



**GREATER
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Chamber**

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1 Main Street, PO Box 625, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

**Greater Old Saybrook Chamber
Lyme-Old Lyme**

Promise & Achievement in the Arts Senior Scholarship

2026

Application due by midnight on Friday, April 24, 2026

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1 Main Street, PO Box 625, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be completing his or her SENIOR year at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, or be a resident of Lyme or Old Lyme completing his or her SENIOR year at an accredited high school or in a home school program.
- The applicant must have demonstrated achievement in the arts.
- The applicant must be entering college in fall 2026 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree at an accredited college or university in an arts program.
- The applicant must demonstrate the use of his/her skills in a community setting that requires an ability to balance and integrate art and academics with community service and/or paid employment: for example, in an internship, a part-time job, a business or a non-profit organization.
- The applicant must submit a completed application (see attached).
- The applicant may be asked to participate in an interview at the discretion of the review committee, at which they should present a portfolio of their original work.
- The Chamber's intent is to award a single scholarship of \$1,000. The Chamber, however, reserves the right to change the amount of the award and/or to make additional awards if deemed appropriate.

Review Committee:

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the Lyme–Old Lyme, who will make the decision regarding the recipient of the award. Their decision will be final.

Award Benefits:

The monetary award presented to the student(s) is intended for use toward college expenses, including the purchase of books and/or art materials required for college.



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Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents' or Legal Guardians' names: _____

Signature of Applicant: *(receipt of materials from your email address will constitute your electronic signature)*

In addition to the information on this application form, please submit the following:

- A short statement of your eligibility for the award using the eligibility criteria as a reference
- A transcript of your high-school records, including the most recent marking period
- At least two letters of recommendation, representing your academic, civic, and entrepreneurial activity (for example, one from a teacher, one reflecting civic or community activity **and** one from an employer, supervisor, or client/customer) **sent electronically to info@oldsaybrookchamber.com**
At least one letter must be from a teacher of art curriculum.
- An essay of no more than 500 words on ONE of the following topics:
 1. *Discuss the importance of the relationship between the arts and business*or
 2. *Choose an item from your portfolio and describe its importance to you*
- State college(s) of interest. Please include acceptance letter(s) if received.

Note: Please submit the application, transcript, and essay electronically in a single zip file attachment to info@oldsaybrookchamber.com.

The Guidance Office can assist with scanning materials if needed.

All materials are due by **Midnight on Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Action of the Award Committee _____ Date: _____

Notification to applicant, dated: _____