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NORTHEAST CONNECTICUT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

Open to Residents of Windham County Connecticut pursuing higher education.

APPLICATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 13

\$189,000 AVAILABLE

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

RANGE BETWEEN

\$500 - \$2,500

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE HOUR TO APPLY!

**ALL INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND AT:**



[NECTEDUCATIONFOUNDATION.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://necteducationfoundation.org/scholarships)

The Northeast Connecticut Education Foundation's mission is to provide scholarships and other financial support to residents of Northeast Connecticut who want to pursue higher education.

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Residents of Windham County, Connecticut
- Most scholarships require a minimum 3.0 GPA; select scholarships do not have a GPA requirement
- New, returning, or graduating and transferring students attending CT State Community College with Quinebaug Valley (Danielson or Willimantic) as their home college.
- Enrolled in 2 or more classes
- Self-pay, Financial Aid recipient, or Tuition Free

WHEN TO APPLY:

Scholarship applications and all supporting documents are accepted between February 1 and noon on March 13, 2026.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Online Application

2. Supporting Documents:

- **Academic Letter of Recommendation:** Must be a current letter signed by the reference.

- **Character Reference:** Must be a current letter signed by the reference.

**NOTE Academic and Character letters cannot be from a family member.*

- **Official Transcript of Grades:** Official transcripts must be submitted.

High School students should submit their in-progress transcripts

- **Personal Statement:** This is a very important part of your application. The scholarship selection committee relies heavily on personal statements to aid in the process. Provide numerous reasons and details as to why you should be chosen for a scholarship. You must reference your financial need and any "yes" responses from the Additional Criteria section on this online application. **Note - the use of AI in the writing of your personal statement is prohibited.*

- **Signature Page**

**Note – Forms for the academic letter, character reference, personal statement, and signature page are available for download here: necteducationfoundation.org/scholarships*

OTHER MATERIALS:

In addition to the above supporting documents, select students must submit the following:

- **Military applicants** must provide your DD214.

- **Art applicants** must submit a portfolio containing 3 - 5 pieces of original art

Scholarship applicants must submit all documents, excluding the online application, in ONE packet at either the Danielson or Willimantic campuses.

- **Danielson** – Packets should be turned in at the Student Success Center
Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm & Friday 8:30am – 4pm
- **Willimantic** – Packets should be turned into Jazaun Charles, Student Services Generalist
Hours: Monday to Thursday 11am-7pm & Friday 8:30am to 4pm.

Dr. Frank Aleman Scholarship (\$650)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a business management degree program

Todd Jeremiah Allen Memorial Scholarship (\$550)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a demonstrated financial need
3. Be a recent graduate of Harvard H. Ellis Technical High School
4. Be enrolled in the Advanced Manufacturing Technology program

Altrusa International of Northeastern CT Scholarship (\$1,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be female
5. Have a record of community service

Preference to: A non-traditional student who has returned to College after an absence, and has completed at least one semester in good standing at CT State Quinebaug Valley

Archambault-Beauchamp Scholarship (2 @ \$2,100)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a business or medical-related program at Quinebaug Valley

bankHOMETOWN Scholarship (14 @ \$2,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Reside in a Windham County Connecticut town served by a bankHOMETOWN branch

Richard C. & Louise S. Berry Scholarship (\$2,400)

Applicant must:

1. Be a returning CT State Quinebaug Valley student, or a transferring/graduating student with 30 credits earned at QV
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the College of Technology engineering science or early childhood education degree programs

Louise Brown Memorial Scholarship (\$550)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have demonstrated financial need

Preference to: a special needs student working to overcome obstacles

David & Nancy Bull Scholarship (\$800)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in an associates degree in science program

Burke Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$1,250)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a program in healthcare or criminal justice

Rhoda L. & David T. Chase Scholarships

Academic Achievement (\$1,600)

Awarded to students based on high academic achievement. Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Motivation (\$1,600)

