



Wildwood Wildcats Booster Club

Wildwood Middle High School Wildwood, Florida
HELPING WMHS STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

WWBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025-2026

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

First Name:	Last Name:	Age:
Mailing Address:		
City/Zip Code		
Personal Email:	Cell Phone:	
Parent Name:	Parent Cell Phone:	

In 2025-2026, the **Wildwood Wildcat Booster Club (WWBC)** awards approximately \$20,000 to eligible WMHS graduates planning to enroll in an accredited university, college, or postsecondary technical school for Summer/Fall 2026. Scholarship Requirements include:

- Completion of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) Application
- Admission to at least one accredited college, university, or postsecondary technical school

NOTE: Seniors enrolled in the **Jump Start Scholarship Program** are eligible to apply only for donor-sponsored scholarships, **not** for WWBC Scholarships.

Scholarship Procedures

1. Scholarship due date - **Monday, March 16, 2026**. Submit to Ms. Armstrong, Counselor, the following:
 - Completed WWBC Scholarship Application. Use only the fillable application form provided and type all responses (hand-written responses are not acceptable).
 - Required documents:
 - Digital images confirming FAFSA completion and technical school/college/university acceptance.
 - One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other school personnel.
 - Resume - If needed, use the resume template in the Self-Paced College Essay Guide - **Your Story: Unlocking Your Voice**. (NOTE: Guide available on Class Link or check with ELA teacher)
2. Interviews conducted in early April 2026 - Applicants participate in a 15-minute interview with members of the Scholarship Committee.
3. Rating Guidelines - The Committee assesses eight criteria on a 5-point scale when reviewing each student's application, required documents, and interview.
4. Evaluation criteria include: 1. **Academic merit** • 2. **Financial need** • 3. **Extra-curricular activities** (in/out of school) • 4. **Community service** • 5. **Citizenship** • 6. **Attendance** • 7. **Scholarship essays** • 8. **Interview**
5. Application information provided is held in strict confidence and is shredded after the review process.
6. Scholarship recipients receive award letters via email in early May 2026.
7. Scholarship award certificates are presented in late May during the WMHS Senior Awards Ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Select your scholarships:

- Review the list of scholarships provided below.
- Choose your scholarships based on whether you meet the general and specific criteria listed to qualify for each scholarship.
- Indicate the scholarships you are applying for in the right column.

Scholarships (# of Awards)	General Criteria	Specific Criteria	Select Scholarships
WWBC # 5-16 – Available funds \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic merit • Extracurricular activities • Community service • Citizenship • Attendance • Financial need 		<input type="checkbox"/>

Donor-Sponsored Scholarships

James F. May, Jr. Legacy # 2 @ \$2,000 each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 3.0 or above • High school athletics 	Commitment to pursue engineering or construction at any postsecondary institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Career Certificate #1 @ \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5-3.0 or above • Financial need • Community service 	Commitment to pursue certification in electrical, mechanical, or construction	<input type="checkbox"/>
June Rocker Legacy #1 @ \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 3.0 or above • Community service 	Commitment to pursue a degree in education at FAMU	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pam Shirley #1 @ \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5 or above • Financial need • Community service 	Commitment to pursue a degree in education or a related field with plans to become a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacey Phelps-Giesen Memorial Scholarship #1-3 – Available funds \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5 or above • Financial need • Community service 	Commitment to pursue a degree or certification at any postsecondary institution. Describe the importance of your community service to your college and/or career plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rainbow Family & Friends Club #1 @ \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA 2.5-3.0 or above • Financial need • Community service 	Commitment to fostering community leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>

Donor-Sponsored Scholarships Only

Commitment to pursue Specific Criteria: (50 Words)

For each Donor-Sponsored Scholarship that you selected, write a **50-word essay** describing your commitment to:
(a) pursue a degree/certification and/or (b) address the specific criteria required for the scholarship.

James F. May, Jr. Legacy - Certification/Degree in Engineering or Construction

Technical Career Certificate - Certification/Degree in Electrical, Mechanical, or Construction

June Rocker Legacy - Degree in Education at FAMU

Pam Shirley – Degree/Certification in Education: Teaching or related field

Stacey Phelps-Giesen – Your chosen Certification or Degree program and the impact of community service on your career or college pathway.

Rainbow Family & Friends Club – Community Leadership

Your Future in College & Career (WWBC & Donor-Sponsored Scholarships)

1. Name your **technical school/college/university**? Ex. *Lake Sumter State College/College of Central FL/Withlacoochee Technical College*

Choice 1	
Choice 2	

2. What is your **Career Pathway/Field of Study** (Ex. *Health, Digital Media, Business, etc.*)?

Use the websites below to identify a field of study and a major.

- [List of 200 College Majors: Which Is Right For You? | CollegeVine Blog](#)
- [20 Certification Programs for Careers That Pay Well | Careers | U.S. News](#)
- [From Class Link, search XELLO. Go the EXPLORE—CAREERS](#)

Choice 1	
Choice 2	

3. Name your **Target Job**: Ex. *Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Room Nurse*

Use the websites below to identify your future career.

- [K-12 : Student Resources : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
- [Careers and Career Information - CareerOneStop](#)
- [From Class Link, search XELLO. Go to EXPLORE – CAREERS or MAJORS](#)

For your **Target Job**, name or describe the following:

Categories	Required – Names & Descriptions
Career Pathway	
Job Title(s)	
Certification/Degree	

Your Story: Unlocking Your Voice

To learn more about you, your goals, and your future success, you will write short essays (50-words each) to react to the **Scholarship Prompt**:

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

Use the Self-Paced College Essay Guide - **YOUR STORY: UNLOCKING YOUR VOICE** to assist you in writing your short essay for each section. (NOTE: Guide available on Class Link or check with ELA teacher)

Paragraph 1: A challenge, setback, or failure (Guide: Step 3 & 4 [Para. 1] on pp. 21 & 24)

1. Describe in detail **only one** challenge, setback, or obstacle. (50 words) Remember: 5Ws (Guide p.21)

Paragraph 2: How did it affect you? (Guide: Step 4 [Para. 2] on pp. 21-22 & 24)

1. Describe how the challenge impacted you and your life. (50 words)

2. How did you overcome the effects of the setback? (50 words)

Paragraph 3: What lessons did you learn from the experience? (Guide: Step 4 [Para. 3] on pp. 22 & 24)

1. Describe the lessons learned from your experience. (50 words)

2. What motivated you to push forward and seek a better future? (50 words)

Paragraph 4: Discuss your later successes in college, career, and life (Guide: Step 4 [Para. 4] on pp. 22 & 24-25)

1. Use the following prompts to write your essay:

- Dream big! What is your passion (p. 25)
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years in your career?
 - Name the company you hope to work for in 10 years.
- Mention your future role: General Manager, Publix • Owner/Manager, Hair salon.

Later successes in college, career, and life (50 words) Remember: 5Ws (Guide p.21)