

SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS of AMERICA
BARLOW MILES WESTCOTT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“Raising future generations on the foundation of our ancestry”

Qualifying Criteria and Application Process
~ Returning Applicants ~

We'd like to get to know you better. The application process includes application forms, an essay submitted to the Scholarship Committee, and certain other materials. Please follow the directions as described in this section and printed below:

1. **Complete the Scholarship Application for Returning Applicants; if you have not already done so you may download the application packet at www.sswda.org. By applying for this scholarship you are also agreeing to have biographical information, a photo, and your essay, published in the Westcott Society Quarterly Newsletter.**
2. **Awardees also agree to write at least two short articles about their academic program and experiences over the two years following receipt of the SSWDA Scholarship.**
3. **Submit an original essay following the directions in the application packet. Your essay will become the property of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America and will be eligible for posting in our online archives, as well as for publication in the Society's Quarterly newsletter.**
4. **Submit an official transcript of high school or college coursework and grades directly from your school to the Scholarship Committee**
5. **If under the age of 18, and/or applying under a parent's membership in the Society, please complete and submit the Parent Agreement Form (part of the application packet), including the signature of your parent.**
6. **Submit the following documents electronically to Scholarship@SSWDA.ORG:**
 - **High School Seniors: Letter of acceptance from post-secondary institution, college, or university of choice**
 - **Activities Form: This is part of the packet - please submit a two-page (maximum) list of your background during high school/college in the three areas of Co-Curricular Activities, Community Involvement/Volunteering, and Work/Career Experience. Include dates, a description of your responsibilities, any awards, letters, leadership positions, special recognition, etc. and a contact person for each entry**
 - **Sealed/signed Academic Recommendation form (part of packet)**
 - **Sealed/signed Character Reference form (part of packet)**

Application Evaluation

Applications will be scored according to the following rubric:

CATEGORY	POINTS
Original Essay Response	60
Co-Curricular Activities	10
Community Involvement and Service	10
Work/Career Experience	10
Academic/Character References	5
Transcript/Coursework	5
Total Points Possible	100

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY, AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS IS APRIL 1, 2024

Please contact the Scholarship Committee (Scholarship@SSWDA.ORG) with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in building the Westcott legacy.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PART 1 – RETURNING APPLICANT

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name	
Birthdate	
Street Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Society Member’s Name (If Applicants is not a Member)	

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Name	
Street Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Intended Date of Entry	
Length of program	
Degree / Certification upon Completion of Program	

Have you **applied** for an SSWDA Scholarship in the past? ___ Yes ___ No (please check one)

Were you **awarded** the SSWDA Scholarship in the past? ___ Yes ___ No (please check one)

If you were awarded the SSWDA Scholarship in the past, what year was it? _____

In submitting this application, I want to be considered for the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America Scholarship Award, and I agree that all materials submitted by me become the property of the Society and may be published in the Westcott Society Quarterly.

Applicant’s Signature	
Date of Signing	

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PART 2

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

PARENT / SOCIETY MEMBER'S NAME	<input type="text"/>
STREET ADDRESS	<input type="text"/>
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE	<input type="text"/>
PHONE NUMBER	<input type="text"/>
EMAIL ADDRESS	<input type="text"/>
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT'S NAME	<input type="text"/>

I certify that I am the parent of the above named applicant, that I have been a member of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America for at least two years, that my dues are paid up-to-date, and that I am in agreement with the scholarship applicant's submission to be associated with my Society membership.

<i>PARENT'S SIGNATURE</i>	<input type="text"/>
DATE OF SIGNING	<input type="text"/>

Parental signature is not required for a returning applicant; just complete the boxes above so have the contact information in case it is needed.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PART 3

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, WORK EXPERIENCE(S), PHOTO

This section is for you to tell us about yourself – your co-curricular activities, hobbies, and interests; your volunteer activities and/or organizations; your work experience(s) – what you would like others to know about you.

Please also include a photo of yourself (this does not have to be a formal photo – it can be of you playing a sport, with your family, your yearbook photo, etc.)

Co-curricular Activities, Hobbies, and Interests:

Volunteer Activities and/or Organizations:

Work Experiences:

Your Photo:

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Essay Question – for Returning Applicants

Reflecting on the values of Stukely Westcott and his descendants, identify how you followed the Founder’s example thus far in your college career. In an original way, use stories, examples, and anecdotes to demonstrate how you have embodied the Founder’s values – how they are reflected in your actions today. This can include, but does not need to be limited to, ways in which you may have pivoted your focus based on learning (knowledge, introspection, etc.). Explain your plans to apply these values and make positive contributions to America's future, showing why you are the ideal representative for our Society's scholarship.

Essay Question Criteria

**The essay length should be 1,000 – 2,000 words, maximum*

**Double-spaced, typed paragraphs*

**12 point Times New Roman font*

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Character Reference Form
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APPLICANT: Fill in your name and date on each page, and then give the form to a person who is NOT a member of your family, and who knows you well. The person will return the form to you in a sealed envelope, with their signature across the seal.

Submit the unopened, signed, and sealed envelope by US Mail to:

SSWDA Scholarship Committee
c/o Louise Aitcheson
297 Indian Point Road
Redwood, NY 13679

APPLICANT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

The remainder of this form is to be completed by the person selected as a character reference.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? _____

IN WHAT CAPACITY? _____

INSTRUCTIONS: The student named above is applying for a scholarship from the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. Please describe the student’s behavior, as demonstrated in the categories listed below, by using the following numerical scale:

- (1) Always
- (2) Usually
- (3) Frequently
- (4) Occasionally
- (5) Rarely
- (6) No opportunity to observe

Dependable _____

Insightful _____

Honorable _____

Courageous _____

Hard working _____

Introspective _____

Caring _____

Persevering _____

Curious _____

Honest _____

Helpful _____

Adaptable _____

Respectful _____

Open-minded _____

Responsible _____

Problem-solving _____

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APPLICANT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

Any other comments you may wish to share are also welcome and may be particularly helpful. After completing this document, and any additional information, please place the form / pages in an envelope, seal it, sign your name across the seal, and return it to the applicant. Thank you!

PRINT YOUR NAME _____

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

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Academic Reference Form

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APPLICANT: Fill in your name and date on each page, and then give the form to a teacher, instructor, professor, principal, or guidance counselor who is familiar with your academic work. The person will return the form to you in a sealed envelope, with their signature across the seal. Submit the unopened, signed, and sealed envelope by US Mail to:

SSWDA Scholarship Committee
c/o Louise Aitcheson
297 Indian Point Road
Redwood, NY 13679

APPLICANT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

The remainder of this form is to be completed by the person selected as an academic reference.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? _____

IN WHAT CAPACITY? _____

INSTRUCTIONS: The student named above is applying for a scholarship from the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America. Please describe the student’s academic qualities as demonstrated in the categories listed below, by using the following numerical scale:

- (1) Exceptional
- (2) Excellent
- (3) Good
- (4) Acceptable
- (5) Fair
- (6) Poor
- (7) No opportunity to observe

Academic Ability _____

Course Completion _____

Classroom Effort _____

Classroom Participation _____

Intellectual Curiosity _____

Writing Skills _____

Character _____

Leadership Skills _____

Attitude _____

Collaborative Work Skills _____

Independent Work Skills _____

Honesty _____

Imagination _____

Analytical Skills _____

Respect for Others _____

Verbal Communication Skills _____

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APPLICANT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

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PRINT YOUR NAME _____

YOUR SIGNATURE _____

TODAY'S DATE _____