Awarded to a highly motivated student. Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a recent high school graduate
4. Have demonstrated financial need

Butner Family Fund (\$2,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be pursuing a career in health care

Dr. Murray Butner Family Scholarship (\$2,600)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be pursuing a career in health care

Elizabeth Czepiel Memorial Scholarship (\$1,650)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university

Preference to: Applicants who, despite significant personal obstacles, are making gains in their pursuit of higher education

Joan Dash Scholarship (\$1,700)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

Preference to: Students coming from difficult family situations, broadly defined, either financial or emotional

Michael F. Davis Memorial Scholarship (\$1,300)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be working toward a degree in the College of Technology

Day Kimball Healthcare Scholarship (\$600)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a healthcare-related degree program

Demers Family Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a single parent

Betty Domer Memorial Scholarship (\$1,250)

Applicant must:

1. Be a new or continuing student at CT State Quinebaug Valley Willimantic
2. Be a current or former ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) student
3. Be a Willimantic resident
4. Have a demonstrated need to be explained in personal statement portion of the application. The recipient does not need to receive Financial Aid to have demonstrated need.

Ryan S. Doyle Memorial Scholarship (6 @ \$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 2.7 or better
3. Be enrolled in a business or general studies degree program

Dr. Carlee & Michael Drummer President's Scholarship Fund (2 @ \$1,625)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time second year student at CT State Quinebaug Valley planning to earn an associates degree
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial needs

Moumouris Dykstra Family Scholarship (\$700)

Applicant must:

1. Be a new CT State Quinebaug Valley student
2. Be a recent graduate of Killingly High School, Woodstock Academy or a recipient of a GED from EASTCONN
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Mary Espinola Memorial Scholarship (\$300)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Be enrolled in a business studies degree program

The Elizabeth Espitia-Perez and Walter J. Hines Scholarship (\$1,400)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the English as a Second Language program

Dr. Valentine Galasyn Scholarship (\$900)

Applicant must:

1. Be a continuing full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Pursuing a degree in Life Sciences

Joan F. Golrick Memorial Scholarship (\$850)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program at QV

Preference to: Single parent

Dr. Ellis A. & Shirley L. Hagstrom Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

The Haines Family Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a business degree program

Betty and Newell Hale Scholarship (2 @ \$2,100)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Robert & Mary Heneault Memorial Scholarship (\$900)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Preference to: A student who has overcome barriers and demonstrates a combination of academic achievement and community engagement

W.H.G. Herklots Family Scholarship (2 @ \$1,700)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 2.5 or better
3. Be enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Sciences degree program

Preference to: A student making admirable academic gains despite significant personal obstacles

Jewett City Savings Bank Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

John J. "Bud" Keenan Memorial Scholarship (\$800)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the College of Technology

The Killingly-Brooklyn Rotary Scholarship (\$550)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Reside in Killingly or Brooklyn

Preference to: Applicants who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community through volunteerism & service.

Keith John Kipper Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time, part-time or graduating student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Be enrolled in the Human Services degree program

Preference to: A non-traditional student

Hans Langhammer Scholarship (\$850)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Be pursuing a fine arts degree
3. Be a student with disabilities as documented by a recognized and credentialed professional

George & Demeter Lakatzis Scholarship (\$700)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a resident of Killingly
4. Be a graduate of Killingly High School or Ellis Technical School

Maria Angelos & George Lakatzis Scholarship (\$700)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program

Rose Bove La Rose and Normand O. La Rose Scholarship (\$550)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

LiR Scholarship (2 @ \$1,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Take the majority of classes at the Danielson campus

May & Frank Messinger Memorial Scholarship (\$800)

Applicant must:

1. Be a returning student with a minimum of 12 credits completed at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a single parent

Emil & Alice Miller Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a new student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Be a recent high school graduate

Dr. Robert E. & Sylvia M. Miller Scholarship (\$1,100)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Show outstanding involvement in community service

