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West End Chili Cookoff Scholarship Award  
In Honor of Frank Reese and Doris Skelton  
2025 Guidelines and Criteria

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 residents. Final grades for the prior school year, as well as college, university, or trade school registration for the upcoming school year, must be submitted with the application.
4. **Guidelines/Criteria:** Scholarship funds will be used for expenses such as tuition and books, at the winners' discretion. Funds will be awarded directly to the 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 of no less than 300 or more than 500 words detailing their community service). The essay should explain why community service is essential and how the student has made a positive impact in their community (whether at home, school, or elsewhere) through their service. Proof of grades and the 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 are approved through the chili cookoff committee.
5. **Timing:** Applications will be accepted until August 5, allowing us to award the prize money before students depart for school. A candidate applicant will attach proof of their 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, Mike McBath, and Patty LaTouche.
8. **Scholarship Award:** A minimum annual award of \$1,000 shall be awarded to one or more applicants. The committee will determine the number of students to be awarded each year.



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## Annual West End Chili Cookoff

### 2025 Scholarship Award Application

\$1,000 or more (Award may be divided among qualified applicants)

This year's scholarship award is in memory of Frank Reese and Doris Skelton, two beloved residents of Sea Isle who were involved in the cookoff for many years.

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):

Esther McKenna: [esthermick@aol.com](mailto:esthermick@aol.com)

Patty LaTouche: [pattylatouche@yahoo.com](mailto:pattylatouche@yahoo.com)

Date of Submission:

Committee Member Notes:



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### **2025 West End Chili Cookoff Scholarship In Honor of Frank Reeseey and Doris Skelton**

To be eligible, students must be entering a college, university, or trade school. Student applicants must attach an original essay, no less than 300 and no more than 500 words, regarding their community service. The essay should explain why community service is essential and how the student has made a positive impact in their community (whether at home, school, or elsewhere) through their service. Student applicants must submit proof of final grades for the 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 the application. (If the 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 with their scholarship committee member liaison. Please email one of the following committee members to submit the application and all attachments and to schedule an interview:

Esther McKenna: [esthermick@aol.com](mailto:esthermick@aol.com)

Patty LaTouche: [pattylatouche@yahoo.com](mailto:pattylatouche@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 the immediately prior year**
  - 3. Proof of residence**
  - 4. Proof of registration**
  - 5. Essay**