



Roberta K. Eichler Heart of Gold Scholarship 2023 Scholarship Application

The Roberta K. Eichler Heart of Gold Scholarship is named for the longstanding Executive Director of the Stamford Volunteer Center. This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to support and promote the continuing education of an outstanding student volunteer from the Stamford community.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidate must be a high school senior who is a Stamford resident and/or attends a high school in Stamford.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Student must have been active over the past two years in one or more volunteer events/projects.
- Student displays outstanding participation, dedication, and commitment toward volunteer events/projects as well as volunteerism in general.
- Student demonstrates leadership qualities in connection with volunteerism.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- A 1-2 page essay describing the importance of volunteering and the benefits that the student has personally derived from volunteering.
- A resume that details the student's volunteer activities and leadership roles as well as academic background and accolades, extracurricular activities, and work experience.
- At least one letter of recommendation* by a supervising staff member of the nonprofit agency where the student volunteers, religious institution they attend, other supervising person related to the volunteer service, or their high school guidance counselor or teacher.
- (Optional): Any additional supplemental materials that would enhance the student's application, such as awards, certificates, photos, or other materials related to volunteer activities.

DEADLINE

- All application materials must be received by the United Way of Western Connecticut by **5pm on March 22, 2023**. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **March 22nd**.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- February 1st: Applications open
- March 22nd: Application deadline
- Week of April 17th: Selected candidates invited for half-hour interviews

- April 25th: All candidates will be notified of application decision
- May 4th: Winners will be presented with the Heart of Gold Scholarship at the UWWC Community Council meeting

HOW TO SUBMIT MATERIALS

- Submit application online through the application portal at **www.uwwesternct.org/heart-gold-scholarship-0**
- Submit paper application form (on the following page), with the essay, resume, and (optional) supplemental materials attached by:
 - Delivering to a school counselor at Stamford High School, Westhill High School or AITE.
 - Mailing the paper application materials to:

**United Way of Western Connecticut
c/o Meghan Hadley
1150 Summer Street, 2nd Floor
Stamford, CT 06905**

*The letter(s) should attest to the student's commitment to and participation in volunteerism, leadership qualities in connection with volunteerism, and any other relevant factors or information in support of the student. **Please ask that letter(s) of recommendation be sent directly to Meghan Hadley** by email at heartofgoldcommittee@uwwesternct.org or mailed to the address on the previous page, postmarked by March 22, 2023.



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STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name (First and Last): _____ Birth Date: _____

Student's Email Address: _____ Student's Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Number of Adults in Student's Household: _____ Number of Children in Student's Household: _____

Annual Household Income Range (Circle One):

Under \$29,999 \$30,000 – \$49,999 \$50,000 – \$69,999 \$70,000 – \$89,999
\$90,000 – \$109,999 \$110,000 – \$129,999 \$130,000 – \$149,999 Over \$150,000

Name of High School the Student Attends: _____

High School Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

High School Graduation Date: _____ High School Phone Number: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____ Principal's Name: _____

POST-GRADUATE PLANS
