



Torrington Chapter of UNICO Scholarship Program

Established in 1925, the Torrington Chapter of UNICO is a charitable service organization whose mission is to honor Italian heritage and promote a love of community. The Chapter is dedicated to advancing the educational goals of the youth who will become tomorrow's leaders. To that end, the Chapter established the UNICO Scholarship Program in 1954, which today provides numerous scholarships for area students.

The **Torrington Chapter UNICO Scholarship Fund**, endowed through and administered by The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, is comprised of 16 individual scholarships with unique eligibility criteria. **Please review the following scholarship descriptions carefully to determine the awards for which you are qualified to apply.**

All scholarships require a common application form, which is available online at: www.northwestcf.org or from your high school guidance office. **Applications should be mailed to Torrington Chapter UNICO Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 175, Torrington, CT 06790, or submitted to your high school guidance counselor for pick-up. They can also be hand-delivered to 60 Wheeler Lane, Torrington, CT. Do not email applications.**

For more information or answers to your questions, please contact Scholarship Co-Chairs Paul Denza at pdenzascs@icloud.com or Pat Finn at PFinn@ctlawyers.com. Thank you for your interest in the Torrington Chapter of UNICO Scholarship Program.

1) Thomas M. Acerbi Scholarship

Established in 1982 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in memory of Mr. Acerbi, a long-standing Chapter member and past UNICO officer, this scholarship assists **Torrington High School seniors planning to pursue a degree in science or education at an accredited college or university who demonstrate financial need, scholarship, and participation in athletics.** **[\$1,200]**

2) Francis J. and Donald G. Albreada Scholarship

Established in 1982 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in memory of two active members, this scholarship is awarded to **Oliver Wolcott Technical High School seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university. Recipients demonstrate financial need, scholarship, and participation in athletics. [\$1,200]**

3) Rt. Reverend Monsignor William Botticelli Scholarship

Established in 1983 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO, this scholarship honors the memory of Monsignor Botticelli, a two-term past president of UNICO. Affectionately known as Father Bill, this scholarship's namesake was Pastor of St. Peter's Church from 1930 until his retirement in 1970. During his tenure, Father Bill was known for his dedication to youth and to education, serving on Torrington's Board of Education for several years. **Recipients are seniors from any high school in Litchfield County who are planning to pursue a degree at any of the University of Connecticut campuses with preference given to those pursuing a degree in the fine arts or business.** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship, and community service. **[\$1,200]**

4) Dick's Restaurant Scholarship

Since 1977 Dick's Restaurant Scholarship Fund (hereinafter "The Fund") has provided **annual awards to deserving students from Torrington High School or Oliver Wolcott Technical High School who elect to pursue post-secondary education at a college or university.** The Fund was founded by Vito and Raymond Colangelo, owners of Dick's Restaurant in Torrington, CT. Although the number of awards and amounts have varied over the years, this Fund has been one of NW Ct's largest scholarship providers. In 2019, the Charitable Trust that oversees the Fund dissolved and transferred its assets to UNICO for future administration of the scholarships in Dick's Restaurant's name. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship, extracurricular activities, and community service. Also, any applicant studying hospitality or the culinary arts will be given extra credit during the evaluation process. **[2 awards are given annually @ \$1,250 per year for up to four years, or a total of \$5,000 per recipient]**

5) Founders' Legacy Scholarship

The Founders' Scholarship was established to posthumously acknowledge those who have demonstrated a significant commitment to UNICO, and in particular, the growth and development of the Torrington Chapter. They are past members of the Chapter who possessed good character and citizenship through participation in varied Chapter activities. This year's scholarship will be given in remembrance of Alphonse "Al" Milo, a long-time member of the Torrington community. Born in The Bronx, NY, on November 10, 1930, he was a son of Carlo

and Louisa (Amendola) Milo. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served honorably during The Korean Conflict and was the owner of Milo's Service Station in Torrington from 1966 to 1997 and then worked for Kelly Transit Company. Al was a member of the Concordia Lodge Sons of Italy and a leader in the INICO Club of Torrington. He was proud of his heritage and checked all the boxes in life – finding joy and love in family, community, work, and service to others. Al is universally remembered by those who knew him as jovial and devoted, and above all, he is universally missed. **Recipients are high school seniors who reside in Litchfield County and who primarily meet need-based criteria using the FAFSA, but still face significant gaps in meeting their expected financial contribution. In addition, recipients are also expected to meet minimal academic performance standards and are engaged in community and leadership activities. [\$1,500]**

(Renewal Obligations: [4-year commitment] Scholarship recipients are required each spring to submit a renewal application that describes their most recent involvement in community service and leadership activities, and to account for their academic performance. Scholars are obligated to assume positions of leadership at their school, and/or serve their community through community service, and satisfactorily complete at least 12 credits and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or greater or its equivalent.)

