

# Mary Lou Serra Memorial Scholarship Application - \$1,000

## CRITERIA

The Mary Lou Serra Memorial Scholarship is open to WESTERLY High School seniors who have lived in Westerly their entire life.

Youth must be in their senior year and must be attending some form of higher education in September 2022 (vocational school, tech school, college, industry certification, etc.).

Youth must have demonstrated the following:

“Average or above” academic achievement

Present or past participation in drug/alcohol prevention, church, and/or general involvement in supporting the Westerly community through volunteer service.

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION will be given to the following:**

Youth who have persevered while overcoming a challenge (medical issue, family crisis, etc.) and continued to balance their studies, community service activity and other responsibilities.

Notable actions that display compassion and/or advocacy that results in an improved quality of life for others in the community. Detail how you have made the community a place for all.

Recipient must be available to attend the Athena Award dinner on November 2nd, as guest of the Ocean Community Chamber Foundation.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the Mary Lou Serra Scholarship are available at the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce office, or at the Guidance Department at Westerly High School.

Applications should be **received by 12 noon on Friday October 1, 2021 at: Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, MARY LOU SERRA Memorial Scholarship, 1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI 02891.** You may email to [LKonicki@oceanchamber.org](mailto:LKonicki@oceanchamber.org) or mail.

A committee comprised of Serra family members and friends will review all applications and make the final decision to award the scholarship. The recipient will be notified by 5pm on October 5, and will receive recognition and their check at the ATHENA Awards Program on November 2, 2021.

Information: Lisa Konicki, [401-596-7761](tel:401-596-7761)

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## 2021 - \$1,000

Presented by: Ocean Community Chamber Foundation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School attending now \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School/Program hoping to attend Sept. 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements- attach a current school transcript and a "head shot" picture that will not be returned but would be used for publicity purposes.**

### Personal Goals

My goal this year is to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5 years from now I want to: \_\_\_\_\_

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10 years from now I want to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra-curricular activities (sports, church activity, clubs, hobbies) and years involved in each.

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Volunteer Activity (Detail name of organization, dates of service, type of service performed, and how it benefited the community). Be specific about your actions/involvement and detail how you have made the world a place for all.

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Please write a 400-word essay that incorporates the 2 topics of “family” and “the Town of Westerly” and what they mean to you. These two subjects were dear to Mary Lou’s heart and were reflected in her many selfless contributions to the community throughout her lifetime.

Complete this form and return with transcript and photo to the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce, 1 Chamber Way, Westerly, RI 02891 by 12 noon on October 1, 2021. You may attach supporting documents or re-type the form to include all of your information, so long as the format is identical to that on the form.

