

2017-2018 Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program

Formerly the Governors Scholarship

<https://www.ctohe.org/rwsp/>

The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program (*Formerly the Governors Scholarship*) provides state aid to help talented and needy students pay for college. It is not a merit program; priority is given to those who are least able to contribute to college costs. Based upon continued funding, students may use their award at any of Connecticut's public colleges and universities or any Connecticut nonprofit independent institution of higher education. (<http://www.ctohe.org/rwsp/eligiblecollegesanduniversities.pdf>)

This past year annual scholarships for students attending eligible Connecticut institutions ranged from \$4,550 to \$5,250 for full-time enrollment and \$2,275 to \$3,937 for part-time enrollment.

The Office of Higher Education administers this program. All Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program inquiries should be directed to gsp@ctohe.org or call (860-947-1848).

High School Counselors will submit information on the behalf of the qualified students, there is no application. The filing deadline for 2017-2018 Roberta B. Willis Scholarship applications is February 15th. The student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov by February 15th. Completed FAFSA data will automatically be matched to eligible applicants.

New applicants will be notified via email about the status of their application by August 1st. Awards are sent directly to colleges for credit to the student's account. Half of the award is sent in the fall after the college confirms a student's eligibility and enrollment. The balance is sent to the college in the spring following enrollment confirmation. Awards may be adjusted for students who are enrolled less than full-time, but at least half-time. Awards also may be adjusted based on changes to the student's Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The number of awards depends on available funding.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, a student must:

1. be a legal resident of Connecticut;
2. have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th, and received a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC); (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
3. be a secondary school senior or graduate;
4. have a cumulative class rank in the top 20% at the end of their junior year for high school seniors (upon graduation for all others) OR have combined scores (math, evidenced-based reading and writing) of at least 1210 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) OR 27 or better on ACT;
5. have not previously received a baccalaureate degree;
6. be attending an eligible Connecticut institution;
7. have an EFC below maximum allowed limit.

Continued Eligibility

Eligibility for this grant is limited to six years of undergraduate study for a bachelor's degree and three years of study for an associate degree. Based upon future funding levels, students who submit a 2017-2018 application will be considered for an award in future years if a completed FAFSA is submitted by April 30th. Renewal students will be notified via email about the status of their application by August 1st.

Other Aid Sources

To learn about other sources of student financial aid, visit the Office of Higher Education at www.ctohe.org or contact the Education & Employment Information Center at edinfo@ctohe.org.

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Program	Who is Eligible	Amounts (may vary)	Basis of Selection	How & When to Apply
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Need & Merit-Based Award	CT resident who is a <u>high school senior</u> or graduate with a high school junior year class rank of 20% or better and/or SAT scores of at least 1210 or ACT score of at least 27. Recipient must attend a CT public or non-profit private college.	Up to \$5,250 a year for full-time attendance in a 4-year program of study; up to \$4,650 a year for full-time attendance in a 2-year program of study.	Allowable federal EFC and academic merit	Complete a Roberta B. Willis Scholarship application, through high school guidance offices, by February 15, and submit a (FAFSA) by February 15.
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Need-Based Award	CT resident who <u>attends a CT public or non-profit private college</u> . Recipient must have a federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC) within the allowable range.	Up to \$4,500 for full-time study in a 2 or 4 year program of study.	Allowable federal EFC	Submit a (FAFSA) . Contact your college's financial aid office about any institutional filing deadlines.

<http://www.ctohe.org/SFA/sfa.shtml#Governor>

**Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program
Eligible Colleges and Universities**

Albertus Magnus College
Asnuntuck Community College
Capital Community College
Central Connecticut State University
Charter Oak State College
Connecticut College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Fairfield University
Gateway Community College
Goodwin College
Housatonic Community College
Manchester Community College
Middlesex Community College
Mitchell College
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Northwestern CT Community College

Norwalk Community College
Quinebaug Valley Community College
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Vincent's College
Southern Connecticut State University
Three Rivers Community College
Trinity College
Tunxis Community College
University of Bridgeport
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of New Haven
Wesleyan University
Western Connecticut State University