



Scholarship Program for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities available to graduating high school seniors and current college students pursuing higher education or other career furthering programs.

The following guide lists all scholarship opportunities and should answer most questions about our process

Scholarship information can also be found at:

www.cfgnb.org/scholarships

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How to Apply?

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain's Scholarship applications open January 15. The deadline for all applications is March 16, 2025., unless otherwise noted. Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period.

1. Scholarship applications are housed within online portal that can be accessed via:
www.cfgnb.org/scholarships
 - You will need to create an account to apply. We do not recommend using your student email address as it can be deactivated upon graduation.
2. Take our eligibility quiz to determine which awards you may be eligible to apply for and review application requirements.
 - Most applications require upload of a transcript, resume, letter(s) of recommendation and inclusion of a brief essay.
3. Follow application directions carefully and take your time. Applications do not need to be completed in one sitting. Be sure to include all required attachments and submit your application(s) on time.
4. Students will be notified of their award via email in June. Students attending high schools in New Britain, Berlin, Plainville, Southington or Newington may also be recognized at their high school scholarship reception.

Frequently Asked Questions?

Q1. When do I need to submit my application by?

A1. Sunday, March 15, 2026 by 11:59PM.

Q2. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

A2. Yes! Students can apply for and receive multiple scholarships.

Q3. How will I claim my scholarship?

A3. Scholarship recipients will complete an assigned form on the online scholarship portal in which they applied. Awards will then be sent directly to the recipients' higher education institution.

Q4. Are there any specific financial or academic requirements to apply?

A4. Each of our scholarships have differing eligibility requirements. Some include financial need, some do not. Some consider academic achievement while some actually prefer a lower GPA! There are scholarships for all types of students.

Q5. Who can I contact with questions?

A5. Candice Tabone, Senior Community Impact Officer, via email: ctabone@cfgnb.org (preferred) or by phone: 860.229.6018 x 302. The Community Foundation office is open 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday through Friday. Questions regarding scholarship applications will be answered during business hours only. Plan accordingly.

Who Should Apply?

Our scholarship program primarily targets students who are graduating (or are previous graduates) from high schools in New Britain, Berlin, Plainville and Southington, or residents of those same towns. A handful of scholarship opportunities expand to Farmington, Newington Wethersfield, and Windsor. There are also a number of opportunities that do not have a town of residence or high school requirement.

New Scholarships for 2026!

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for Central Connecticut State University

- Junior or senior pursuing an undergraduate degree at Central Connecticut State University
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3
- Preference given to students with a major or minor in mathematics or statistics

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for University of New Hampshire

- Pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree from University of New Hampshire
- Good academic standing

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for Tunxis Community College

- Have completed at least two semesters
- Minimum GPA of 3.3
- Non-traditional students, or those who have been working in the community and wish to pursue studies to advance in their or another career, are encouraged to apply.

Dolores and Gary Robinson Scholarship

- Students must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university or attending a technical school
- Students must have an average of C+ or better in their high school career.
- Current college students must have a minimum semester grade point of 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- Students must demonstrate community service experience
- First preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in computer science or nursing (including RN & BSN)

Kim Stroud Scholarship for Dance Excellence

- Graduating high school student studying dance at a public school in CT
- Be accepted and pursuing a degree in dance at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrate technical and artistic excellence through an audition or video submission

New Scholarships for 2026 - Continued

Society St. Jean Baptiste Scholarship

- New Britain, Berlin, Plainville, or Southington residents
- Must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university or attending a technical school
- Students must demonstrate financial need
- Course of studies with preference to students pursuing higher education in fields related to public safety and emergency response (first responder fields including but not limited to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Firefighting, Law Enforcement, and Disaster Management)
- Preference is given to students of French descent

Angelo Tomasso Sr. Lodge Order of Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) Scholarship

- Graduating senior from a public or private high school located in New Britain or Berlin, CT
- Preference given to those of Italian descent

James William Banasiewicz Memorial Scholarship

- Graduating senior of E.C. Goodwin Technical High School
- Preference given to students pursuing a degree in automotive

**If you or someone you know is interested in establishing a scholarship fund or if you know of an organization needing assistance with scholarship management please email Candice Tabone, Senior Community Impact Officer: ctabone@cfgnb.org*

Scholarship Listing – Online Portal Scholarships

The following scholarships are available within our online application system

Applications open January 15, 2026 // Application deadline: March 15, 2026

Online application system can accessed via www.cfgnb.org/scholarships

Allen and Rosalind Humes Humanitarian Scholarship

- Graduating seniors from the high schools in Berlin and Deep River, CT and students who are residents of Winchester, NH
- Member of a faith community (Required)
- Average students (ranked in the middle third of their class) who have demonstrated future potential to succeed
- Pursuing a four-year degree at an accredited college or university in a humanitarian discipline (including but not restricted to social work, nursing, teaching, medicine, leader of a faith community, legal aid)

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for Central Connecticut State University –*New for 2026!

