POLICY ON SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Webster Public Schools embraces and encourages the practice of awarding scholarships, prizes and athletic awards as both an incentive for high levels of achievement and the facilitation of continuing higher levels of education. The Webster Public Schools encourages groups and individuals to fund endowments for these purposes. In sponsoring or administering any scholarship or award, the District ensures that such scholarships or awards are free from restrictions based upon race, creed, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or disability. In making awards to members of single-sex teams, the Committee ensures that awards are in proportion to the number of students of each gender participating in interscholastic competition. In evaluating such proposals, the Committee will apply the following criteria:

1. Scholarships must not discriminate based on any of the above listed criteria.
2. Scholarships must be free from motivations of personal or corporate gain or publicity.
3. The explicit or implied purposes of the scholarship are consistent with the goals and standards of the District.
4. The proposed criteria for application or selection procedures must not put unreasonable demands on school staff and the criteria for selection must be clear and objective.
5. The scholarship must be in compliance with all laws and the School Committee policies.

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