

Westbrook Foundation Messerschmidt Scholarship Information

Introduction

The Messerschmidt Scholarship, administered by the Westbrook Foundation, is available to residents of Westbrook, Connecticut, who have graduated from high school and are planning to enroll or are currently enrolled as full- or part-time students in accredited two- or four-year colleges/universities and trade schools. The Foundation gives out multiples one-time awards annually under the Messerschmidt Scholarship name. Amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on available funds.

Eligibility Guidelines

The following basic requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the Messerschmidt Scholarship:

- 1) The applicant must maintain a domicile in Westbrook, Connecticut.
- 2) The applicant must be a high school graduate who is applying to or is currently enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college/university or trade school to pursue a degree or certification that will advance their career.
- 3) The applicant must have a GPA of 2.7 or higher, both for the last semester of school attended and cumulatively.
- 4) The applicant must demonstrate academic achievement and/or have a record of successful work experience.
- 5) The applicant must demonstrate financial need.*

* If the candidate is eligible for partial reimbursement from their employer or another source, then assistance may still be awarded provided that the necessary information is included. Candidates who are eligible for full reimbursement from any source under any circumstances will not be eligible.

Application Process - Due April 3, 2026

Applications for the 2026 Scholarship cycle will be online via the Foundation's online Scholarship portal which utilizes Foundant Technology's Scholarship Lifecycle Manager (SLM) software. Please watch the Applicant Tutorial Video and read all instructions carefully before starting your application. All items below will be submitted via the online application.

- 1) The completed scholarship application form via the Foundation's online Scholarship portal which utilizes Foundant Technology's Scholarship Lifecycle Manager (SLM) software.
- 2) Résumé.
- 3) A 200- to 300-word essay that describes the applicant's background and details how pursuing post-secondary education will help to advance their career.

- 4) Official transcript from most recent school attended. Applicants must upload their transcript directly to their online application by the April 3, 2026 deadline.
- 5) Official SAT or ACT score report (for those planning to enroll in college for the first time).
- 6) Financial Aid Form of the College Scholarship Service of the College Board.
- 7) Two letters of recommendation are required. The letters should be written by individuals who can speak to the applicant's ability to successfully complete their desired course of study. The applicant will upload the two letters directly to their online application by the April 3, 2026 deadline.

Notification of Awards

The Westbrook Foundation will notify applicants of its decisions in June 2026. Awards for the 2026-2027 academic year will be disbursed directly to the recipient's institution during the month of July 2026, as soon as the following information is received from the recipient via the online Scholarship portal. If you are unable to submit there, please email to scholarships@westbrookfoundation.org:

- 1) The mailing address of the institution's bursar's office.
- 2) Student ID#.

Please note that funds will not be disbursed to institutions until the above information is received by the Westbrook Foundation.