## HELEN MARTIN & TRADE WINDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2025 STUDENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH) will award at least two \$1,000.00 Scholarships to students who have lived experience of homelessness and are entering, or are currently enrolled in, college or trade school. Applicants must be current residents of Nassau or Suffolk Counties (unless already enrolled in college or trade school elsewhere, with a previous residence in Nassau or Suffolk Counties), and have attended elementary, middle and/or high school in Nassau or Suffolk Counties.

Applicants must enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study or other licensed vocational program no later than the spring session of 2026.

# Complete packages must be <u>received</u> by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6 and must include each of the following:

- Student Application
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- > Essay
- School Transcript; documentation of GED Completion (if applicable)

# INCOMPLETE AND LATE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. APPLICATIONS FROM PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

#### HOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN

- Grade point average 2.0 or higher ("C" average)
- Quality of essay
- Letter(s) of recommendation minimum of one is required; two or three are preferred
- Review and selection by the Keys Conference Planning Committee

#### IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP

- You will be notified by July 31, 2025.
- AWARDEES ARE ENCOURAGED (NOT REQUIRED) TO ATTEND THE KEYS FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE, WHERE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. THE 37TH ANNUAL KEYS FOR THE HOMELESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025, AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL IN MELVILLE. THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 9AM.
- AWARDESS MUST SIGN A RELEASE ALLOWING LICH TO ANNOUNCE THEIR NAMES AS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
- You must enroll in an accredited or licensed institution by the Spring term of the 2026 school year and provide documentation of such enrollment no later than February 20, 2026. If not, you will forfeit your scholarship and, if possible, it will be awarded to an alternate recipient.
- Scholarship funds will be credited to your student account after documentation of your enrollment is received. Please note that funds cannot be given directly to the student!

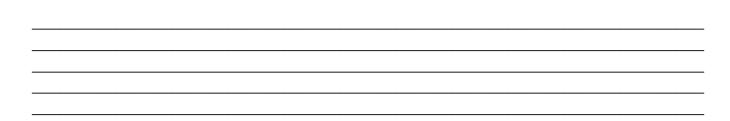
Questions? Please contact Bailey Riekkinen at briekkinen@addressthehomeless.org	

# THE HELEN MARTIN & TRADE WINDS SCHOLARSHIPS 2025 STUDENT APPLICATION

Complete Application Package (including School Transcript, Essay, Letter(s) of Recommendation and Student Application) must be <u>received</u> by 12:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025. *Incomplete and late packages will not be considered.* 

			Student	<u>Information</u>			
Name							
Current Address	Last			First			Middle Initial
		Stre	et			Apt. #	
		City		State			Zip
Home Phone (	)			_ Work Phone (	)		
Mobile Phone (	)			_ E-Mail			
Date of Birth	Month	Day	Year		SSN		
Parent or Guardia	an Name	Lasi			F'		AP date to the state of
Home Phone (	)			_ Work Phone (	First)		Middle Initial
Alternate Contact	t Name			email_			
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Please check the	county for you	r school district:	Suffolk	County	Nassau Cou	nty	
Current Cumulati	ve Grade Point	Average:		/ 4.0 Scale or		Scale	
High School Graduation or GED Completion Date:			e:	Month		Year _	
School Name							
School Address							
		Street					
		City		State			Zip
Contact Person a	at High School _			Ph	one ()		
	<u>(</u>	College/Univ	ersity/Voc	ational School	Information	<u>l</u>	
Enrollment Date:	Fall	Spi	ring Summ	er Year			
School Name							
School Address							
		Street					
		City		State			Zip
Major/Course of	Study						

## **Interests and Hobbies**



#### **Professional Letter(s) of Recommendation**

Individuals from whom letters of recommendation will be accepted include, but are not limited to, a teacher, guidance counselor, social worker, case manager, or housing worker. A MINIMUM OF ONE IS REQUIRED; 2 OR 3 ARE PREFERRED.

#### **Essay**

Tell us about your experience with homelessness. Please mention what type of homeless situation you were in (ex: family shelter, couch surfing, etc.). Please describe how you were able to cope on a day-to-day basis. Was there any situation or special person that inspired you? What are your dreams, hopes and plans? Please also tell us what college, university or other licensed vocational program you will attend or to which you have applied.

This essay must be a <u>minimum of 750 words</u>. Include your name and address in the upper left corner of the first page.

### **Transcript and/or GED Documentation**

Applications must include a copy of high school transcript including the last semester/quarter completed. Individuals who received a GED must also include documentation that they completed their GED.

EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATIONS TO:

BRIEKKINEN@ADDRESSTHEHOMELESS.ORG
AND

GGUARTON@ADDRESSTHEHOMELESS.ORG

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#### **CONSENT**

I,, h	ereby authorize the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless
to release my name as a recipient of the 202	25 Helen Martin Scholarship/Trade Winds for Achievemen
Award, should I be selected as an awardee	e. The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless may also
release photographs taken of me in connec	ction with the 2025 and 2026 Helen Martin/Trade Winds
Scholarship for Achievement Awards. I furth	ner understand that portions of my essay may be read during
the 2025 Keys for the Homeless Conference	e, although my name will not be associated with the excerp
being shared.	
	(Print Name) 2025 Helen Martin/Trade Winds Scholarship Applicant
	(Sign Name) 2025 Helen Martin/Trade Winds Scholarship Applicant
	Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Recipient is a minor)

# PLEASE EMAIL RELEASE WITH COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

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## OPTIONAL TO MAIL ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO:

Bailey Riekkinen

Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

600 Albany Avenue, Suite 2