

**WILLIAM “WIDDY” NEALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
OF THE
CONNECTICUT STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION**

B A C K G R O U N D

The CSGA began awarding scholarships to caddies at member clubs in 1954. Since that time the program has been expanded to include other categories of club employees. To date over three million dollars has been awarded. In 1986 the CSGA named its scholarship program in honor of William “Widdy” Neale who served as Executive Director of the CSGA from 1946 until 1986. A graduate of Yale University, he lettered in baseball for three years and played on the undefeated 1923 football team. He remained at Yale as business manager for the athletic department and coached the golf team for eleven years including a national championship in 1943. He has been honored by the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame, National Football Foundation Hall of Fame, The Walter Camp Football Foundation, and the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance. A plaque besides the renowned ninth hole at the Yale golf course designates it as the Widdy Neale Memorial Hole.

Each year the Fund awards competitive scholarships to current Connecticut high school graduates who will be attending college. Awards may be renewed for up to three years provided the recipients maintain satisfactory academic standing and continue to demonstrate financial need. A scholarship in memory of the late Robert D. Pryde, the first Secretary of the Connecticut State Golf Association, is funded by The Community Foundation For Greater New Haven under a bequest from his late daughter Dorothy Pryde. Other awards are made from contributions provided by the Connecticut State Seniors Golf Association, the “Marty” Moraghan Endowment, CSGA member clubs, and individual donors.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE:

1. Young men and women who have been employed for a minimum of two full golf seasons including the current year by a Connecticut State Golf Association (CSGA) member club. Eligible employment: caddie, golf shop staff; bag and golf car attendants; golf practice facility staff; golf course maintenance staff; and grill and dining room staff serving golfers.
2. Graduates in need of financial assistance to attend an accredited college or university.
3. Graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated satisfactory academic achievement, good character and citizenship, and school and community volunteer service.

IMPORTANT

- The application must be completed and signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and the CSGA appointed Club Representative or other official from the club attesting that the applicant meets the employment requirements.
- Only completed applications, including all required information and all supporting materials (see instructions) received by January 31st, will be considered. There will be no exceptions to the requirements of completeness and timeliness.

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I N S T R U C T I O N S

The Application consists of three pages: (1) The Application Form, (2) the Financial Statement, and (3) the Application Checklist. All pages must be completed and signed by the student and parent or guardian. The application must also be signed by the CSGA appointed Club Representative or other club official. If uncertain as to the identity of the CSGA Club Representative, call the CSGA office at 860-257-4171 for assistance.

Applications must be received or postmarked by January 31st. **INTERVIEWS will be conducted with the Scholarship Selection Committee in March.** Applicants must attend the interview as this is an essential part of the selection process. If a student is unsure whether they will be available for the scheduled date, they must call or email Bill Wallace, Managing Director at 203.257.9190 or wjwfairfieldct@gmail.com as soon as possible after being notified. Scholarship(s) are awarded during the month of March following the interviews.

**IN ADDITION TO THE THREE-PAGE APPLICATION,
EACH APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:**

1. An official, up-to-date high school transcript. (A final transcript may be required if selected for a scholarship). College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores must be included together with current class rank and grade point average.
2. An original letter from the applicant establishing the applicant's worthiness for scholarship consideration and explaining the applicant's background, achievements, goals, and intended field of study. This letter is vital in convincing Selection Committee members of the applicant's worthiness.
3. Resume as described in application.
4. Letters of recommendation are required from: (4.1) Club officer or employing official; (4.2) a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor; and (4.3) a community member, unrelated to the golf club, your school, or school activities for whom or with whom the applicant has completed volunteer service. Optional letters may be submitted from other individual(s) who can attest to the applicant's qualifications.
5. Any additional information that the applicant feels is representative of them; such as achievements, financial need, personal circumstances, etc.
6. Copy of a completed FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be attached to the Financial Statement together with the FAFSA report of "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC) and a copy of the college's letter describing the applicant's financial aid package.
7. Completed and signed "Application Checklist".

