



2020 Westgate Neighborhood Scholarship

Westgate Neighbors Association (WNA) is a non-profit community civic organization made up of residents in and around the Westgate neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio. Our purpose is to improve the viability, livability, and overall quality of life for the residents of Westgate. Many of our residents have lived here for decades and many more have recently moved to Westgate – attracted by the character and distinct qualities of our neighborhood.

We congratulate you for taking a first step toward investing in education after high school. We're excited for you, as you prepare to stand on your own, realizing continued learning is essential to economic viability, continuous career opportunities, and overall quality of life in today's economy. This scholarship has been established as an extension of our mission to help our community thrive. We hope to foster the spirit of the WNA, investing in the furthered education of one of our community members who has demonstrated a similar commitment to improving viability, livability and overall quality of life – whether for residents in Westgate, fellow students, or peers. While GPA is considered, the committee will be looking more at non-academic activities as they demonstrate volunteerism and community involvement.

SECTION I – Instructions

This scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior who is a resident of Westgate, Columbus, Ohio (Westgate boundaries for the purposes of this scholarship are defined as W. Broad St. to Sullivant Ave. and Hague Ave. to Demorest Rd.) and has applied to attend a college, university, trade school, technical vocational training or other post-secondary education program in the 2020-2021 academic year. Please complete the attached residency verification form (on page 5).

The scholarship is also open to full-time students currently attending a college, university, trade school, technical vocational training or other post-secondary education program in the 2020-2021 academic year. However, their parents or legal guardians must be current residents of Westgate. Please complete the attached residency verification form.

The 2020 WNA Neighborhood Scholarship Committee will review all applications and award one (1) \$500 scholarship based on the following: community engagement and leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities and academics. If, after reviewing all the applications, the selection committee believes that none of the applicants embody the spirit and mission of the Westgate Neighborhood Scholarship, the 2020 Scholarship will not be awarded. One letter of recommendation is required. While membership in The Westgate Neighbors Association (WNA) is not required, additional weight will be given to current WNA members who are applying or the dependents of current WNA members who are applying.

The scholarship winner will be notified by May 15, 2020. The winner will be recognized at the May 2020 WNA Community Meeting on May 26, 2020. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college/university/school's financial aid office in August 2020. If the student is not enrolled the monies could be awarded to another applicant.

Complete applications must be postmarked on or before March 20, 2020.

Please mail your completed one-sided application and all supporting documents in a single envelope to:

*Westgate Neighbors Association
P.O. Box 44194
Columbus, OH 43204
Attn: Westgate Neighborhood Scholarship*



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SECTION II – Contact Information (PLEASE PRINT)

Student's Name: _____

Westgate Address: _____
Street _____ E-mail Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number (specify type) _____
Alternate Phone (specify type) _____

Complete the attached residency verification form on page 5

SECTION III – Current School Information

School Name: _____

Address _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA*: _____

*Current college students must submit their cumulative grade point average via an unofficial transcript, an online advising report, or a summary of grades report with the application. The GPA should include all college classes taken since college enrollment, including Fall 2019. You do not need to pay for an official transcript; a free, unofficial transcript is acceptable as long as it includes cumulative GPA and grades through Fall 2019.

High School Counselor Name and Phone Number _____

Academic Advisor Name (if currently enrolled) and Phone Number _____

Post-secondary institutions you have applied to for the 2020/2021 academic year:

If already enrolled please list major: _____



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Please list any awards and/or honors that you have received (use an additional sheet if necessary)

SECTION IV – Extracurricular Activities and Leadership (use an additional sheet if necessary). **Please include the year(s) of service and annual number of hours for each.** If currently in college please list your high school activities and volunteer hours.

Please list any professional/academic organizations in which you have been involved (include dates of involvement and leadership positions held):

Please list any non-academic/community organizations or activities in which you have been involved (include dates of involvement, total annual number of hours, and leadership positions held):

SECTION V – Letter of Recommendation

Include at least one letter of recommendation with your application. The references should comment on your character, potential for leadership, and/or your community involvement/ accomplishments. A confidential recommendation is not required, but the letter of recommendation must be signed by the person making the recommendation.

NOTE: *If the person providing the letter wishes to write a confidential reference, he or she should place the original letter in a sealed envelope signed across the seal. The applicant should include that envelope in their application package.*



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Section VI – Essay (use an additional sheet and **list your selected topic**)

Select ONE of the topics below and attach an essay (up to 300 words)

- Why does education matter to your community?
- Describe something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community.
- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in your school, work, or community.

SECTION VII – Certification

I certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

*Applications must be postmarked on or before March 20, 2020. Please include **ALL** of the following. **Please do not send double-sided copies!***

- ✓ Completed application
 - ✓ At least one letter of recommendation
 - ✓ Essay (please note topic)
 - ✓ High School Transcript
- OR
- ✓ Current college students should submit their cumulative grade point average via an unofficial transcript, an online advising report, or a summary of grades report with the application. The GPA should include all college classes taken since college enrollment, including Fall 2019. You do not need to pay for an official transcript; a free, unofficial transcript is acceptable as long as it includes cumulative GPA and grades through Fall 2019.
 - ✓ Residency verification form

Note:

Once notified the scholarship winner will be asked to provide a letter of acceptance from a post-secondary school. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the college/university/school's financial aid office in August. If the student is not enrolled the monies could be awarded to a different applicant.



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Residency Verification Form

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Applicant Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Westgate Address _____

Please check the box below indicating the **two forms** you will submit as residency verification

Current Electric Bill showing Westgate address

Current Gas Bill showing Westgate address

Current Water Bill showing Westgate address

Current Cable Bill showing Westgate address

Current Insurance Bill showing Westgate address

If you are a renter and do not pay utilities because it is included in the rent you will need to submit a letter from the lessor and/or a copy of the rental agreement stating that utilities are included.

I confirm that I and/or my parent(s) are current residents of Westgate and thereby eligible to apply for the Westgate Neighborhood Scholarship.

Signature

Date