of recommendation from family members will be accepted
- ✓ Most Recent Transcripts sent by the high school, college, or university currently attended
  - Transcripts from the fall term prior to the application submission or last term completed by the applicant
- ✓ One billfold size picture of the applicant
- ✓ Applications, essays, letters of recommendation, and transcripts are to be submitted during the submission time frame of October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the scholarships are awarded

### **Some Important Additional Information**

The signatures of the applicant and parent/guardian (if applicable) signifies that all the information on the application form is correct.

The WTAA Scholarship Committee has the right to investigate applications further in the case that false information has been detected or reported to the committee. The committee has the right, if the case warrants it, to nullify the application and deny any further applications by the individual for future scholarship awards.

The WTAA is committed to promoting excellence in education through its Scholarship Program for West Technical High School alumni (students, faculty, and staff) and their descendants. The WTAA recognizes that in certain cases there may be some variations or different program requirements by academic, vocational, and technical institutions.

- ❖ Applicants who qualify as Students with Disabilities under Section 405 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) or applicants who are applying for Second Career studies programs need to consult with a counselor and have them contact the WTAA Scholarship Committee in cases where the program requirements differ from the WTAA Scholarship Program requirements, stated in the application and application cover letter, this is particularly important in the full-time status (12 credit hours or more) requirements.

The WTAA does not send reminder notices to complete the application process, this is the responsibility of the applicant.

**WTAA Scholarship Committee**

**Kathy Nehrenz, Secretary**

**West Tech Alumni Association, Inc.**

**Scholarship Committee Privacy Statement**

WTAA Scholarship applications and associated documents (letters of reference, transcripts, or correspondence) relating to an applicant contain private and personal information. Hereafter all documentation will be referred to as application information.

The committee may create one (1) additional copy of the application information for each applicant to expedite the review and process of evaluating the applications for the current year scholarship awards by committee members.

The application information files are considered open files for up to two years after either the original application date or the date of the last letter of intent (request to be reconsidered), after which all copies of the application information will be sealed in a large storage envelope with the applicant's name, date of application or last letter, date the file was sealed and archived by the committee. The committee secretary will maintain a list of applicants, date of application, and date of sealing the information. This list is considered non-confidential, but restricted to only official WTAA business.

The application information files for applicants who receive scholarship awards, all copies, will be sealed in large storage envelopes with the applicant's name, year of scholarship award, and amount of the scholarship award and date the file was sealed and archived by the committee immediately after the award decision is made. The committee secretary will maintain a list of scholarship recipients, date of scholarship award amount of scholarship award and date of sealing the information. This list is considered non-confidential, but restricted to only official WTAA business.

The WTAA Scholarship Committee does not share any application information with other internal elements of the organization, administration, committees, and members, with the exception of the WTAA Trustees or officers when the situation arises without the expressed written permission of the applicant.

The WTAA Scholarship Committee does not share any application information with individuals or organizations external to the organization.

A scholarship applicant (or recipient) may request part or all of their application information when the request is in writing, signed and dated, and including the reason for the request. In such cases, the Scholarship Committee has the obligation to verify the request and the information requested and verified with be provided to the applicant only. The WTAA is entitled to make copies for their records with all costs for copies, mailing etc. to be paid by the requestor.



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***January 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting applications and paperwork each year***

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### **Check List**

- **Completed application form**
- **Personal essay**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation**
- **Most current transcripts**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information provided by the applicant is personal and confidential. The WTAA Scholarship Committee insures that all information is maintained and held as confidential and private by the committee.

## **WTAA**

For many years the WTAA was “homeless” but through the efforts of the WTAA members, community organizations, and neighbors of the former high school, the building was saved from destruction and transformed into residential apartments with houses constructed on the former athletic field. Today the WTAA has a home in the former high school’s auditorium which houses a museum of school memorabilia. The WTAA also has a web site with information about the association, history of the school, current activities, and the WTAA Scholarship Program.

### **Contact Us**

#### **WTAA Scholarship Committee**

Kathy Nehrenz, Secretary

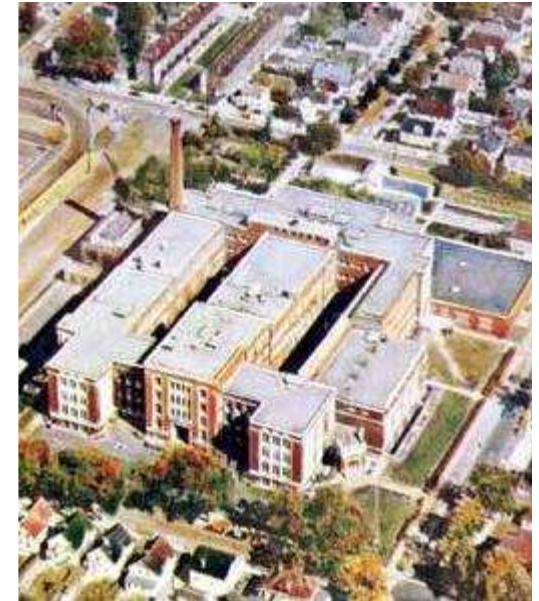
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The WTAA conducts fundraising events and activities and a Fundraising Drive to support the WTAA Scholarship Program.

## Scholarships

West Tech Alumni Scholarships are awarded for academic, vocational, and technical programs. Each Application is reviewed by the Scholarship Committee based on the criteria requested in the application form, mainly academic performance and financial needs.

Scholarships are awarded each year by the West Tech Alumni Association during the May Membership Meeting.

Scholarships are a one-time non-renewable \$1000 award.

### **WTAA SPONSORSHIP**

Each applicant must have a West Tech Alumni member sponsor. Usually this is a family member, if there are any questions contact the Committee Secretary, Kathy Nehrenz at 216-941-8714.

### **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Along with the application for an applicant includes a 250 to 500 essay describing background, academic and career goals, objectives, and experiences that have contributed to his or her personal development and future aspirations.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Three letters of recommendation from non-family members, including counselors, pastors, teachers, employers, advisors, etc. are to be sent directly to the Scholarship Committee.

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Transcripts from high school, colleges, universities, vocational, and technical training organizations are to be sent directly from the institution to the Scholarship Committee.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Each applicant must be a West Technical High School alumni, a student, faculty, staff member, or a descendant of a West Tech Alumni.

Applicants must be enrolled on a full-time basis (12 credit hours for an academic undergraduate) and have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grade scale.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Applications for scholarships for each year are accepted between October 1 and January 31 to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Awards are announced and presented at a special Awards Membership Meeting in May of each year.

### **REAPPLICATION**

Applicants who do not receive a scholarship award may reapply the following year with a letter of intent (re-application) and updated most current grade transcripts.

### **LIMITATION**

In cases where multiple family members apply, only one scholarship per family per year may be granted by the Committee.