- Junior or senior pursuing an undergraduate degree at Central Connecticut State University
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3
- Preference given to students with a major or minor in mathematics or statistics

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for University of New Hampshire –*New for 2026!

- Pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree from University of New Hampshire
- Good academic standing

Art Adolfson Endowed Scholarship for Tunxis Community College–*New for 2026!

- Have completed at least two semesters
- Minimum GPA of 3.3
- Non-traditional students, or those who have been working in the community and wish to pursue studies to advance in their or another career, are encouraged to apply.

Austrian-Hungarian Singing – Sick Benefit Society Donau, Inc. Scholarship

- Graduating high school senior pursuing a degree at an accredited two or four-year college or university.
- Preference will be given to candidates planning to enter careers related to the Austrian/German culture or language.
- Preference will be given to candidates who are members of the Austrian-Hungarian Club.
- Preference will be given to candidates who are of Austrian, German, or Swiss-German descent.
- Applicants must be of good academic standing.
- Essay required

Eleanor and Nathan Berry Scholarship

- Resident of Berlin, Farmington, New Britain, Newington, Plainville or Southington
- Graduating high school senior pursuing a full-time bachelor's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university.
- Industrious, hard-working and well-rounded student
- Evidence of a young life well spent
- Good scholastic record
- Preference to those planning to enter careers related to medicine or finance
- Required essay.

Ruth M. and Adolph J. Betterini Scholarship

- Candidates must be graduating seniors of Berlin & New Britain High Schools
- Candidates must have an average of C+ or better in their high school career.
- Preference will be given to those in financial need who will not be receiving other substantial scholarship assistance
- Candidates must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in either engineering or a field of medicine at an accredited college or university.
- A display of good citizenship in their school and community; and be hard working, driven to achieve, and motivated.

Helen T. Bianca Nursing Scholarship

- Graduating senior from public high schools in New Britain and Berlin
- Pursuing a college degree in nursing at accredited two-year or four-year college or university (degree program must lead to licensure as a Registered Nurse)
- Financial need
- Volunteerism in community
- Required essay

Patricia and Cornelius Clark Scholarship Fund

- Be previous graduates of New Britain High School or another high school located in New Britain, including charter schools;
- Be an average student who intends to continue their education and demonstrates future potential to succeed;
- Demonstrate financial need based on the student's Student Aid Report;
- Be attending an accredited two or three- year community college, trade school, vocational program, or four-year college or university

E.C. Goodwin RVTS Good Turn Scholarship

- Graduating senior of E.C. Goodwin Technical High School
- Displays financial need
- Available to students pursuing 4-year degrees with preference given to students attending trade or vocational programs

Festa Italiana Reverend Father Augustine Henry Giusani Humanitarian Scholarship

- Must be a graduating senior or current college student residing in Berlin, New Britain, Bloomfield, Burlington, Cromwell, East Hampton, Farmington, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, Newington, Southington, West Hartford or Windsor
- Planning to major in Social Sciences
- Preference will be given to candidates who are of Italian descent
- Preference will first be given to candidates who are members in good standing of the Generale Ameglio Society. If no such candidates apply secondary preference will be given to candidates who are members, in good standing of their high school Italian Club, or who are junior members with a family membership in an Italian organization in CT
- Equal preference will be put on academic ability and financial need

Festa Italiana Reverend Father Augustine Henry Giusani Math & Science Scholarship

- Must be a graduating senior or current college student residing in Berlin, New Britain, Bloomfield, Burlington, Cromwell, East Hampton, Farmington, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, Newington, Southington, West Hartford or Windsor
- Planning to major in Math, Science and Engineering
- Preference will be given to candidates who are of Italian descent
- Preference will first be given to candidates who are members in good standing of the Generale Ameglio Society. If no such candidates apply secondary preference will be given to candidates who are members, in good standing of their high school Italian Club, or who are junior members with a family membership in an Italian organization in CT
- Equal preference will be put on academic ability and financial need

Louis P. Gianoli Scholarship

- Graduating seniors from New Britain High School or E.C. Goodwin Technical High School
- Exhibits personal discipline and ability to overcome adversity

*Students must be recommended for this award by a teacher or guidance counselor who will provide an access code to apply.

