

ANNOUNCING:

The Leslie R. Leeds Memorial **Scholarship for 2025**

- About the Scholarship:** This scholarship program was established in 1996 in honor of Leslie R. Leeds who passed away at the young age of 23. Leslie was a Burlington native and the valedictorian of the Class of 1991 at Lewis S. Mills High School. Her mother, Robin, served as the Executive Director of COSTA from 1982 to 2004. This scholarship provides financial assistance to students in support of their educational goals.
- Eligible Candidates:** Employees of a COSTA member or dependents of employees (If the member is a school district, employees must be part of the transportation dept.).
- Qualifications:** Applicant must be enrolled in or accepted by an accredited institution of higher education (two- or four-year college or university).
Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Applicant must submit the completed application form, high school or college transcripts, essay, and two relevant letters of recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Deadline:** Finalists may be invited to an interview.
Submit completed application with accompanying documents and letters by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025**
- Contact:** Applications will not be accepted once the deadline has passed.
For further information, please contact Alexis Johnson
E- mail: administrator@ctschoobus.org
Phone: 860-953-2782

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Information for Candidates

I. Qualifications

- A. You must be an employee of a COSTA member company or school district or the dependent of an employee. If the COSTA member is a school district, the employee must work in the Transportation Department.
- B. You must be enrolled in, or accepted for admission to, an accredited institution of higher education as of September 2025.
- C. You must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

II. Application

- A. Complete the attached application and essay forms.
- B. Include a copy of your high school or college (if applicable) transcript.
- C. Arrange to have two relevant letters of recommendation submitted on the attached forms. At least one letter should come from an educator; the other may be from a community leader or work supervisor.
- D. All materials must be received by 5:00 pm. on Friday, May 16, 2025.

III. Selection

- A. Applications will be considered by the scholarship committee, appointed by the COSTA Board of Directors.
- B. Finalists may be invited to an interview.
- C. Successful candidates will be notified in mid-June.

Questions may be directed to Alexis Johnson at COSTA

e-mail: administrator@ctschoolbus.org

office: (860) 953-2782

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APPLICATION FORM

Please print or type

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Email Address _____

COSTA-Member Employer (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Position _____

If applicant is dependent, complete the following:

Parent/Guardian

Name _____

COSTA-Member Employer _____

Address _____

Position _____ Since _____

Contact Number or Email: _____

Education: Select last year completed (as of June 2025):

Grade 12, College: 1 2 3 4 Post-Grad

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date _____ Course/Program _____

Institution enrolled in or accepted by for fall 2025:

Location _____

Expected major _____ minor _____

Expected degree _____ Anticipated graduation date _____

List extracurricular activities, special achievements, or awards:

College or other post-secondary institutions attended (if different from above) and dates:

Names and positions of two people who will submit letters of recommendation for you:

Applicant's

Signature _____ Date _____

Send the completed application form and essay along with your high school or college transcripts to:

Scholarship Committee
COSTA
455 Boston Post Road, Suite 203B
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

All materials, including letters, must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.

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Essay

Applicant's name _____

Please discuss the following question in an original essay of 250 to 500 words.

Which of your academic experiences have affected you the most, and why?

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Letter of Recommendation Cover Page

TO: Scholarship Committee
COSTA
455 Boston Post Road, Suite 203B
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

FROM: _____

DATE: _____

PHONE: _____

RE: **Application of** _____

All letters of recommendation must be received by May 17, 2025.
Please indicate in your recommendation your relationship with the applicant.

Feel free to utilize this sheet as a cover page when mailing the letter of recommendation, if applicable, if not included with the scholarship application.

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