

Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

Do you have questions?
Please email Tracey DuFault at tdufault@gwcoc.org

Application due date: Friday, April 17, 2026

Scholarship 2026

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **Friday, April 17, 2026** at 4:00 p.m. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will NOT be accepted.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail in May regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Tracey DuFault, Executive Director of Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation. (609) 729-4000 or by email at tdufault@gwcoc.org.

MISSION STATEMENT Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation, INC is a Community Trust. We invest in the people who we believe will contribute to the long-term benefit of our residents, our businesses, and our visitors. To meet that objective, we provide financial assistance for students who reside in the Wildwoods, and to organizations that support charitable activities within the community.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and community involvement including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay, Career Choice and Financial Need. Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient. Scholarships are awarded at the completion of the first semester if the student has a 2.75 GPA and is enrolled full time for the following semester. The Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must have permanent residence status in the Wildwoods (North Wildwood, Wildwood Crest, West Wildwood or Wildwood).
- Applicants must be completing high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by **Friday, April 17, 2026 @ 4:00pm.**
- Scholarship recipients will receive their check for the next semester **only** after their grades from the previous semester have been received.

TIMELINE

- Applications must be received by **Friday, April 17, 2026 @ 4:00pm**. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by May 2023.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- Two academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter completed reference from an employer or other community member.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational, or technical school for post-secondary studies.
- Proof of residency in the Wildwoods.
- Demonstrated financial need.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award notification will be given by May 12, 2026 at the Wildwoods Restaurant Showcase.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Scholarship recipients will receive their check for the next semester only after their grades from the previous semester and full-time enrollment paperwork have been received. Students must receive a 2.75 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Deadline for the application is Friday, **April 17, 2026 @ 4:00pm**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

GWCOG Foundation Scholarship Program

Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce

Att: Tracey DuFault

3306 Pacific Avenue

Wildwood, NJ 08260

Name: _____

Scholarship applicant _____

Application 2026 must be filled out by applicant.

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below. If application is illegible it will NOT be accepted.

1	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3	Resident Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
4	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email address: _____	
5	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____
6	List of schools you have applied to attend in order of choice: 	
7	What specialty/major do you plan to continue your education?	
8	Will you be a full time student? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Undecided	
9	Will you be a commuting student? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Undecided Will you live on campus? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Undecided If you are not living on campus, where will you be living?	

10 Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)

Attach proof of GPA; your most recent **official** school transcript required.

11 ACT Score: _____

Or

SAT Score: _____

A copy of your ACT **or** SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.

Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Please attach a separate sheet if needed.

12 Name (s) _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____

Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____

13 List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable) Make additional comments if needed.

A. Tuition: Amount: \$

B. Books: Amount: \$

C. Room & Board: Amount: \$

D. Other expenses: Amount: \$

E. Other expenses: Amount: \$

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14 List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:

A. Personal/Self (i.e. Job, Savings) Amount: \$

B. Parent's Assistance Amount: \$

C. Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$

D. Grants: Amount: \$

E. Student Loan(s): Amount: \$

F. Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

15 **Please attach a separate sheet if needed.**

SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.

16	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. 300 Words Max AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?
17	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
18	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
19	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. 300 Words Max GOALS: What are the short and long term goals for your life?
20	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. NEED: Please explain your need for the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship.
21	Please attach a separate sheet if needed. 300 Words Max CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?

22	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will NOT be accepted if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
YES	NO	<p>Three reference letters. Two academic references and one letter from an employer or other community member.</p>	
YES	NO	<p>Proof of residency in the Wildwoods</p>	
YES	NO	<p>Most recent official high school. Photocopies of your transcript are not acceptable.</p>	
YES	NO	<p>Answers to questions 1-22</p>	

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness _____ Date: _____

The deadline for this application to be received by Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation is Friday, April 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m. No exceptions!