Solomon Haynes Memorial Scholarship

- Student must be a New Britain resident
- Participated in either New Britain ROOTS or World Wide Youth Networks programs
- Letter of recommendation must be submitted from New Britain ROOTS or World Wide Youth Networks

Italian Heritage Foundation Scholarship

- Graduating high school seniors of New Britain High School, Berlin High School, E.C. Goodwin Technical High School and the CREC Academy of Science and Innovation
- Preference given to applicants of Italian descent
- Academic ability will be reviewed first, followed by financial need

David Roy Kovacs Scholarship

- Candidates must be residents of New Britain, who have graduated within the last three years (2026, 2025, 2024 graduates) from either New Britain High School or from another high school located in New Britain, including charter schools.
- Candidates will be pursuing continued education in a community college, trade or vocational school.
- Financial need, determined by FAFSA

Normand and Cecile LeBrun Scholarship

- Graduating high school seniors of Newington High School
- Pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
- Must have a 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale
- Selection will be based on criteria in the following order: financial need, academic achievement, letters of recommendation and essay

MacDonald/Hjerpe Scholarship

- Applicants must be graduating seniors in the current class of New Britain, Plainville and Farmington High Schools.
- Financial need.
- Students who will not receive substantial other scholarships.
- C+ or better GPA for high school career
- Preference to those planning to attend public institutions (either two-year or four-year colleges or universities).
- Preference to those planning to enter careers in the sciences, education or human services

Elizabeth I. and Louis J. Matt Scholarship

- Candidates must be graduating seniors or previous graduates of public high schools in New Britain, Newington or Wethersfield.
- Candidates planning to pursue a medical vocation, broadly defined, or post high school degree or certificate in a medical field, which may include but is not limited to occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, emergency medical technician, etc. Program of instruction may be pursued as a degree or certification.
- Financial need.
- Evidence of volunteerism in the school or community.

Louis J. (Mattioli) Matt Music Scholarship

- Graduating seniors from a public high school serving New Britain, Newington or Plainville
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in music education or music performance
- Accepted at an accredited college/school that offers a bachelor's degree in music education or music performance
- Student must be an active member of his/her high school music program
- Students receiving this award will demonstrate excellent performance capabilities on a musical instrument, including voice.
- Student must rank in the top 25% of his/her high school senior class.
- Financial Need

Christopher Maerz Memorial Scholarship

- Graduating seniors or previous graduates of a high school in New Britain or Berlin, CT
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in field of nursing or other medical care careers
- C+ average or better in their high school career
- Financial need
- Preference given to first generation college students

Marjorie Moore Scholarship

- Graduating seniors or previous graduates of Berlin High School
- Students pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in the field of art or music will be given preference.
- Students must display financial need

William P. and Janet C. McCormack Memorial Scholarship

- Graduating seniors who are residents of New Britain or Berlin
- In the top 20% of the graduating class
- Pursuing bachelor's degree at accredited four-year college or university
- Evidence of volunteerism in the school or community
- Work experience will also be considered
- Financial need
- Required essay

New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club Scholarships – Interact Awards

- Graduating from New Britain High School or Berlin High School
- Must be Interact Club members at their high school
- Based on community service, academic performance, financial need and participation in extracurricular activities

New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club Scholarships – Memorial Scholarships

- Graduating high school seniors who reside in the towns of New Britain, CT or Berlin, CT
- Based on community service, academic performance, financial need and participation in extracurricular activities

New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club Scholarships – Trade School Award

- Graduating senior from E.C. Goodwin Technical High School
- Pursuing a career in their trade

Jack and Mary Fuschillo Memorial NBHS Good Turn Scholarship

- Graduating seniors of New Britain High School
- Financial need
- This scholarship is to be awarded to the student who most apparently demonstrates their intent to continue their education

Sharon Orloski Scholarship

- Attending CCSU
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in life sciences
- Preference to women

