

Walpole Scholarship Foundation Application



Checklist - High School Student

Be sure to read all instructions carefully and have required information available before you begin the online application.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 - 12:00 PM ZERO EXCEPTIONS

- 1.) **Application and Essay**: completed in its entirety including all mandatory responses.
- 2.) **Requested Uploads via PDF**: The system allows for a single document to be uploaded for each category. By way of illustration, if your essay is 3 pages long, you must make sure all 3 pages are included in a single PDF to upload your essay. If you have difficulty converting a document to a pdf, please reach out to for assistance – before 2/1/2023.
- 3.) **2023-2024 Free Application for Student Aid Report (“FAFSA SAR”)**: The FAFSA SAR will need to be submitted regardless of whether you are applying for financial aid.
 - a. You must submit your OFFICIAL SAR by the 2/1/2023 deadline. ***The OFFICIAL SAR requirement is the piece of the application that is most misunderstood by applicants and consistently results in many being excluded from consideration. Please note and respect the timelines and reach out with any questions well in advance of the 2/1/2023 deadline.***
 - b. The official SAR is NOT generated at the time your FAFSA is submitted (you will receive a temporary report which is not acceptable for submission for WSF). You will receive an official SAR 2-3 weeks after the FAFSA is submitted. Therefore, we recommend that you submit your FAFSA no later than ***January 10, 2023.***
 - c. Please redact everything from the OFFICIAL SAR report before uploading the report EXCEPT your ***full name, address, and Estimated Family Contribution (“EFC”) number.***
 - d. Please reach out with any questions, but understand the federal government moves at its own pace, there is nothing we can do to speed up the process, and we cannot accept your application without an OFFICIAL SAR.

*****Submit the FAFSA by January 10, 2023*****

- 4.) **Official, Certified High School Transcript from Current School**: this request to your current guidance office is generated within the application and uploaded by them.

5th Year Post Graduate students should email their official certified copy of their high school transcripts to Mike McGrath at mmcgrath@walpolescholarshipfoundation.org.

- 5.) **Letter of Recommendation from Guidance Counselor or Teacher:** Non-Walpole HS students should provide the name and email address of the school staff member who will be uploading your letter of recommendation.

WHS students will receive recommendations from their School Counselors. No action is necessary.

You should complete the application with a laptop or desktop computer. Phones and tablets do not have the requisite functionality to complete the application.

*****Early Review Opportunity***:** If you submit your application by **January 15, 2023**, we will review it early to confirm you have met all of the requirements for submission. If we inform you changes are required, you will need to resubmit your application with those changes by **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**, in order for it to be accepted.

Local semi-finalists will be interviewed in the Spring of 2023. Notification will be sent to the email provided at application.

All financial information will be confidential.

The only financial information made available to the Scholarship Selection Committee will be a numerical ranking of the EFC.

Any and all questions should be directed to wsf@walpolescholarshipfoundation.org.