



## **Waterloo Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship Application**

The Waterloo Chamber of Commerce is interested in supporting and advancing educational opportunities for youth in the Waterloo community. To help our dynamic local students meet the ever-rising costs of seeking higher education, the Chamber will offer two \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors: one from Waterloo High School and one from Gibault Catholic High School. The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for this annual scholarship.

To be considered, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A student of Gibault Catholic High School or Waterloo High school and a resident of the Waterloo School District for at least 12 months prior to application.
- A senior this year and planning to enter an accredited college, university, junior college or vocational school in the fall of this year.
- Submit a completed application including a written response to the essay question.
- Provide two letters of recommendation with at least one from a staff member of the high school.
- Submit a current transcript indicating performance, honors and class rank.
- Demonstrate involvement in community service and volunteerism, work experience, school activities, and awards.
- Demonstrate character and personality – maturity, motivation, moral character and leadership skills.

Your application will be graded based on the following: Work Experience, Community Service, School Participation and Activities, School Awards & Honors, Written Statements, Essay, 2 Letters of Recommendation, GPA, and ACT.

Applications are available at each school's guidance office, the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce located at 118 E. Third Street or online (under forms) at [www.enjoywaterloo.com](http://www.enjoywaterloo.com) **The completed applications must be returned to the above-mentioned address on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the May membership meeting and will be personally contacted by the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Jenny Bullock.



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### **General Information**

(Please print or type)

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

College, University, Community College, or Vocational School you plan to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Experience:** Describe your role in your job(s) and specify how many hours per week you are employed. What are your responsibilities in your employment? What are your strengths at your job?

**Community Service:** Describe your involvement in community service work and/or volunteer groups in which you have actively participated in during high school. How many hours per month do you volunteer and what specifically do you do? How do you feel you contribute to the community through your volunteerism?



**Essay:** On a separate sheet, please respond to the following question. (300-500 words) Be clear and specific with your vision.

The community of Waterloo is growing and changing. What does the future of Waterloo look like to you? What changes would you like to see for Waterloo and what would you like to see preserved. How do you see yourself contributing to the future of Waterloo?

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide **written references** from two people (not relatives). At least one of the references should be a staff member of your school. Please list their names and phone numbers below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

(The last two pages of this application contain the forms you will need to send to your references.)

**Please attach a copy of your current transcript.**

I certify that the above statements are true, and if awarded a Waterloo Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, I will enroll in a college, university, community college or vocational school in the fall of the year.

Further, I grant permission for my name and image to be included in press releases, photos, etc. recognizing the event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent (if Applicant is under 18 years of age) Date

**This application, including transcript, must be received in the Chamber Office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Return completed application on or before April 15th to: Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, 118 E. Third Street, Waterloo, IL 62298.**

**WATERLOO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Letter of Recommendation Form for Staff Member**

**This Part to be completed by the Applicant**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_ Recommender's Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Statement:** I understand this letter of evaluation is to be received and maintained in confidence by the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce for consideration of a \$1000.00 student scholarship. I hereby expressly waive any and all rights I might have of access to this evaluation.

- I agree to waive access to this statement from the recommender.
- I **do not** agree to waive access to this statement from the recommender.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant, please mail or give this form to your recommender.**

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**RECOMMENDER - Please mail to:**

Waterloo Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, 118 East Third Street, Waterloo, Illinois 62298

**Or return to applicant in a sealed envelope.**

**This part to be completed by the recommender:**

We appreciate your opinion of this applicant for the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce \$1000.00 Scholarship award. The Chamber is interested in an evaluation of the applicant's potential for academic and community service achievement, and evidence of the student's present and potential positive influence on others/the world.

Explicit descriptions of academic and personal strengths and weaknesses are more helpful to the candidate than routine praise. Comments about character, integrity or motivation are also appreciated, if pertinent. The experience upon which your opinion is based should be described.

Rankings should be related to other students in the same class or academic program or other persons of comparable experience. You may use this recommendation form, or create your own personal letter of recommendation. (If you write a separate letter, please attach your letter of recommendation to this completed document.)

1. How well have you known this student, and in what context?
  
2. What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?
  
3. In your opinion, what are the student's greatest strengths that would enable the student to represent the mission of the Chamber of Commerce and positively influence others/the world?

Recommender's name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

High School, Organization, or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WATERLOO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Letter of Recommendation Form #2**

**This Part to be completed by the Applicant**

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Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_ Recommender's Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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