

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

103RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE MYSTIC RIVER BASCULE BRIDGE

Our own Bascule Bridge, the oldest of its kind in the United States, turned 100 in July 2022. The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and Foxwoods Resort Casino partnered with a host of for-profit and non-profit businesses to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event. Events took place all Spring and Summer with a ceremony, bridge dedication, and Fireworks celebration over the Mystic River on October 15th, 2022.

To honor this significant moment and continue supporting the local community, the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and Foxwoods established an annual scholarship program. This initiative, launched in 2022, provides financial assistance to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Through this ongoing commitment, the Chamber ensures that the legacy of the Bascule Bridge centennial continues to benefit future generations.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS:
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WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

High School Seniors who will Graduate in 2025. Winners will be chosen from Stonington High School, Fitch High School, Grasso Tech, and Westerly High School.

DEADLINE:

Applications are due April 15, 2025. Email applications to scholarship@mysticchamber.org

WINNERS & AWARDS:

Winners will be announced in May of 2025. The minimum award is \$2,000.

CRITERIA:

Must have post-secondary education or study. High School Senior. Submit High School Transcript. Complete and submit a 2,000-word essay. Show evidence of Community Service initiatives and projects.

ESSAY:

The Mystic Bascule Bridge turned 100 in July 2022, and it has seen a great deal of history both locally and nationally. Over that same time, the town, state, and country have experienced polarizing issues that have divided us. Discuss a topic that is important to you and has occurred over the last 100 years. Define the opposing perspectives and explain how both parties "bridged" the gap to form a conclusion. Most importantly, what communications were key to navigating the issue to a successful ending or impasse.



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APPLICATION

STUDENT FULL NAME: _____

STUDENT HOME ADDRESS:

STUDENT PHONE NUMBER: _____

STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND? _____

WHAT YEAR ARE YOU EXPECTED TO GRADUATE? _____

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PLANS FOR AFTER GRADUATION:



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COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

ORGANIZATION	HOURS	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT



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ESSAY PROMPT

Students should submit a 2000 word essay on the following:

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APPLICANT CHECKLIST

APPLICATION

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

2000 WORD ESSAY

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON TO THE CHAMBER BY
APRIL 15, 2025**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MAY 2025.

GOOD LUCK!

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