Robert D. and Dorothy M. Powers Scholarship

- Graduating high school seniors who **live** in New Britain, CT
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university
- Preference will be equally placed on academic ability and financial need

Dolores and Gary Robinson Scholarship – **New for 2026!*

- Students must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university or attending a technical school
- Students must have an average of C+ or better in their high school career.
- Current college students must have a minimum semester grade point of 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- Students must demonstrate community service experience
- First preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in computer science or nursing (including RN & BSN)

Frank E. Rogers Agricultural Scholarship

- Graduating seniors in the current class of the Carl M. Small Regional Agricultural Center of Southington High School; or previous graduates of the Small Agriculture Center at SHS
- Pursuing a full-time bachelor's or associate's degree in agriculture (excluding animal studies) at an accredited college or university
- Financial need
- Minimum cumulative GPA of a B- or 80
- Candidates will be hard-working, determined, ambitious, thoughtful of others and able to work well with others.

John S. Russo Memorial Scholarship

- Student must be graduating from a high school located in New Britain *or* graduating senior who resides in New Britain
- Pursuing a degree from a technical college, preference to manufacturing
- Financial need
- Preference given to a student who exemplifies a positive attitude, community involvement, leadership qualities and ability to think of outside of the box solutions.

Sarra Halloran Family Scholarship

- Graduating seniors or previous graduates of New Britain High School
- Experiencing obstacles in their life that make attending higher education more difficult. These obstacles can include caring for other family members, being a single parent, needing to work to provide for family, etc.
- Financial Need

Anna Sielawko Engineering Scholarship

- Graduating seniors or previous graduates of New Britain High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in the field of engineering
- Must have a C+ average or better for their high school career
- Financial need

Spencer's Hero Academia Memorial Scholarship

- Students must have previously experienced or are experiencing a life-threatening illness and wish to pursue higher education
- Must be graduating seniors or previous graduates of a Connecticut High School or a student who is a resident of Connecticut, in good standing (2.0 GPA or greater), at an accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

The Stewart Family Endowed Scholarship

- Graduating senior from New Britain High School
- Pursuing a career in public service

Kim Stroud Scholarship for Dance Excellence - **New for 2026!*

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Leonard C. and Jeannette W. Varkal Scholarship

- Candidates must be graduating seniors of the public high school or an accredited/state approved private high school in the towns of Berlin, New Britain and/or Plainville Connecticut.
- Scholarship awards will be given to:
 - in the top 10% of their class and/or;
 - students with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA
- Applicant must be pursuing degree programs in Education and/or Business
- Preference will be given to those in financial need who will not be receiving other substantial scholarship assistance. (attach a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) you receive after completing the FAFSA)

Arthur E. Webster Scholarship

- Graduating seniors or previous graduates of Berlin High School
- Bachelors Degree
- Preference given to student's with letters of recommendation from the Superintendent of Berlin Schools or Berlin High School

Scholarship Listing – High School Designated Scholarships

The following scholarships are designated to specific area high schools. The application process will be determined by the high school, most likely utilizing the school's common scholarship application. Questions regarding the awards below should be directed to your high school guidance office or scholarship coordinator.

Berlin High School

- Keith Benson Kramer Scholarship
- James McDermott, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Josephine Suits Arts Scholarship
- Harold M. Sussman Memorial Scholarship
- William J. Tomasso Scholarship
- Gloria Biscoglio Bosco Memorial Scholarship
- Paul & Mary Karam Music Scholarship
- Kimberly R. Miller Scholarship

E.C. Goodwin Technical High School

- James William Banasiewicz Memorial Scholarship – **New for 2026!*
- Vic and Betty Fumiatti Scholarship

New Britain High School

- William F. Burns Award
- Catherine C. Conway Scholarship
- Henrietta R. Demorat Scholarship
- Louis O. Gagliardi Scholarship
- Linda Blogoslawski Mlynarczyk (awarded to class Valedictorian)
- Peter G. Perakos, Sr. Scholarship
- Harold Rahm Memorial Scholarship
- Harry L. Stromquist Memorial Scholarship
- Harold M. Sussman Memorial Scholarship
- William J. Tomasso Scholarship
- Foran Family Scholarship for students attending the Satellite Academy

Newington High School

- Stanley and Margaret Nowacki Scholarship
- Joseph T. and Christine J. Schriber Scholarship

Scholarship Listing – High School Designated Scholarships (continued)

The following scholarships are designated to specific area high schools. The application process will be determined by the high school, most likely utilizing the school's common scholarship application. Questions regarding the awards below should be directed to your high school guidance office or scholarship coordinator.

