



# Wildwood Wildcat Middle High School Booster Club WILDCATS-IN-COLLEGE

**Two Wins for You!**

- (1) Invest in a Wildwood Graduates' Future**
- (2) Reduce the Taxable Portion of your 2023 Income**

Each year by December 31, many of us with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are making Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). To avoid taxes on any RMD for 2023, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) by having your financial planner or investment manager directly transfer some or all (up to \$100,000) of your RMD funds to non-profit charitable organizations. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Wildwood Wildcat Booster Club (P.O. Box 417 Wildwood, FL 34785) can provide the financial transfer information to you or your planner, and you will not pay 2023 income taxes on the amount of your QCD distribution.

### **Affordable, College Paths Leading to High-Skill Earnings**

Each year Wildwood Middle High School graduates, including those from low-resource families, are looking for scholarships and grants to attend college. This table lists some local, 1- and 2-semester programs leading to College Credit Certificates (CCCs). These certificates provide national or state-recognized industry certifications, as well as stackable credits that can be used to obtain associate and bachelor degrees in related fields.

<b>Popular College Pathways</b>	<b>1 Semester (12-15 cr)</b>		<b>2 Semesters (16-33 cr)</b>	
<b>College Credit Certificate Programs<sup>1</sup></b> (at Lake Sumter SC or College of Central FL)	LSSC	CCF	LSSC	CCF
Accounting Technology/ Business Specialist (12 cr)	X	X		
Emergency Medical Technician, Basic (12 cr)		X		
Equine Technician (15 cr)		X		
Digital Media/Web Production (15 cr)		X		
Engineering Technology/Support Specialist (18 cr)			X	X
Landscape and Horticulture Professional (18 cr)				X
Criminal Justice Leadership/Technology Specialist (24 cr)			X	X
Cybersecurity (33 cr)			X	
<b>Costs and Net Price Calculator</b> (Assumes students are: single, living at home, paying in-state tuition, no children, \$50-60K family income, enrolled in Pell-eligible program)				
Tuition and Fees	\$1,445		\$2,890	
Transportation and Personal Expenses	\$2,294		\$4,588	
Books and Supplies	\$700		\$1,400	
Full Federal Grant Aid (maximum Pell grant for eligible students)	\$3,697		\$7,395	
<b>Scholarships and Other Funding Needed to Achieve Full Support</b> (for example: W-I-C Scholarship)	\$742		<b>\$1,483</b>	
Cost of College	<b>\$00</b>		<b>\$00</b>	

**The Payoff:** The October 2021 average annual earnings for recent FL grads are listed below:<sup>2</sup>

College Credit Certificate completers	\$51,764	
Associate of Science degree completers		\$59,620
High School Diploma completers	--\$30,680.	--\$30,680
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<i>Annual Earnings Advantage in October 2021</i>		
<i>for each CC Certificate completer</i>	<b>\$21,084</b>	
<i>for each Associate Degree completer</i>		\$28,940

<b>NET RETURN = 15:1</b>	<i>W-I-C Scholarship investment divided into Annual Earnings Advantage for the 2-semester College Credit Certificate (CCC) completers.</i>
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<sup>1</sup> Most Programs also require initial admission to 24-30 credit associate degree programs. Because of prerequisite course sequences, some 12-15 credit programs take 2 semesters to complete.

<sup>2</sup> State of FL education and earnings data: <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7592/urlt/2020-21AAE-EdLevel.pdf>



# Wildwood Wildcat Middle High School Booster Club Scholarship Planning and Commitment Form

## SCHOLARSHIP PLANNING AND COMMITMENT FORM

Wildwood Wildcats Booster Club

P.O. Box 417

Wildwood, FL 34785-4656

### Federal Tax-Exempt Status: 501 (c)(3)

*Reminder: If your donation is made by December 31st from the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you will not pay income taxes on the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) donation. The maximum annual amount is \$100,000.*

#### Donor Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Amount:	\$	\$500	\$1,000
	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$5,000

#### Planning Details (Please check the appropriate box or provide the requested information):

Annual or one-time scholarship

Recurring scholarship gift (for the next \_\_\_ years)

Multiple year scholarship support for the same student ( \_\_\_\_ years)

Number of graduates to receive the scholarship each year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary Purpose(s) of the Scholarship or Grant (*please check one or two*)

To support students pursuing postsecondary education in particular career pathways (business, agricultural sciences, health, engineering, teaching, etc.)

or certain academic areas (math, English, microbiology, governmental affairs, etc.)

*Please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

To support students admitted to certain universities, colleges, or technical school.

*Please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_



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To support students other special postsecondary education goals (obtain accredited career licenses or certificates, study entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, logistics, etc.)

*Please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria For Awarding Scholarships

Do you or your organization plan to select the scholarship recipient(s) from the among the eligible applicants identified by the Scholarship Committee    Y Yes    es No

If no, please list any criteria you would like the Scholarship Committee to use in making the scholarship selection. Here are some examples:

Academic achievement: Grade point average, class rank, National Merit scores, etc.

Need: Family income, living status, first generation to attend college, etc.

Essay: Statement describing needs/goals/plans for college and beyond, etc.

Criteria: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you/your organization is making a recurring scholarship award, please list the “satisfactory progress” criteria are to be used in making subsequent awards?

Questions??

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Contact: Allen Phelps, Chair WWBC Scholarship Committee