Our own Bascule Bridge, the oldest of its kind in the United States, turned 100 in July 2022! The Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce and Foxwoods Resort Casino have partnered with a host of for-profit and non-profit businesses to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event. Events have taken place all Spring and Summer, with a ceremony, bridge dedication, and Fireworks celebration over the Mystic River set for October 15th, 2022. As part of their commitment to this event and the local community, Foxwoods and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce have created a scholarship program available to high school seniors (2022-2023) to help with their post-secondary education experience. Funds collected during Bridge Anniversary Events will go to offset event expenses and to fuel the scholarship fund for years to come.

WHO’S ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Incoming High School Seniors who will Graduate in 2023. One winner will be chosen from Stonington High School, Fitch High School, Grasso Tech, and Westerly High School.

DEADLINE:

Applications are due March 31, 2023. Email applications to scholarship@mysticchamber.org.

WINNER & AWARD:

Winners will be announced in May of 2023. The minimum award is $4,000 per high school.

CRITERIA:

Must have post-secondary education or study. Incoming High School Senior. Submit High School Transcript. Complete and submit a 2,000-word essay. Show evidence of Community Service initiatives and projects.

ESSAY:

The Mystic Bascule Bridge turned 100 in July 2022, and it has seen a great deal of history both locally and nationally. Over that same time, the town, state, and country have experienced polarizing issues that have divided us. Discuss a topic that is important to you and has occurred over the last 100 years. Define the opposing perspectives and explain how both parties “bridged” the gap to form a conclusion. Most importantly, what communications were key to navigating the issue to a successful ending or impasse?