**Wayland High School Scholarship Committee Scholarship Application Form**

The Wayland High School Scholarship Committee encourages applications from all students of Wayland High School or residents of Wayland in need of financial assistance. The committee also considers scholastic achievement, academic promise, and community service in addition to financial need. Each applicant must provide evidence that all available state and federal resources are being actively pursued, but that there will still be significant unmet need.

Colleges and committees like ours use the [**Student Aid Report**](https://studentaid.gov/help/view-sar) **(SAR) from the FAFSA®** as the standard basis for awarding a variety of need-based financial awards. For your application to be considered, a copy of the **Student Aid Index (SAI)**, must accompany this application. If you have not filled out a FAFSA and do not have this information, please be prepared to explain why.

In order for our the WHS Scholarship Committee to assist as many students with need as possible, **we** **cannot accept an application from a student whose family SAI is greater than $40,000.**

The committee gives scholarships to assist with **FIRST YEAR FINANCIAL NEED ONLY**. The student does not need to attend a four-year college as long as the program of study is full time, will result in a degree or diploma, and is consistent with the student’s ability. We also support two-year, vocational, and prep school programs of study. The awards are sent directly to the college/school prior to your matriculation.

Applicants must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor. This becomes available in December and can be updated after income tax returns are filed and family information is available. Information from the FAFSA will be used to generate the [Student Aid Report](https://studentaid.gov/help/view-sar) (SAR), which will be sent to each of your chosen colleges.

The committee relies on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided in the application and the SAR to make its decision. If the information is incomplete or inaccurate, your eligibility will be jeopardized. Both student and parents/guardian should carefully review the application for accuracy and sign where indicated.

Applications must be complete and submitted by **February 29, 2024**.
We are unable to process incomplete applications.\*

The Counseling Department provides us with a copy of your transcript and letter from your Counselor. If you receive additional information from your college after February 29, please bring it to the Counseling Department as soon as possible so they can forward it to us.

The committee will contact each candidate by email or telephone to set a date for an interview in March and April, at which time you will be required to bring in an updated copy of the financial aid package from your chosen school, if possible.

If you have other questions about the application, please contact your Counselor. Thank you! We look forward to receiving your application.

~ The Wayland High School Scholarship Committee

*\*We realize that students will likely not have made their final decisions on post-high school plans by the deadline. Regardless, all applications must be submitted on time so we can review all documents and conduct interviews in a timely manner. Details of final decisions can be communicated at a later date.*