6) Antonio Gioia Scholarship

A local building contractor and former UNICO treasurer, Mr. Gioia was well known for his civic involvement. The Torrington Chapter of UNICO established this scholarship in 1954 to honor Mr. Gioia's reputation as a community leader. **Recipients are Torrington High School seniors planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree who demonstrate financial need, scholarship, leadership, character, and citizenship. [\$400 available annually for up to four years, or a total of \$1,600]**

7) Carmela, R.N., and Vita "Jennie" Lopardo Scholarship

Established in 2007 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO through the generosity of the Lopardo family, this scholarship honors its namesakes' years of experience and dedication to the nursing profession. **Recipients are seniors from The Gilbert School, Northwestern Regional District #7 High School, Lewis S. Mills Regional District #10 High School, Torrington High School or Oliver Wolcott Technical High School who plan to pursue higher education in nursing or an allied health field.** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, leadership, character, and citizenship. **[\$1,200]**

8) Erico Marola Scholarship

Established in 1999 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO to honor this local businessman and past president of Torrington UNICO, **this scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior from Torrington High School, Oliver Wolcott Technical High School or Wamogo who is planning to pursue a degree in engineering or the auto trade** at an accredited college or university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. **[\$1,200]**

9) Andrew J. Oneglia Scholarship

Established in 1979 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO and generously funded by the Oneglia family, this scholarship honors Mr. Oneglia, and his many contributions to the community. **Recipients are seniors from public or private high schools in Litchfield County who will be attending college and demonstrate academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.** **[\$1,500]**

10) Raymond A. and Gloria Oneglia Scholarship

Established in 2006 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO through the generosity of the Oneglia family, this scholarship recognizes the lifelong contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Oneglia to the construction industry and to the Torrington community. **Recipients are Connecticut residents in college majoring in civil engineering or construction management who can effectively articulate their future professional plans.** In order to receive the one-time award, applicants must also demonstrate financial need, scholarship, and community service. **[\$5,000]**

11) Fiore Petricone Scholarship, K.S.G.

Established in 1976 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO and now jointly funded by the Chapter and the Petricone family, this scholarship honors Mr. Petricone and his wife, Edith, for their dedication to the education of Torrington area youth. Past chairman of the Torrington Board of Education, Mr. Petricone was an active member of the Torrington Chapter of UNICO. Both he and Mrs. Petricone were tireless advocates for area students in their pursuit of higher education. **Recipients are Torrington High School seniors planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree who demonstrate scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and community service.** **[\$2,000]**

12) William Romani Scholarship

Established in 2007 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO through the generosity of the Romani family, this scholarship honors Mr. Romani's memory and his 53 years of leadership and service to the Chapter. Mr. Romani was an aficionado and practitioner of string music, and this one-time

award is intended to provide financial support to a **Torrington High School senior who excels in music and is going on to post-secondary education. [\$1,200]**

13) Joseph Sclafani Scholarship

Established in 1983 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in memory of Mr. Sclafani, a civic leader and renowned musician, Mr. Sclafani served as assistant director of the City Band while sharing his passion for brass instruments with students of all ages. **Recipients are Torrington High School seniors who excelled in music and will be attending an accredited college or university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship, participation in music-related activities and musical aptitude. [\$1,200]**

14) John Sullo Founders Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in 2004 in memory of Mr. Sullo, professor of music and Torrington Chapter of UNICO founder and first three-term president (1925-1927). Professor Sullo was well known for his interest in Italian art, culture, and language. He served as UNICO National president and pursued an avid interest in the contributions of Italian immigrants to his adopted community. **Recipients are college-bound seniors from Torrington, Winchester, Goshen, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Harwinton, or Litchfield who demonstrate financial need, scholarship, leadership, character, and citizenship. [\$1,200]**

15) UNICO Italian Heritage Scholarship

Established by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in 1990, **this scholarship is awarded to a high school senior of Italian heritage (i.e., one parent or grandparent of Italian descent which must be explained in the “Additional Information” section of this application)** who is a resident of Torrington, Winchester, Goshen, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, Harwinton or Litchfield. Awards are based on scholarship, financial need, character, community service and extracurricular activities. **[\$1,250 available annually for up to four years, or a total of \$5,000]**

16) Ralph Sabia/Addo Bonetti Scholarship

Established by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in 2022, this scholarship is given annually in memory of Mr. Sabia and Mr. Bonetti both of whom were active participants not only in UNICO but also in the Torrington community in general. **This scholarship is awarded annually to a Junior or Senior student in post-secondary education who resides in Torrington and has demonstrated a lifelong extraordinary commitment to community service and volunteerism. While academic success and financial need will be considered, this \$1,200**

scholarship favors students who have distinguished themselves by giving to others just as Messers. Sabia and Bonetti did throughout their lives. This extraordinary commitment to community service and volunteerism should be listed in the **Activities Section** of the application **and** explained in detail in the **Additional Information Section** of the application. (\$1,200)

In addition, the Torrington Chapter of UNICO provides additional support to the community through the following award, The Carita Award. This award does not require the submission of an additional scholarship application. The awardee(s) are chosen from existing applications that UNICO has received in the current application process.

