1. **Name:** West End Chili Cookoff Scholarship Award. To be named, each year, for a deserving Sea Isle neighbor, past or present.
2. **Mission**: Provide financial aid to Sea Isle college, university or trade school student(s).
3. **Eligibility**: Student candidate(s) must provide proof of residence. Children or grandchildren of Sea Isle homeowners or full-time resident, non-homeowners are eligible. Final grades for the prior school year and college, university or trade school registration for the coming school year must be submitted with application.
4. **Guidelines/Criteria**: Scholarship funds will be used for expenses such as tuition and books. Funds will be awarded directly to winning student(s). Prize(s) shall be awarded based on academic criteria (GPA) and the applicants’ community service (all applicants shall write an original essay no less than 300 -- or more than 500 – words detailing their community service).The essay should explain why community service is important and how he or she has made an impact in the community (home, school or otherwise) through his or her service. Proof of grades and original essay must be submitted at the time of application. The winner(s) must commit to volunteer for the chili cookoff or another community project, such as clean up day(s) that is approved through the chili cookoff committee.
5. **Timing**: Applications will be accepted up through August 31. A candidate applicant will attach proof of his or her final grades for the prior year, and proof of registration for the following school year with the application. The application will also require proof of residence and an essay.
6. **Source of Funds:** The scholarship will be financed through the West End Chili Cookoff.
7. **Advisory Board:** The committee will be made up of the following members: Esther McKenna (committee chair), Mark McKenna, Brian Perry and Mike McBath.
8. **Scholarship Award:** A minimum annual award of $1,000 shall be awarded to one or more applicants. The number of students awarded will be determined by the committee on an annual basis.

Name of Student Applicant:

Sea Isle Residence Address:

Name of College, University or Trade School:

Age and Year of High School Matriculation/College: (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior):

Signature of Student Applicant:

Submitting Committee/Advisory Member (to remain liaison with applicant):

Date of Submission:

Committee Member Notes:

**To be eligible, students must be entering a college, university or trade school. Student applicant must attach an original essay, no less than 300 and no more than 500 words, regarding his or her community service. The essay should explain why community service is important and how he or she has made an impact in the community (home, school or otherwise) through his or her service. Student applicant must submit proof of final grades for previous school year and registration for the coming school year. College, university or trade school need not be the same as transfers do not disqualify an applicant. Proof of residence must be attached to application. (If student is away from home attending school or preparing to start classes, proof of guardian residence is acceptable.) Applications will NOT be accepted from a parent or guardian. All applications and original essays must be completed and submitted in person, by the applicant, who will undergo a personal interview by his or her scholarship committee member liaison. Please email one of the following committee members to submit application and all attachments and to schedule an interview:**

Esther McKenna: **esthermick@aol.com**

Mark McKenna: **mrkmick@aol.com**

Mike McBath: **mike.mcbath@yahoo.com**

Brian Perry: **perrybrallen@yahoo.com**

**The award winner(s) must commit to volunteering for the West End Chili Cookoff or another community event, as approved by the West End Chili Cookoff committee.**

**Check List: 1. Scholarship application**

**2. Proof of grades from immediately prior year**

**3. Proof of residence**

**4. Proof of registration**

**5. Essay**