



Worcester County Library Foundation Klein Leister / John Staley Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship opportunity is open to all Worcester County public high school seniors who plan to attend a college or university within two years following graduation. Funds will be sent to the financial aid office of the school at which the student enrolls and can be applied to tuition, room, board, books, fees, and any other charges.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Academic Merit (20%)
- Individual or group volunteerism (20%)
- Financial need (20%)
- Required essay (40%)

Instructions to Applicants

You must include a list of your 2025-2026 classes with the application. The official transcript should be provided and signed by your school counselor. Please attach your resume, SAT/ACT scores, copy of FAFSA application (including Student Aid Index), and transcript from SchoolLinks.

Essay Topic

Please describe your academic and career goals and your plans to achieve them. Your essay should be no more than 1,000 words; there is no minimum length. Your essay should be original, reflecting your personality. As such, use of AI tools will be considered academic dishonesty. Please use Times New Roman, 12-point font size; 1" margins; and double-spacing. The essay is designed to demonstrate your ability to write clearly and concisely and help set your application apart from others.

Applications are due by March 24, 2026 by 4 pm

Please submit the application in a sealed envelope labeled “Leister / Staley Scholarship” to your School Counselors’ office.

First name _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of School: _____

Checklist (single sided; please no staples)

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. copy of FAFSA application (or FAFSA application including SAI, Student Aid Index)
4. Current, official transcript
5. Current class schedule
6. SAT/ACT scores
7. Resume