## **CJWC Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

**Educational Experience.** Each applicant must be a senior in high school and live in a residence zoned for **Chapin** schools.

**Minimum Grades.** Each applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Each applicant must provide a certified or other official transcript as evidence of these grade requirements, or cause his or her school to directly provide such transcripts to CJWC.

College Attendance. The applicant must be reasonably expected to attend an institution of higher learning and must actually plan to do so during the next academic year (for which grants will be paid).

**Completion of Application.** The applicant must complete the entire application required by the CJWC.

**Prohibited Family Relationship**. Applicant cannot have a family or business relationship with any member of the scholarship selection committee.

**Selection Criteria** The CJWC's Scholarship Selection Committee is responsible for selecting scholarship recipients from all eligible applicants. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall base its selection of scholarship recipients on the following:

Eligibility. Each Scholarship recipient shall meet all eligibility requirements described above.

Objective and Nondiscriminatory Selection Procedure. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall select Scholarship recipients who, in the reasoned view of the Scholarship Selection Committee, are the most deserving of scholarship awards based upon the objective criteria described below. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall select Scholarship recipients on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, or personal handicap.

**Applicant Interviews** The Scholarship Selection Committee may, but is not required, to interview Scholarship applicants, and may require candidates to submit essays on topics relevant to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

**Objective Criteria.** The Scholarship Selection Committee may consider only the following objective criteria in selecting Scholarship recipients:

- Prior academic performance;
- Performance on tests designed to measure ability and aptitude for college work, such as the ACT and SAT examinations;
- Participation in school, extracurricular, athletic, and community activities;
- Recommendations from instructors or members of the community;

- Conclusions that the Scholarship Selection Committee members draw from a personal interview, from essays, or from other written materials submitted in the application process that demonstrate the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential; and
- Financial need, with an emphasis toward providing scholarships to students with financial need, but to whom other need-based assistance is unavailable.

The Scholarship Selection Committee shall apply the criteria in a reasonable and objective manner. However, the Scholarship Selection Committee is not required to place the same weight upon each criteria for each candidate, and need not determine that all criteria exist for each candidate.