



WEST POINT ISLAND

WEST POINT ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2025 Scholarship Opportunities

The West Point Island Civic Association (WPICA) is offering four \$750 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The following outlines the criteria and documents needed to be eligible for each scholarship awarded this year.

William S. Carey Memorial Scholarship

The West Point Island Civic Association is offering a \$750 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is the *child or grandchild* of a current member of the *West Point Island Civic Association* and has been a member for the 2 years prior. This scholarship was established to honor the memory of William S. Carey, a founding member of the WPICA and leader in the secession movement of West Point Island from Dover Township (currently Toms River) to the Borough of Lavallette. This scholarship requires an essay themed “My Memories of West Point Island.”

Edgar J. Hess Memorial Scholarship

The West Point Island Civic Association is offering a \$750 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is the *child or grandchild* of a current member of the *West Point Island Civic Association* and has been a member for the 2 years prior. This scholarship was established, by his family, in memory of Edgar J. Hess who was an active member of the West Point Island Civic Association. This scholarship requires an essay themed “What Have I Done to Make a Difference in My Community” and a letter of recommendation outlining community involvement (“community” need not be limited to Lavallette, NJ.)

WPICA Annual Memorial Scholarship

The West Point Island Civic Association is offering a \$750 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is the *child or grandchild* of a current member of the *West Point Island Civic Association* and has been a member for the 2 years prior. This scholarship honors those members of WPICA who have passed away since last year’s scholarships were awarded. This scholarship requires an essay themed “My Memories of West Point Island.”

Aileen M. Barow Memorial Scholarship

The West Point Island Civic Association is offering one \$750 scholarship to a graduating senior who is a *permanent resident of Lavallette*, including West Point Island. This scholarship honors the memory of Aileen M. Barow, former President of WPICA and Lavallette Mayor, whose leadership and dedication provided inspiration to all who knew her. This scholarship requires an essay themed “My Memories of Lavallette.”

To be eligible to receive a WPICA Scholarship applicants must also:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Demonstrate positive citizenship through service to others through school, church, and community.
- Be of good academic standing.
- Be planning to attend upon high school graduation a 4-year college/university or a 2-year community college, or a trade/technical school.

2025 WEST POINT ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION Scholarship Application

The following items must be provided by the applicant to the WPICA Scholarship Committee the following items by **April 30, 2025**:

1. Must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance from the college, university, or technical/trade school he/she has been accepted to (preferably the school he/she plans to attend).
2. Each applicant must provide a two-page, double-spaced, typed essay as stated in the scholarship description.
3. For the Edgar J. Hess Scholarship please include a letter of recommendation outlining community involvement.
4. For maximum consideration please submit a resume listing leadership, athletic, and extra-curricular activities.
5. *Applicants who are applying for the William S. Carey Memorial Scholarship, WPICA Annual Memorial Scholarship and the Edgar J. Hess Memorial Scholarship are required to have been a WPICA member for 2 years prior (2023 and 2024).*

I am applying for the:

_____ *William S. Carey Memorial Scholarship*

_____ *Edgar J. Hess Memorial Scholarship*

_____ *WPICA Annual Memorial Scholarship*

_____ *Aileen M. Barow Memorial Scholarship*

Name: _____ DOB: _____
(first) (MI) (last) (mo.) (day) (year)

Name(s) of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Phone _____

WPICA Member's Name _____ Relationship _____

WPI Address _____

Your High School: _____

Address: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Please sign and date below. Your signature represents that to the best of your knowledge any and all materials submitted for consideration are believed to be true; that you agree that all items submitted become the property of the WPICA and will not be returned; that you also accept that the decision of the Scholarship Committee is final; and that the WPICA may use any or all of the information submitted for media purposes if you are awarded said scholarship. You further understand and agree that inaccurate information, non-intentional or not, can be cause to rescind any scholarship awarded.

Your signature

Date signed

Recipients will be notified no later than May 31, 2025

If you require assistance in completing this application or have any questions or concerns, please contact Elaine Schardien at 908-910-4947. Email completed application and required scanned documents in one PDF to:

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Mail completed applications and required documentation to:

West Point Island Civic Association

Scholarship Committee

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