

West End Chili Cookoff Scholarship Award

Guidelines and Criteria

1. **Name:** Annual West End Chili Cookoff Scholarship Award.
2. **Mission:** Provide financial aid to Sea Isle student(s) attending college, university, or trade school.
3. **Eligibility:** Children and grandchildren of Sea Isle homeowners, whether full- or part-time, are eligible. Student candidates must provide proof of ownership or residence. A property deed, proof of homeowners insurance, or property tax records will suffice. If you cannot locate any of these items promptly, the Sea Isle Property Owner Association can provide appropriate correspondence (after the annual homeowners' meeting on May 9). Students may apply for consecutive years throughout their higher education; there is no limit to the number of years they may apply.
4. **Guidelines/Criteria:** Scholarship funds can be used for expenses such as tuition, books, transportation, etc., at the student's 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. Applicants shall write an original essay of no fewer than 300 or more than 500 words, detailing their community service. The essay should explain why community service is important and how the student has made an impact on the community (at home, at school, or otherwise) through their service. Proof of home ownership, matriculation/registration for the coming semester, and the original essay must be submitted at the time of the application below. The winner(s) must commit to volunteering at the annual chili cookoff in February. If the student applicant is prohibited from traveling home at that time, they must complete their volunteer service at another local event in Sea Isle, such as a beach clean-up or the Independence Day Parade.
5. **Timing:** Applications will be accepted from May 1 through July 15, 2026. Applicants must be available for an in-person or Zoom interview by JULY 24. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. This is to ensure funds are disbursed to students before they leave for the fall semester. Please remember that members of the scholarship committee have full-time obligations and are volunteering their time. Please respond promptly when they reach out to you.
6. **Source of Funds:** The scholarship will be financed through the West End Chili Cookoff. Available funds will vary depending on the amount of funds earned during the cookoff.
7. **Advisory Board:** The committee will be made up of the following members: Esther McKenna (esthermick@aol.com), Lisa Peters (petersld@zhi.com), and Tammy Del Campo (tdelcampo72@outlook.com). Feel free to PM any of us with your questions.

West End Chili Cookoff
Scholarship Application

Name of Student Applicant:

Cell Phone of Applicant:

Sea Isle Address:

Name of College, University, or Trade School:

Age and Year of Matriculation: (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Post Grad):

Signature of Student Applicant:

Name of Scholarship Member Advisor: (to remain liaison with applicant throughout process):

Date of Submission:

Committee Member Notes:

- Check List:**
- 1. Scholarship application**
 - 2. Proof of home ownership**
 - 4. Proof of registration for the coming school year**
 - 5. Essay**