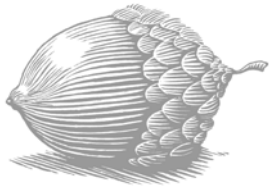


Charter Oak  
Challenge  
Foundation

2009

College  
Scholarship  
Program



The Charter Oak Foundation College Scholarship Program seeks to support promising students from Bridgeport, Connecticut who have the potential to succeed in college.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Current high school seniors who have permanent residence in Bridgeport, Connecticut and who have demonstrated:

- Academic achievement
- A commitment to learning and community service
- Financial need
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the US

### **WHAT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL RECEIVE**

- Up to 15 high school seniors will be selected to receive a \$10,000 scholarship (distributed over 4 years), a laptop computer and a trained adult mentor. The amount of scholarship escalates each year, from \$1,000 in the student's freshman year to \$4,000 when the student reaches his or her senior year.
- The scholarships may be used to pay tuition, room, board, fees and other educational expenses. Each scholarship will be renewable as long as the student maintains a good academic record and makes normal progress towards a degree.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Simply complete the application form and return it to us.
- Applications must be received by February 6, 2009
- We suggest that you make and keep a copy of your completed application form for future reference.

**Return completed application to:**  
**Charter Oak Scholarship Program**  
The Bridgeport Public Education Fund  
446 University Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

### **APPLICATION TIMETABLE**

- ❖ **FEBRUARY 06, 2009**  
Applications must be received
- ❖ **WEEK OF MARCH 09, 2009**  
Semi – Finalists will be notified
- ❖ **WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2009**  
Semi-Finalists will be interviewed
- ❖ **WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2009**  
Scholarship recipients announced

*Additional copies of the application form are available at the Guidance Counselors office at Bridgeport high schools and online at [www.charteroakfoundation.org](http://www.charteroakfoundation.org)*



# Charter Oak 2009 College Scholarship Program Application for Current High School Seniors

## Instructions

To be considered for the Charter Oak Scholarship, please type or print clearly the information requested. Clip all parts together.

**PART 1:** Complete this application, answering all questions, and sign.

**PART 2:** Attach a page listing what you consider your most important activities and achievements, including academic honors, community service, work experience and extracurricular activities. Please include dates, and where appropriate, duration of activity.  
You may also include a one-page chronological account of the most important events in your life

**PART 3:** Attach a brief essay (no more than two typed pages) describing challenges or obstacles you have overcome in achieving academic success.

**PART 4:** A letter of recommendation from a teacher. (Additional letters of recommendation optional).

**PART 5:** A copy of your parent/guardian's last Federal tax return.

**PART 6:** High school transcript, including class rank and SAT scores.

*Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.*

## PART I

## Applicant Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen?  or  A Permanent Resident? If so, Alien Registration # or I/Arr/Dep Record from INS. \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ *Please attach copy* How many years have you lived in the U.S? \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ TEL No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all colleges you have been accepted to for the fall of 2009:

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Please list colleges you have applied to and are waiting to hear from:

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Please list all scholarships you have received to date:

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**Parent or Guardian**

**Parent/Guardian Information – Please print or type clearly**

Mr.  Ms. First Name Middle Last Name

Relationship to student

Home Mailing Address

City State/ZIP

Telephone ( ) E-mail Address

I give permission to the Charter Oak Challenge Foundation and its affiliates to use my son/daughter's name and photograph in promotional materials.  Yes  No

My son/daughter is submitting this application with my permission. I verify that the facts contained in it are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent or guardian's signature Date

**Student**

*I affirm that all the information contained in this application is complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant's signature Date

How did you hear about the Charter Oak Scholarship Program?

***This application must be received by February 6, 2009***

*Send to Charter Oak Scholarship Program c/o Bridgeport Public Education Fund, 446 University Avenue Bridgeport CT 06604*

*If further information is required, please call the Bridgeport Public Education Fund at (203) 331-0551*