Please do not staple any materials together.

Please send all materials in one envelope to:
Widdy Neale Scholarship Selection Committee
35 Cold Spring Road—Suite 212
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31ST.

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A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date-Of-Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone Day _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address of Parents _____

Telephone Number of Parent Day _____ Evening _____

Names of Siblings; Ages; Schools attending _____

CLUB AFFILIATION

Golf Club At Which You Are Employed _____

Club Address _____

Your Position At Club And Dates Of Employment _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Name And Address Of School(s) Attended In Past Four Years _____

RESUME

Attach a resume outlining your a) academic interests and activities, b) extracurricular activities including athletics, c) community activities including volunteer community services, and d) work experiences.

College You Will Attend In The Fall _____

College Student Identification Number _____

Intended College Major _____ Career Goal _____

Signature of Applicant.....Date.....

Signature of Parent (Guardian).....Date.....

Signature of CSGA Appointed Club Representative recommending this single applicant and attesting to employment requirements. If uncertain, contact the CSGA at (860) 257-4171 for the name of the CSGA Club Representative.

Signature of Club Representative..... Date.....

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F I N A N C I A L S T A T E M E N T

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR:

1. College Tuition & Fees	\$ _____	
2. Room & Board	\$ _____	
3. Books & Materials	\$ _____	
4. Travel	\$ _____	
5. All Other Expenses	\$ _____	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ _____

ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR:

1. From Parents & Relatives	\$ _____	
2. College's Scholarships & Grants	\$ _____	
3. Loans	\$ _____	
4. Local Scholarships	\$ _____	
5. Applicant's Savings	\$ _____	
6. Applicant's Employment: Summer	\$ _____	
7. Applicant's Employment: School Year	\$ _____	
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$ _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:*

1. Adjusted Gross Income - Family	\$ _____
2. Current Annual College Expenses for Sibling(s)	\$ _____

* As necessary, attach sheets for additional information and financial need.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

This is to certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief. I (we) understand that any misrepresentation will be cause to cancel any scholarship eligibility. If asked by an authorized official of the Connecticut State Golf Association, I (we) agree to give proof of the information that I (we) have given on this form. I (we) understand that failure to provide proof when requested will be cause to cancel any scholarship eligibility.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Parent (Guardian)	_____ Date
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IMPORTANT: Include copies of your current FAFSA application form, your FAFSA SARS report of EFC, and your college letter describing your financial aid package.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

This checklist is provided for your convenience to ensure that your application is complete in all regards. This checklist represents the minimum submission requirements. We ask that you use it to review your application prior to its submission. Remember that a late or incomplete application will not be considered.

1. ___ All items on the Application Form have been completed including description of position at club and dates of employment.
2. ___ Additional pages have been attached where necessary to complete requested information.
3. ___ The applicant has signed the application.
4. ___ The parent or guardian has signed the application.
5. ___ The CSGA appointed Club Representative or other club official has signed the application.
6. ___ The applicant’s personal letter explaining background, achievements, goals, intended field of study, and worthiness for scholarship consideration has been included.
7. ___ Resume as described in application.
8. ___ The Financial Statement has been completed in all regards.
9. ___ A copy of the FAFSA application form has been included.
10. ___ A copy of the SARS report of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) letter has been included.
11. ___ A copy of the college financial aid office letter describing your financial aid package has been included.
12. ___ An official, up-to-date high school transcript has been included.
13. ___ SAT scores.
14. ___ Current class rank. (If not available, provide school profile of class grade distribution.)
15. ___ Grade point average.
16. ___ A letter of recommendation from a Club officer or employing official has been included.
17. ___ A letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor has been included.
18. ___ A letter of recommendation from a community member has been included. This individual must be someone with whom the applicant has performed volunteer community service and is not a golf club, school, or school activity official.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please sign and enclose a copy of this Checklist with your application.