

Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation 2018 Scholarship Application

The Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation (WCCEF), is a not-for-profit, charitable organization with a mission to provide recognition and scholarships to area students. The WCCEF uses a formal criteria and selection process to award the scholarships.

As a result of the generosity of members of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau (WCCTB), and the community-at-large, through their commitment of time, monetary donations and resources, the WCCEF is able to offer two types of scholarships.

1. WCCEF Scholarships and, 2. Bill Rahn-Building a Positive Future Scholarship

All recipients of these scholarships will be high school seniors who are residents of the Village of Westmont or who are children of members of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Scholarships will be awarded in \$500 and \$1000 amounts.

The criteria for all scholarships:

- Student maintains a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- Student is/has been actively involved in school and/or extra curricular activities in the community or work force.
- Student will be attending an accredited university, college or trade school within 6 months of graduation.
- Financial need is not a criterion.

The WCCEF will select finalists and interview each before making final award decisions.

The WCCEF will present the scholarships at local high school award presentations. All finalists will be invited to a luncheon in their honor in May 2018.

Applications and supporting documents must be returned by **Friday, March 30, 2018** to:

**Westmont Chamber of Commerce
Educational Foundation
One South Cass Avenue, Suite 101
Westmont, IL 60559
Phone: 630-960-5553 Fax: 630-960-5554**

Only one application is needed to be considered for all scholarships.

For further information, please contact: Lea Moore, Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation, wccef@westmontchamber.com.

**Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation
2018 Scholarships Application**

Please check Scholarships you are applying for:

WCCEF Scholarship

The Bill Rahn-Building a Positive Future Scholarship

All of the following documents must be included with the application form.

- Completed application
- Two letters of recommendation (one from an educator and the other from the community)
- Complete transcript of your 4 years showing your cumulative grade point average
- 300-500 word essay for the WCCEF Scholarship and/or
- 300-500 word essay for the Bill Rahn-Building a Positive Future Scholarship

Please type or print clearly all of the information required below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number you can be reached at: _____

Graduation date: _____

Email: _____

Grade point average to date: _____

On a scale of: _____

High School(s) attended (name, address, dates)

List clubs, activities or services of which you were a member in school and/or the community with dates:

List any recognition and/or achievement awards you have received:

List place(s) of employment, type of work and dates (if applicable):

University, College or Trade School you plan to attend, location and entrance date:

Likely major or course of study: _____

Westmont Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation Scholarship:

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of 300 to 500 words, explaining why this scholarship would be of particular importance to you. The essay should include the following:

- Your interests and accomplishments
- Your future plans and life goals
- Your reasons for pursuing your chosen career path
- Explain how these goals may benefit your community in the future
- Why you would like the WCCEF to select you for the scholarship.

Provide two letters of recommendation, one from an educator and the other from the community (religious organization, volunteer group, place of employment).

Bill Rahn-Building a Positive Future Scholarship:

This scholarship is in honor of the late Village of Westmont Mayor Bill Rahn who dedicated his life to helping others both as a Special Education teacher and as a champion for his community of Westmont. The scholarship will be awarded to someone who has helped others and promoted his/her community and whose career plans will enable the student to continue to use his/her life to help others.

Please submit an essay of 300 to 500 words, explaining how your career choice will help to build a positive future by embracing and helping others. Include the following:

- Your activities, service and/or accomplishments that have helped others
- Your vision of how your career choice will help others

Provide two letters of recommendation, one from an educator and the other from the community (religious organization, volunteer group, place of employment).

If you are applying for both types of scholarships then submit only two letters of recommendation.

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date