GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. O’NEILL SCHOLARSHIP
“E.O.P. Public Service Scholarship”

Introduction

The Governor William A. O’Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics, established in September 2000 to honor former Governor William A. O’Neill, seeks to promote an understanding of the history, structure, processes, personnel and policies of our State’s government. Programs also focus on Connecticut’s history and leadership in developing and implementing innovative public policy and enacting landmark legislation that has served as a model for the other states. The O’Neill Chair endowment is held by the CCSU Foundation, Inc.

Governor William A. O’Neill Scholarship

A portion of the earnings from the Chair may be used to support scholarships for undergraduate students who are pursuing a degree program leading to a career in public service (e.g., government, education, non-profit, etc.). The scholarship is specifically intended to support students in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at CCSU, and who exhibit some of the many characteristics of service that Governor O’Neill exhibited during his long career in public office.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in and show evidence of leadership and academic excellence in the EOP summer program
- Show evidence of a commitment to community service
- Have the recommendation of CCSU’s Director of Pre-Collegiate and Access Services
- Be registered as full-time, matriculated undergraduate student and taking at least 15 credits during the fall semester of freshman year.

The scholarship selection committee may add further criteria to the above in order to enhance the selection process.

Scholarship Application

Students may apply for the scholarship using the CCSU Foundation’s online scholarship application form (www.ccsu.edu/Instiady/scholarships/). Applications are reviewed in July for scholarship awards that are paid in the following academic year.

As part of the application process, applicants are required to submit an essay (not to exceed 500 words) describing their educational goals and their aspirations for a career in public service.
Scholarship Selection Committee

A scholarship selection committee shall be convened by the Director of Pre-Collegiate and Access Programs or his or her designee in July to evaluate scholarship applications. The committee shall be made up of

- The Director of Pre-Collegiate and Access Programs
- the Executive Director of the Center for Public Policy and Social Research,
- the William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair holder,
- an appointee of the Executive Director of the Center for Public Policy & Social Research,
- the Chair of the Governor William A. O'Neill Archives Advisory Board, or his/her designee from the Board,
- one faculty member from EOP, and
- one EOP alumnus, to be appointed by the Director of Pre-Collegiate and Access Services
- Mrs. Nikki O'Neill may serve as a permanent member of the committee for as long as she so desires. If she chooses not to serve, the selection committee will function with just the other members.

Scholarship Award

One scholarship award, in an amount to be determined annually by the Scholarship Selection Committee, will be awarded each year. The scholarship is renewable for the sophomore, junior and senior years (up to a maximum of six (6) semesters in total) provided the recipient maintain full-time status and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.

The recipient of the scholarship shall be required to participate in a CCSU sponsored community engagement project, with a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service per academic year.

Recipients who drop below a 2.50 grade point average or who do not earn a minimum of 30 hours of academic credit per year may be given a one-time probationary period of one semester to meet the renewal requirements. Probation may not be granted for students whose grade point averages are below 2.0 or who have earned less than 24 credits in an academic year. There is no provision for reinstatement once the scholarship has been revoked.
APPLICATION FORM
GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. O’NEILL SCHOLARSHIP
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Please type or print. Use additional sheets if you need more space.

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Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Home phone: ____________________________________________ Major: _______________________

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Educational Background:

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2. List any full or part-time jobs held, nature of the work and dates of employment.
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3. Describe your participation in extracurricular activities.
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4. What are your educational goals?


5. What are your aspirations? How can you relate your career aspirations with Governor O’Neill? (Please consider writing this response on a separate sheet of paper)


As part of the application procedure, please forward two (2) letters of recommendation. The letters should be from teachers, faculty, academic advisors, community leader, or an individual who may discuss your potential for achievement.

Please list the names of those who will be writing in your behalf.

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Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________