



TriCircle 2026 Memorial Scholarship Information and Instructions

**TriCircle will be awarding two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships for 2026
Application Deadline June 1, 2026**

TriCircle seeks to identify current Connecticut residents who have demonstrated a commitment to furthering their collegiate or technical studies beyond high school. We recognize that there is an epidemic of substance use, including alcohol, that exists here in our state. Tragically, Connecticut has had thousands of wonderful people die due to addiction diseases. Due to circumstances that have directly affected people involved with our organization, we have come together to continue a memorial scholarship originally created in honor of our loved ones who died due to substance use.

Our TriCircle Memorial Scholarship is open to Connecticut residents who:

- Have been significantly impacted by alcohol/substance use by self or a significant family member/friend
- Have been accepted into, or are continuing, their post-high school education at an accredited school in the upcoming fall
- Have not previously won this award

Scholarship Conditions:

- The TriCircle Memorial Scholarship must be used to defray the expenses of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, and/or other applicable further education costs from an accredited institution of higher learning where the student has been accepted.



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Cover Page / Attest to Truthfulness Page

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Middle initial: _____

Home address: _____

Cellphone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of high school (if applicable): _____

Guidance counselor name: _____ E-mail: _____

School you have been accepted into: _____

Contact person at the school (if applicable): _____

Email: _____ @ _____ Phone: _____

What your focus of study will be: _____

As a TriCircle Scholarship applicant, I attest to the truthfulness, authenticity, and accuracy of the information I have provided in this application and supporting documentation.

Print full name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Personal Release Agreement

I understand that if I am selected to receive the TriCircle Memorial Scholarship, I:

Grant

For consideration which I acknowledge, I irrevocably grant to TriCircle the right to use my name, photo (which I will provide) and essay in all forms and media. I waive the right to inspect or approve versions of my essay used for publication with the understanding that my name and photo may be used.

Release

I release TriCircle from any claims that may arise regarding the use of my essay, including any claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or infringement of moral rights, rights of publicity, or copyright. TriCircle is permitted, although not obligated to, include my name as a credit in connection with the essay.

Expectation

I understand that if I am selected to receive the TriCircle Memorial Scholarship I will be expected to attend the annual TriCircle Gala scheduled for Sunday, July 26, 2026 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. I will be provided with 2 tickets; one for myself and one for a person of my choosing, free of charge. I understand I will be expected to read my Essay, or have someone read it for me, to the audience at that time.

I have read and understand this agreement, and I am over the age of 18. This Agreement expresses the complete understanding of the parties.

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent (*include if the person is under 18*)

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to, and do consent, to the terms and conditions of this release.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Applicant/Essay Criteria:

We recognize that the stigma, isolation, shame and guilt associated with substance use disorder are as detrimental as the disease itself. Identify how a substance use disorder has directly or indirectly affected your life. Express how you can change the way addiction is viewed in our society.

Supporting Documentation:

All documentation must be submitted with the application in order to be considered. Please use this as a checklist to ensure each item is addressed.

- Cover/Attest to page, signed and dated
- Personal Release Agreement, signed and dated
- Well written, typed essay addressing applicant criteria above (a lived-experience of how a substance use (in self or others) has affected your life). This essay should be 500 minimum to 750 words maximum.
- Two typed letters of reference from two separate people, teacher, mentor or friend, who know you well, and detailing why you deserve consideration for this scholarship. Each letter should be at least 250 words and MUST include contact phone number as well as e-mail address and phone number for each reference. References will be contacted.
- Letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment in college or in post high school technical/trade school.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2026 (by e-mail or U.S. Postal Service postmarked by 6/1)

Scholarship applications are available on our website, www.TriCircle.org, at our office – 116 S Main St, Wallingford, CT 06492, or by emailing scholarship@tricircle.org.

The signed, completed scholarship application, **with all** supporting documentation, must be received in **one email** sent to: scholarship@TriCircle.org

or

in one printed packet postmarked no later than **June 1, 2026**, to be considered.

Please, plan your time accordingly.