



Pathways to Success Scholarships

Empowering Deserving Students

Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends is proud to announce the launch of its Pathways to Success Scholarships Program; an initiative designed to empower deserving students and provide them with the means to achieve their academic and career aspirations. This program is a testament to the organization's commitment to supporting the educational needs of its community and fostering a culture of excellence among its members.

Objective of the Program

The primary objective of the Pathways to Success Scholarships Program is to offer financial assistance to high-achieving students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their education and personal development. The scholarships aim to alleviate the financial burden associated with pursuing higher education, thereby enabling students to focus on their studies and achieve their full potential.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the Pathways to Success Scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A graduating senior, (Class of 2027), of Walter L. Cohen High School.
- Exhibit academic excellence and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- A minimum 20 ACT score.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and community involvement.
- Submit a personal statement outlining their educational goals and career aspirations.
- Provide letters of recommendation from teachers or school counselors.

Application Process

Applicants are required to complete an application form, which includes providing academic records, personal statements, and letters of recommendations. The selection committee will review all applications and select recipients based on their academic achievements, leadership qualities, and commitment to community service.

Scholarship Application Window

The scholarship application window will open on September 14, 2026, and close on November 13, 2026. **Applications must be postmarked by November 13, 2026 to be considered.** Scholarship applications must be requested through the official website by selecting the **Pathways to Success** link at Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends.org. Applicants are encouraged to begin preparing required materials early to ensure timely submissions.

Impact of Scholarships

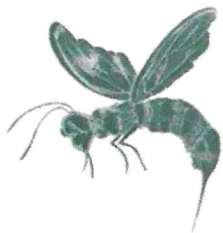
The Pathways to Success Scholarships will have a significant impact on the lives of the recipients by:

- Providing financial support to cover tuition, books, and other educational expenses.
- Encouraging academic excellence and personal growth.
- Fostering a sense of community and belonging among the students and alumni.
- Empowering students to pursue their dreams and contribute positively to society.

Conclusion

Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends are dedicated to making a difference through initiatives like the Pathways to Success Scholarships. By investing in the education and development of deserving students, the organization is helping to build a brighter future for our community and create opportunities for the next generation of leaders.

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**Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends
Pathways to Success Scholarships Application**

Please complete the application in its entirety.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards. The deadline for this application to be postmarked is **November 13, 2026**.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Purpose: The primary objective of the Pathways to Success Scholarships Program is to offer financial assistance to high-achieving applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to their education and personal development. The scholarships aim to alleviate the financial burden associated with pursuing higher education, thereby enabling the applicant to focus on their studies and achieve their full potential.

1. The DEADLINE to submit a completed scholarship application must be postmarked by **Friday, November 13, 2026 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**.
2. Refer to the criteria in this packet for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Please print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. If you are chosen, you will be notified by email.
7. Direct any and all questions regarding your application, in writing, to:
LJackson@walterlcohenalumniandfriends.org.
8. Scholarship funds will be awarded directly to the applicants' college/university account upon receipt of enrollment.

Criteria: To qualify for the Pathways to Success Scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. A graduating senior (Class of 2027) of Walter L. Cohen High School.
2. Exhibit academic excellence and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. A minimum score of 20 on the ACT.
4. Demonstrate leadership qualities and community involvement.
5. Submit a personal statement outlining your educational goals and career aspirations.
6. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation from teacher(s)/school counselor(s).



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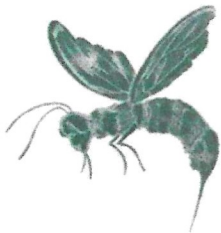
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Application Process: Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (please write/print legible).
2. Personal essay of 500-700 words (typed, double-spaced, using Times Roman font, twelve (12) font size).
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation from teachers'/school counselors.
4. An official and recent high school transcript.

Please mail your application to: Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends
c/o Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 872327
New Orleans, Louisiana 70187

Applications postmarked after November 13, 2026, will not be considered.



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Please **print** your answers. If application is illegible, it will not be considered.

1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Address & Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
5.	Will you graduate from Walter L. Cohen in the Spring of 2027? Yes _____ No _____
6.	What are your college / university academic interests _____
7.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (on a 4.0 scale) Include proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript is required, and it must be in a sealed envelope from the school.
8.	ACT Score _____ (Include a copy of your most recent ACT score).



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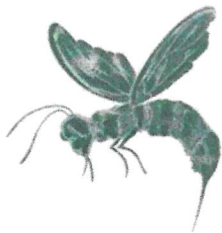
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9.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Name(s): _____ Address & Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone Number: () _____
10.	List the name of other high school(s) attended, if applicable: School: _____ City/State: _____ Number of years attended: _____ School: _____ City/State: _____ Number of years attended _____
11.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school.



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12.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests and extracurricular activities.
13.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
14.	I will be attending the following college/university in the Fall of 2027: School: _____ City/State: _____

Use an additional sheet of paper if you need additional space for #11, #12 and/or #13.



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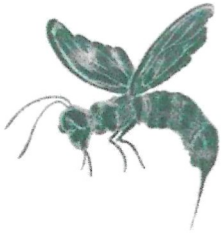
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15.	List the names of any colleges/universities you may have attended: School: _____ City/State: _____ Number of credits earned: _____ School: _____ City/State: _____ Number of credits earned: _____
16.	Personal Essay: Submit a typed, double-spaced 500-700 words essay, using Times Roman font, twelve (12) font size. Explain how receiving this scholarship will assist you in achieving your career goals, particularly in relation to your college goals/aspirations. Additionally, discuss why you should be chosen as a recipient of this scholarship.
17.	To be considered, applicants must include the following items: 1. Three (3) reference letters. Each letter must be submitted, separately, in a sealed envelope. 2. An acceptance letter from your perspective college/university. 3. An official high school transcript. Your transcript must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the school. Photocopies of your transcript are not acceptable. 4. Personal Essay



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**Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Pathways to Success Scholarships
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**Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends
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P.O. Box 872327
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Name of Applicant _____

The person named above is applying for the Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Pathways to Success Scholarship. A description of the characteristics and abilities of this applicant would provide supplementary information to the Scholarship Committee.

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly explain how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? Why would you recommend this applicant to be a deserving recipient of the Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Pathways to Success Scholarships.

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School Counselor/Teacher _____

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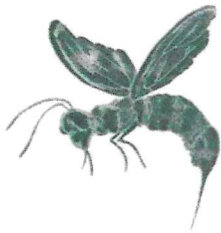
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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby certify that the above-mentioned information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Pathways to Success Scholarships. Scholarships funds will be paid in the Fall 2027 and Spring 2028. It will be the applicant's responsibility to submit to Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Scholarship Committee, at that time, an invoice for semester tuition and fees. Scholarships payment will be made in the name of the recipient and the recipient's college/ university.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment at the college/university of my choice before funds are awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

My signature below acknowledges that I am allowing Walter L. Cohen Alumni and Friends to receive a copy of my child's school transcript to be used in consideration for the Pathways to Success Scholarships.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____