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 Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut, Inc., is comprised of 13 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.cfnwct.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.

For more information or answers to your questions, please contact Art Mattiello at 860.482.8792 or Brian Mattiello at 860.482.8792. Thank you for your interest in the Torrington Chapter of UNICO Scholarship Program

1) Thomas M. Acerbi Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

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. [$1,000 available annually]

2) Antonio Gioia Scholarship [$1,600 over four years]

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]

3) Fiore Petricone Scholarship, K.S.G. [$2,000 annual award]

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. [$1,500 available annually]

4) Brian Piccolo Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

Established in 1977 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO to recognize an athlete from Torrington High School who faced physical challenges and injury while participating in high school sports. Awards are made on the basis of letters of recommendations from coaches, teachers, school personnel, parents or members of the community who observed a student athlete’s acts against adversity. The scholarship is in honor of Brian Piccolo, an Italian-American professional football player for the Chicago Bears for 4 years. He died from embryonal cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of lung cancer, which was first diagnosed after it had spread to his chest cavity. He was the subject of the 1971 TV movie Brian's Song. The application process is managed through the Athletic Department. [$600 available annually]

5) Joseph Sclafani Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

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 plan to pursue higher education in music at an accredited college or university. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship, participation in music-related activities and musical aptitude. [$1,000 available]
6) Francis J. and Donald G. Albreda Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

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. [$1,000 available annually]

7) Rt. Reverend Monsignor William Botticelli Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

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 a number of years. Recipients are seniors from any high school in Litchfield County who are planning to pursue a degree in the fine arts or business at any of the University of Connecticut campuses. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, scholarship and community service. [$1,000 available annually]

8) Carmela, R.N., and Vita “Jennie” Lopardo Scholarship [$500 annual award]

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. [$500 available annually]

9) Erico Marola Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]

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. [$1,000 available annually]

10) Andrew J. Oneglia Scholarship [$1,500 annual award]

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 college-bound students from public or private high schools in Litchfield County who demonstrate academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. [$1,500 available annually]
11) **John Sullo Founders Scholarship [$1,000 annual award]**

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. [$1,000 available annually]

12) **UNICO Italian Heritage Scholarship [$5,000 over four years]**

Established by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in 1990, this scholarship is awarded to a student of Italian heritage (i.e., one parent or grandparent of Italian descent) 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]

13) **Raymond A. and Gloria Oneglia Scholarship [$5,000 annual award]**

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 available annually]

14) **Paolo Abate Grant [$600 annual award]**

Award was established in 2004 by the Torrington Chapter of UNICO in honor of sculptor and artist Paolo Abate who lived in Torrington for much of his career. As an internationally renowned sculptor, he was also a teacher and author and was past president of the International Fine Arts League, the Connecticut Artists and Writers Society and a founder of the Torrington Chapter of UNICO. The award is given annually to a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting artists of the fine arts. [$600 available annually]

15) **William Romani [$1,000 annual award]**

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 student who excels in music and is going on to post-secondary education. [$1,000 annual award]
TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2016-2017 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. Please carefully review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship. (See Torrington UNICO Scholarship Program overview for descriptions). A separate application must be completed for each scholarship for which you are applying.

________________________________________________________________

School Currently Attending: _______________________________________

Scholarship Committee Use Only
Student Name ________________________
Scholarship(s) _____________________
TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1) **SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR TORRINGTON UNICO SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS IS APRIL 1, 2016.** Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

2) Complete the Scholarship Application.

3) **High school seniors:** Obtain one copy of your official high school transcript, including SAT or ACT scores. The SAT or ACT must be taken by October of your senior year and attached to the scholarship application.

4) If you have questions, please call the Torrington UNICO Scholarship Committee at 860.482.8792.

5) Please **follow instructions carefully** to ensure that your application is not deemed ineligible. Please carefully review the criteria for each scholarship prior to your submission.

6) Mail application and required attachments to: **Torrington Chapter UNICO Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 175, Torrington, CT 06790**

7) Or, completed scholarship applications may be provided to your Guidance Office for pick up by a Scholarship Committee Representative.

### Applicant Information

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### College/University Information

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### Work Experience

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

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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’s important to tell us about your talents, awards and extracurricular activities. Examples include voice lessons, scouting, school play, varsity letters, certificates of achievement, etc.

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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.