

**Merit Award Application**  
**Sponsored by the Westport River Watershed Alliance, Inc.**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name and relationship of member or sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are they WRWA members? Circle:    Yes        No

Name of college you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Comment briefly on your plans following college: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

List any volunteer or community service work: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any high school honors, awards, and activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe any work experience / jobs held: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Westport River Watershed Alliance's Merit Award Policy**

The award was established to celebrate the lives of Margot Boote, William and Ruth Heath, who were each committed to environmental issues and protection of the natural world.

1. WRWA shall offer one \$1,000 merit award to a graduating high school senior who plans to pursue further education in fields related to environmental science and has demonstrated an interest in the watershed and/or environmental protection.
2. The applicant must live in the Westport River watershed communities of: Little Compton, Tiverton, Dartmouth, Fall River, Freetown, or Westport.
3. A committee of WRWA members shall be appointed annually to review applications.
4. The funds shall be awarded by the WRWA Executive Director upon receipt of the student's transcript, registration or official statement of attendance from the educational institution.
5. Relatives (children & grandchildren) of staff and present Board Members are ineligible.
6. The winners will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:
  - Essay
  - Academic Record
  - Extracurricular activities / Community Service activities
  - Participation with WRWA
  - Work experience
  - Preference for WRWA members
  - Commitment to environmental issues

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

A completed application will include:

1. A completed application form signed by the applicant;
2. A one page essay reflecting on your experience and views on one of the following topics:
  - a. How your involvement in WRWA's Watershed Education Programs have influenced your interest in the Westport River.
  - b. Describe an experience that shaped how you became interested in protecting the health of our watershed.
  - c. Explain why it is important to have clean water in the Westport River Watershed.
3. A transcript of school record;
4. Three references from individuals who know you well, one of whom should be a teacher. Relatives and friends are not appropriate references.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are received by the WRWA Scholarship Committee by the application due date, **April 1**. WRWA will contact the winner by the end of May.

Send completed application to: WRWA, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 3427, Westport, MA 02790.