

## Merit Scholarship 2017-2018

### Scholarship Information:

Established in 2013, scholarships are awarded each year to one rising 6th grader and one rising 9th grader who are new or returning to Westchester and who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, exemplary character, and well-rounded participation in school and community. These scholarships fund full tuition for the recipients and are renewable for the Middle or Upper school term as long as the student remains in good standing in the division.

### Eligibility:

- Incoming students must complete the full admissions process and be admitted to Westchester Country Day School.
- Current students seeking the award should notify the Admissions Office after successful re-enrollment and a refundable deposit has been paid (must notify in writing for a refund by April 14<sup>th</sup>).
- Eligibility is dependent upon the student meeting the Duke University Talent Identification Program standards - achieving a 95% or above on an acceptable subtest or composite of an accepted standardized achievement or abilities test.
- All candidates will be asked to
  - Submit one teacher recommendation (a form is provided)
  - Sit for the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT).
- A select group of finalists will be chosen and asked to complete the following to determine the recipients:
  - An essay (prompt provided)
  - An interview with a panel of judges not affiliated with WCDS.
- Scholarship recipient will have 24 hours to accept or decline the Merit Scholarship.

### Application Process:

- September 30<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup> – WCDS Admissions process completed, acceptances made, and/or re-enrollment complete
- March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> – OLSAT administered
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Finalists notified
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Essays due
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Interviews
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Recipients notified