Barbara Morowski Memorial Scholarship (\$550)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Be enrolled in the Fine Arts program
3. Family members are not eligible

Preference to: A non-traditional student who for various reasons has had a break in his/her studies

Virginia A. & Thomas E. Mounouris Scholarship (\$800)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be female

Northeast Connecticut Arts Council Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a Quinebaug Valley Fine Arts program
4. Be recommended by a faculty member with first-hand knowledge of the applicant's artistic talent and promise

The Elizabeth "Betti" Kuszaj Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (1,900)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Preference to: A student planning to attend a college or university in Northeast CT (QV, ECSU, UCONN)

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness Norman Corriveau Scholarship (\$1,100)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

Dr. Lynn Pasquerella & John Kuchle Scholarship (\$1,150)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need
4. Be pursuing a degree in liberal arts and sciences

Alice & Lionel Romney Memorial Scholarship (\$650)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need and be ineligible for state or federal funding
4. Be a non-native English speaker or a native English speaker from a developing country

Rooke-Norman Women's Opportunity Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Be female
3. Have demonstrated that she has persevered to overcome hardship

Putnam Rotary Gerry Cotnoir Scholarship (\$850)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Reside in a Putnam Rotary service area town (Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, or Woodstock)

Kathleen A. Russell Memorial Scholarship (\$450)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be female
4. Be enrolled in a medical degree or certificate program

William & Dorothy St. Onge Memorial Scholarship (\$1,300)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time continuing student at CT State Quinebaug Valley who has earned 27 credits
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

John J. Sarnowski Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have demonstrated financial need
3. Must be enrolled in one of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center programs

Preference to: A student with good character who is able to work hard through any endeavor

Savings Institute Bank & Trust Scholarship (\$1,400)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a business degree program

Norma & David Senger Family Scholarship (\$1,600)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a veteran or have an immediate family member who has served in the US Armed Forces

A.L. Simonds Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$2,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

Preference to: Linemaster Switch Corporation employees or members of their families

Sommer Family Scholarship (\$750)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a U.S. citizen
4. Be enrolled in an allied health program

SPIROL International Corporation Scholarship (2 @ \$2,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in a College of Technology AS degree in Technology Studies (not plastics) or Engineering Science

Thompson Lions Club Scholarship (\$650)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be a resident of Thompson, CT

Tracy Thompson Memorial Scholarship (\$600)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program

Steven & Marjolaine Townsend Scholarships

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better

Business Scholarship (5 @ \$2,240)

Preference given to Business or Accounting students

Fine Arts Scholarships (2 @ \$2,240)

Preference given to Fine Arts students.

Applicants must submit a portfolio containing 3 to 5 pieces of original art with the entire application.

Killingly High School Scholarship (3 @ \$2,240)

Applicant must be graduating from Killingly High School in the spring of 2026

Liberal Arts & Sciences Scholarship (5 @ \$2,240)

Preference given to Liberal Arts & Sciences students

Putnam High School Scholarship (5 @ \$2,240)

Must be a resident of Putnam and graduating from Putnam High School in the spring of 2026

Transferring Student Scholarship (5 @ \$2,240)

Must be a CT State Quinebaug Valley graduating student transferring to a 4-year university

United Natural Foods Scholarship (2 @ \$1,650)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at a recognized college or university
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

Preference to: Employees of United Natural Foods and members of their immediate families

Dr. Mark Vesligaj Scholarship (\$950)

Applicant must:

1. Be a new or returning full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Be enrolled in the College of Technology AS degree in Engineering Science or Technology Studies

Preference to: Students who are striving to overcome personal obstacles

The Helena B. Witkowski Memorial Scholarship (6 @ \$2,500)

Applicant must:

1. Be a full-time or part-time student at CT State Quinebaug Valley
2. Have a GPA of 2.7 or better
3. Have demonstrated financial need

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Deadline is NOON on March 13, 2026

The information contained in this booklet is accurate as of February 2026