Plainville High School

- William G. Bryant Memorial Scholarship
- Suzanne M. DiLernia Memorial Scholarship
- William J. Tomasso Scholarship

Southington High School

- Arthur T. Blumer, MD Merit Scholarship (awarded to Valedictorian)
- Michael J. Davey Memorial Scholarship for students attending Karen Smith Academy
- Nellie F. Shepard Scholarship
- Dennis J. Stanek, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Mitchell J. Porydzy Scholarship

Wethersfield High School

- Katie Smith Memorial Scholarship

Windsor High School

- Katie Smith Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Listing – Online Portal Scholarships (Unique Timelines)

The following scholarships utilize an online application via our online portal but operate on unique timelines.

Alma Exley Scholarship

- **Application opens in early September each year, late October deadline**
- Junior, Senior or Master's Level student enrolled in a teacher-preparation program in Connecticut
- Preference given to students of color

Dr. Lorraine G. Spranzo Scholarship

- **Application opens in early October each year, early November deadline**
- Pursuing a masters or doctoral nursing degree at a University in Connecticut or a Connecticut resident attending a university outside of Connecticut
- Completed 12 credits (cannot be in-progress at time of application)
- Holds active CT nursing license
- 3.0 GPA
- Application note: official transcript required

Kim Miller Artistic Swimming Scholarship

- **Application opens in November each year, February deadline**
- Graduating high school senior
- East Zone athlete registered with USA Artistic Swimming
- 3.0 GPA, or above, on a 4.0 scale, for all four years of high school
- Leadership and dedication to synchro in the image of Kim Miller
- Attending college in the fall and participating in synchronized swimming on the varsity or non-varsity level (*Note: If you are not participating in synchronized swimming on the collegiate level, you will be asked to provide additional information on how you would plan to start a team at your college or university).

Scholarship Listing – Special Opportunities (Unique application & timeline)

The following scholarships utilize a paper application in most cases. Application information is included below for each scholarship. Read carefully.

Dick Burkarth/Shuttle Meadow Country Club Scholarship

- **Application can be obtained from the Golf Professional at SMCC**
- Outside Service Staff at Shuttle Meadow Country Club
- Decisions typically made in August

Bialkowski Family Fund Scholarship

- **Application available by contacting Sacred Heart Church Finance Office**
- Parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in New Britain
- To be used for tuition at a local catholic high school or individuals attending the seminary
- Open application window

Degree Completion Initiative

Supported by the Julian R. Judge Memorial Fund and James G. Williamson Education Assistance Fund

- **Applications are available directly through CCSU Financial Aid Office and Charter Oak State College Financial Aid Office**
- Students having completed at least sixty credits towards their undergraduate degree
- Attending CCSU or Charter Oak State College
- Good academic standing
- Resident of New Britain, Berlin, Plainville or Southington
- Differing timeline, check with CCSU or Charter Oak State College Financial Aid Office for more information

Ron F. Gilrain Scholarship

- **Application and selection conducted by EOP Director at CCSU**
- Incoming freshman who have completed the EOP Summer program at CCSU
- Decisions typically made in August

New Britain General Hospital School of Nursing and Alumni Associates Scholarship

- **Application can be obtained by CCSU Financial Aid office**
- Completed one year at Central Connecticut State University

- Have been deemed an appropriate student, both academically and through their dedication to the field of nursing
- Decisions typically made in late spring

About the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain

Since 1941, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain has been the area's signature resource for those who, like us, aspire to make our community a more vibrant place to work and live. Our mission is to inspire philanthropy, responsibly manage permanent charitable assets, and partner to address key community issues through strategic leadership.

Our more than 300 charitable funds, \$80 million endowment and nationally recognized asset management expertise give us the financial wherewithal to continue funding important programs and services in our communities and provide scholarships to students.

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Since our first scholarship fund was established in 1992, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain has awarded over \$4,000,000 to students in our communities and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding our scholarship program, please contact Candice Tabone, Senior Community Impact Officer, via email: ctabone@cfnb.org or if you would like to have a conversation about starting your own charitable fund, please contact Kaylah Milligan, Director of Philanthropy, via email: kaylah@cfnb.org



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