

CAPITOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2010-2011

Program Information

The Capitol Scholarship Program provides state grants to help talented and needy students pay for college. The grant is primarily funded by the State of Connecticut and may also include federal funds from the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) grant or the Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) grant. It is not a merit program; priority is given to those who are least able to contribute to college costs. **Students may use the grants at any eligible college or university in Connecticut, and in states which have reciprocal arrangements with Connecticut (the District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont).**

The Connecticut Department of Higher Education administers the program. All inquiries and applications should be directed to the **Capitol Scholarship Program, Connecticut Department of Higher Education at csp@ctdhe.org or (860/947-1855).**

Students should give their completed applications to their high school guidance counselor or college admissions officer. Counselors/Registrars should complete their part of the application and submit the entire form by **February 15th** to the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

New applicants will be notified via email about the status of their applications by July 1st. Awards are sent directly to colleges for deposit into student accounts. Half of the award is sent in the fall after the college confirms a student's eligibility and enrollment. The balance is sent to the college in the spring following enrollment confirmation.

Grant Amounts for 2010-2011

For students attending eligible Connecticut postsecondary institutions:

4-year degree & 2-year private \$2,000 - \$3,000

2-year public \$500 - \$1,000

Students attending eligible colleges out-of-state receive \$500 grants.

Awards may be adjusted for students who are enrolled less than full-time, but at least half-time. The number of awards depends on available funding.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, you must:

1. be a legal resident of Connecticut;
2. have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th, and received a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC);

3. be a secondary school senior or graduate;
4. have a cumulative class rank in the top 20% at the end of the junior year for high school seniors (upon graduation for all others) OR have combined scores (math, critical reading, writing) of 1800 or better on any one sitting of the Scholastic Aptitude Test or 27 or better on the ACT; and
5. have not previously received a baccalaureate degree.

How to Apply

For First-Time Applicants

Complete and sign the reverse side of this application and give it to your high school guidance counselor or college admissions officer. Also complete the 2010-2011 FAFSA, available from your guidance counselor, financial aid officer or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by February 15th. FAFSA will automatically release your completed information to the Capitol Scholarship Program.

If you are a high school senior who does not rank in the top 20% of your class at the end of your junior year, but you have scored at least 1800 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT, you must ask your high school counselor to verify your scores.

If you are not a high school senior, but have either graduated in the top 20% of your high school class or have SAT scores of 1800 or better or 27 or better on the ACT, you must ask a high school counselor or a college admissions officer to document this information on the reverse side.

Continued Eligibility

Students who submit a 2010-2011 application will be considered for an award in future years if a completed FAFSA is submitted by April 30th. Students selected for renewal awards will be notified via email.

Other Aid Sources

To learn about other sources of student financial aid, visit the Department of Higher Education's website at **www.ctdhe.org** or contact the toll-free Education & Employment Information Center Hotline at **800/842-0229** or by email at edinfo@ctdhe.org.

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Application

Please type, or print in ink, all information except signatures

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| <p>1. Complete and sign Section A.</p> <p>2. Ask your high school guidance counselor or college admissions officer to complete Section B, including the name and address of your secondary school. Please note it is your responsibility to ensure that Section B is</p> | <p>complete before forwarding this application to the Capitol Scholarship Program before February 15th.</p> <p>3. Complete the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by February 15th. FAFSA will automatically release your completed data to our agency.</p> |
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NOTE: Disclosure of the applicant's Social Security Number (SSN) is required for participation in the Capitol Scholarship Program. The SSN will be used throughout the period of eligibility to verify the identity of the applicant and to record necessary data (Sec. 7(B) PL93-579).

SECTION A – TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE STUDENT

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	NAME				DATE OF BIRTH (Use numbers)		
	Last Name	First Name	MI	Mo.	Day	Year	
				19			
PERMANENT HOME MAILING ADDRESS							
Number and Street				City		State	
						ZIP CODE	
				CT			

I hereby verify the above information and authorize the guidance office at my high school to release the information requested below.	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
	X _____	Mo. Day Year

SECTION B – TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/ADMISSIONS OFFICER

Does the applicant rank in top 20% of class OR have combined SAT scores of 1800 or better or ACT scores of 27 or better?
 ____ Yes ____ No

Secondary School Code _____

Guidance Counselor Name _____ Title _____
(Please Print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Secondary School Name _____ Phone _____

School Address _____

School E-Mail _____ FAX _____