UNICO Carita Award – Inspired by a local philanthropist and Torrington Chapter of UNICO member, a special circumstance, need- based scholarship has been established by the Chapter to support an individual on an annual basis at the discretion of the Club membership. Named after the Italian word for Charity, the awardees of the Carita Scholarship are identified by UNICO scholarship readers through the applicant review process and are brought to the attention of the Chapter’s full membership for discussion. An awardee must be an applicant of any UNICO scholarship designed for first-year students who have **not** been selected for an award but stood out among the applicants as having special circumstances and unique challenges in being able to afford college and the expenses associated with it. In determining this award, the extent of the student’s financial need will be based on the information submitted and the application’s narrative that imparts the applicant’s financial ability to pay for education. **[\$1,200]**



TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2026-2027

Scholarship Application

Certification

I hereby affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

List the UNICO Scholarship for which you are applying. **Only list one scholarship on each application. A separate application must be completed for each scholarship for which you are applying. Each application must have its own attachments (e.g. resume, transcript, SAT/ACT scores).** Please carefully review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship. (See Torrington UNICO Scholarship Program overview for descriptions).

School Currently Attending: _____

<p><u>Scholarship Committee Use Only</u></p> <p>Student Name _____</p> <p>Scholarship _____</p>

TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 1) **SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS IS APRIL 1, 2026.** Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
- 2) **Complete one Scholarship Application for each scholarship for which you are applying.**
- 3) **High school seniors: Obtain one copy of your official high school transcript, including SAT or ACT scores, for each scholarship for which you are applying.** The SAT or ACT must be taken by October of your senior year and attached to the scholarship application.
- 4) Call the Torrington UNICO Scholarship Committee at 860-459-7472 with questions.
- 5) **Please follow instructions carefully to ensure that your application is not deemed ineligible. Please review the criteria for each scholarship prior to submission.**
- 6) Mail application and required attachments to **Torrington Chapter UNICO Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 175, Torrington, CT 06790.** Additionally, completed scholarship applications may be provided to your Guidance Office for pick up by a Scholarship Committee Representative, or hand deliver scholarship applications to 60 Wheeler Lane, Torrington, CT.

Applicant Information

Last/First/Middle Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Permanent Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Date of Birth (month/day/year):		
Telephone Number:	() -	E-mail Address:
Name of High School:	Graduation Date (month/year):	/

Scholarship Committee Use Only

Student Name _____

Scholarship(s) _____

College/University Information

Your classification in the fall of the 2025 academic year:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
Will you be a full- time student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Major field of study:			
Intended degree:		Probable career:	
When do you anticipate receiving your degree (month/year)	Undergraduate: /	Graduate: /	
College you plan to attend in the fall of the 2025-2026 academic year:			

Work Experience

In the space provided below, please list **paid work experience** (including self-employment). Please supply **all** the information requested. Note: If you have devoted considerable time to **volunteer work** rather than paid employment, you may include those experiences as well.

Employer	Nature of Work & Position Held (Note if Supervisory in Nature)	Dates of Employment Ex: 10/02/09 to

<u>Scholarship Committee Use Only</u>	
Student Name _____	
Scholarship(s) _____	

Activities

Using **only** the space provided below, please list your activities in the order of importance to you within each of the four categories. Include only hours spent **outside** the classroom. Your interests and pursuits help to define your character, so it is important to tell us about your talents, awards, and extracurricular activities. Examples include voice lessons, scouting, school play, varsity letters, certificates of achievement, etc.

Activity	# of years	AVG. # OF HOURS PER WEEK	Leadership positions, awards, recognition, etc.
School Activities (clubs, student government, national honor society, etc.)			
Community Activities (volunteer, Scouts, faith activities, etc.)			
Fine Arts (music, drama, forensics, debate, etc.)			
Sports			

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Student Name _____

Scholarship(s) _____

Financial Need

In completing this section, please provide your household adjusted gross income for the most recent federal tax year or an estimate of your family's taxed and untaxed income and benefits. Also provide your family size and the number of family members who will attend college or career school during the year. Finally, provide a statement regarding any actual or anticipated significant changes in your household income or expenses this calendar year compared to the prior calendar year that will, or likely will, affect your ability to pay for post-secondary education expenses. You may attach an additional page(s), if necessary.

Additional Information

In the space provided below, please include any additional information or factors that you believe should be considered by the Scholarship Committee in reviewing your application.