

**JWV COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
**Jewish War Veterans of the United States**  
**Fred Robbins Post 142**

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**JWV Scholarships Recognize Outstanding Citizenship in Stamford Youth for 15<sup>th</sup> Year:  
Application Period Now Open for JWV Community Service Scholarships**

STAMFORD, CT – September 15, 2018. Applications are now being accepted for its 2018 **JWV Community Service Scholarships**. The scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who have made a significant contribution to the Stamford community and are given in honor of Stamford veterans who have selflessly served our country and community.

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the JWV Community Service Scholarships were established in 2005 when Fred Robbins Post 142 expanded the Citizen of the Year (COTY) program – one of Stamford’s most coveted community service/volunteer recognition efforts – to include young adults.

“Scholarship recipients will receive grants of up to **\$7,500** to be used for higher education at an accredited institution of his or her choice. Since its inception, JWV Fred Robbins Post 142 has awarded 75 Community Service Scholarships totaling more than \$435,000,” says Rick Redniss, co-chair of the Stamford Citizen of the Year Committee and chair of its JWV Scholarship Selection Committee.

“It is critical for Stamford to recognize in a tangible way such exceptional and motivated high school men and women – possibly future Citizens of the Year,” Redniss adds. “Just as the Stamford Citizen of the Year is selected based on specific, nonsectarian criteria, so are these high school seniors. We encourage all area high school guidance counselors and parent scholarship committees to work with and encourage their eligible seniors to apply.”

“These scholarships go beyond academic performance,” explains Gary Stone, co-chair of the Stamford Citizen of the Year Committee and co-chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee, “to acknowledge excellence and leadership in community service across Stamford’s broad and diverse needs. Like the Citizen of the Year, these students must demonstrate the high standards of responsibility in civic life, help in the promotion of projects for the public welfare and personally have worked with distinction to improve Stamford on a communitywide basis.”

To be eligible for a JWV Community Service Scholarship, a student must be a high school senior and a resident of Stamford. Students from both public and private high schools in the area, not just Stamford, are eligible to apply as long as their community service and volunteerism has been in Stamford. Applications can be downloaded by going to: [www.stamfordcoty.org](http://www.stamfordcoty.org).

There are two application deadlines, the first EARLY REVIEW – December 14, 2018, which affords the applicant an opportunity for the Scholarship Committee to review the application and submissions, and to clarify or ask for more details from the applicant. The applicant also has the opportunity to submit one revised and/or updated submission up until the final “regular” deadline without penalty. The final deadline for applications must be received by midnight Thursday, January 31, 2019. Applications can be emailed to [StamfordCitizen@aol.com](mailto:StamfordCitizen@aol.com) or sent to: Scholarship Selection Committee, 2018 Stamford Citizen of the Year, 22 First Street, Stamford, CT 06905.

Applications also can be processed and uploaded online.

For more information on the JWV Community Service Scholarships, visit [www.stamfordcoty.org](http://www.stamfordcoty.org) or contact Rick Redniss or Gary Stone at the phone numbers listed above or at [StamfordCitizen@aol.com](mailto:StamfordCitizen@aol.com).

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