

The Diana Waterman Memorial Scholarship

Established 2024

Guidelines

Diana Waterman was many things. She was a wife, a mother, a dear friend, a ready volunteer, and a pillar of her community. But to many she was best known as a powerhouse in Maryland Republican Politics.

Starting from a simple role as a member of her county Republican Central Committee, she eventually ended up serving as Chair of the Maryland Republican Party (2013-2017) and President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (2018-2021).

Her competency and willingness to serve made her a skilled party worker. She never asked for credit, and she never had aspirations for political office or any greater agenda. She just believed in doing the work to make things better for everyone.

That was her true passion. She rejected a politics that was angry and divisive, and she believed that everyone could play a part in working together cooperatively for the greater good. It was a big part of not just why she worked so hard herself to expand the party base, especially for women and young people, and encouraged them to do the same - to strive to make the world better without tearing down everyone who disagrees with them.

Purpose of the Diana Waterman Memorial Scholarship

The Scholarship was created to honor Diana's memory and her commitment to people working in politics in the service of the greater good, without expectation of credit or personal recognition. This fund awards scholarships to Maryland women studying political science, or a comparable field, at an accredited college or university, who demonstrate academic excellence, and exemplify Diana's commitment to selfless political activism.

Scholarship Criteria

To be eligible for the Diana Waterman Memorial Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a female resident of the State of Maryland.
2. Be a current student pursuing a degree in political science or a comparable field of study at an accredited college or university.
3. Submit this application in its entirety and with complete supporting documentation.
4. Have an excellent record of academic achievement with a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average, as demonstrated by an academic transcript.
5. Demonstrate a record of involvement in political causes and/or organizations.
6. Include an essay of no less than 500 words detailing an issue the applicant is motivated by and how they have or plan to work to advance it, with a focus on unity rather than division.

Award Amount

The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of the scholarships may vary from year to year.

Selection

Selection will be made by the Diana Waterman Memorial Scholarship Committee with written notice prior to the award. The official award to the recipient will be announced in May. The scholarship is NOT renewable.

Method of Award

The recipient will be required to provide Chesapeake Charities with specific information so that payment can be submitted directly to the college or university. Payment will be sent to cover the cost of tuition, housing, books, or related items upon receipt of appropriate billing from the academic institution.

Submission

Applications may be obtained from the guidance office at the school. Applications may also be found on our website: www.chesapeakecharities.org or requested by e-mail.

Please submit your application to: info@chesapeakecharities.org or mail to:

Diana Waterman Scholarship
c/o Chesapeake Charities
101 Log Canoe Circle, Suite O
Stevensville, MD 2166

Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than 12:00 p.m. on April 15, 2025.

NOTE: Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

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Please complete all information requested below. Information may be typed or legibly hand-written. Information provided will be used by the Diana Waterman Scholarship Committee to award a scholarship.

PART A

1. Full Name: _____

2. College or University: _____

3. E-Mail Address: _____

4. Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

5. Phone number (c) _____ (h) _____

6. Date of Birth: _____

7. In a brief statement, describe your future career and personal goals.

8. Attach an essay of no less than 500 words detailing an issue the applicant is motivated by and how they have or plan to work to advance it, with a focus on unity rather than division.

PART B

Submit a one-page formal resume' that includes the following headings:

- Contact Information
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone Number (s)
 - Email address
- Career Objective
- Education (Schools attended, years)
 - Attach a copy of your transcript (non-certified)
- Work Experience (as applicable)
 - Dates
 - Place(s) of employment
 - Job responsibilities, duties
- Activities (as applicable)
 - School-related
 - Community/Volunteer
 - Honors/Awards/Special Talents

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate.

Student Signature

Date