



2018 Sapienza Scholarship Block Grant Application Guidelines

The Sapienza Scholarship Fund was established at New Canaan Community Foundation in 2006 through a bequest from the estate of Anne and Anthony Sapienza. The fund supports individual scholarship awards to benefit specific students and makes grants to **nonprofit educational organizations** to fund their existing or planned scholarship programs for their students or clients.

Based on the donor's intentions, the Foundation makes "block" grants that enable nonprofit organizations to provide scholarship funds to students or clients with high academic motivation, who show great promise in their field of study, and who may not otherwise be able to afford to continue their education. Note that financial need may, but need not be, a consideration for determining the award recipients.

Recipients of scholarships from block grants are not limited to New Canaan residents; therefore, residency does not need to be considered in the selection criteria. Scholarship funds are intended to be used for worthy students to cover their tuition expenses, books, lab fees, tutoring costs, and other related educational expenses and fees paid to the school. Scholarship recipients should be selected by the grant recipient organization in a manner consistent with its scholarship qualification criteria, which may include criteria established by the donors, as follows:

- Academic achievements;
- Commitment to their preferred course of study;
- Academic performance following previous scholarship award(s) (if applicable)

Grant Application Deadline: April 20, 2018

1. The submission deadline is strictly enforced.
2. Funding decisions are made by mid-May and grant awards are distributed at the Annual Grant Award Coffee in late May.
3. Approximately \$20,000 is awarded per cycle with an average grant size of \$2,500.
4. Awards are paid to the organization, not the student.

Online Submission Requirements

1. Cover Sheet
2. Scholarship Program Narrative
 - a. General description of the scholarship program intentions and operations including the benefit to the recipient and the organization if applicable;

- b. Amount of grant request;
 - c. Specific details as to how the grant will be allocated to students or clients seeking scholarship assistance;
 - d. Need of applicants and benefit to student recipients;
 - e. Impact of scholarships on past recipients, i.e. how the award changed their life.
 - f. Estimates of educational costs, such as tuition, books, tutoring, other costs;
 - g. Who will assume responsibility for carrying out the program;
3. Financial Information
- a. Operating budget for your existing scholarship program, in terms of grants and administrative expenses;
 - b. Other sources of scholarship funds currently administered by your organization;
 - c. Most recent 990 tax return.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 203-966-0231 or info@newcanaancf.org.