



Westborough Community Land Trust

Westborough Community Land Trust Scholarship Details – 2024

Name: Westborough Community Land Trust Scholarships (WCLT) 2024

Award: Two (2) awards of \$1,000 by check to recipients (at graduation)

Who is eligible? Graduating seniors at Westborough High School (WHS), and graduating seniors who reside in Westborough and attend a different high school.
• Scholarships to be awarded to the winners of the WCLT Earth Day Essay Contest about a local environmental topic. Students must include high school name, student's name, address, birth date, e-mail, phone, and permission to print their essays on our WCLT website, newsletter, and in local newspapers and online media.

Deadline: April 8, 2024. The essay and signed application must be received by WCLT by **Monday, April 8, 2024**. Please submit them **on paper** (in time to be received by the deadline) to **WCLT, P.O. Box 838, Westborough, MA 01581**, OR submit **electronically by email** to scholarship@westboroughlandtrust.org

Essay topic: Choose one of these topics and **write the name of the topic** at the beginning of your essay:

1. *An environmental issue in Westborough.* Describe an environmental issue that affects a natural resource in Westborough. Propose a solution that would address this issue and/or describe activities in which you have been involved that have worked towards solving this particular problem.
2. *An experience or place in Westborough.* Describe an experience or place in Westborough that has brought you close to nature or has inspired you to see the world from an environmentally conscious perspective. Explain why and note anything you have done or plan to do as a result.
3. *Protection of Westborough's natural heritage and special places.* Describe a place in Westborough that you think is especially important to protect, and explain why. Propose ways to protect or sustain this place or others that are part of Westborough's natural heritage, and describe how you have helped or can help.
4. *Comparison of two Natural Environments:* Compare Westborough's natural environment to another or different natural environment that you've visited. Explain the challenges each one faces. Explain what you could do or have done to help each of these natural environments.

Format: Essay length: 500 to 750 words, on paper, typed, double-spaced (Times Roman, 12 pt.). Write the topic you've chosen at the beginning of your essay.

Please put your **birth date, NOT your name**, at the top of each page (so that we can read essays without knowing students' names).