



## **Black Rock Community Council David Grant Grimshaw Scholarship**

Founded in 1976, the Black Rock Community Council (BRCC) is the oldest and largest community membership organization in the area. The Council's mission is to promote projects that will enhance the quality of life of Black Rock's residents and businesses, including recreational, educational, and business development initiatives.

The BRCC is proud to present the 2018 David Grant Grimshaw Scholarship.

David Grant Grimshaw (1956-2001) was not a native Black Rocker but was drawn to the beautiful coastline and sense of community one finds in Black Rock. A self-taught oil painter, Grimshaw founded the Westport Gallery and joined the Black Rock Community Council soon after relocating to Black Rock in 1988. He was elected BRCC president, a position he held for many years, and was instrumental in raising funds for the newly formed Burroughs Community Center and the preservation of the Fayerweather Lighthouse, among other local causes. Known equally for his community activism and his oil paintings, Grimshaw lost his battle to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in 2001. His spirit lives on in the volunteers who make our area a better place.

The David Grant Grimshaw Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to a Black Rock high school senior who has gained acceptance to an accredited university with plans to attend in the fall of 2018. The scholarship recipient will exemplify David Grant Grimshaw's commitment to the local community through his or her record of involvement with school, neighborhood, or citywide initiatives.

**To apply for the 2018 David Grant Grimshaw Scholarship, please submit the following:**

- A completed and signed application (on reverse side of this form).
- A 150 to 300-word essay explaining your community involvement and the impact it has had on you as well as the Black Rock or greater Bridgeport community.
- A copy of your high school transcript.
- A copy of your acceptance letter to the college that you are planning to attend in the fall of 2018.

**All application materials should be postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup> and mailed to Black Rock Community Council, 2470 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605.**

If you have questions, please contact Marni Kiernan at (631)816-8836 or [mkiernan@gmail.com](mailto:mkiernan@gmail.com).

**Black Rock Community Council**  
**David Grant Grimshaw Scholarship Application**

**Applicant Information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Years lived in Black Rock:

High School:

College attending in the fall 2018:

**Community Participation or Involvement:**

Organization	Your Role	Contact person/ phone number

**Short Essay:**

In 150 - 300 words, please explain how you as a young person have embodied David Grant Grimshaw's commitment to the Black Rock or Bridgeport community. Please explain the impact of your experience and the impact that your experience had on you. *Please include the essay along with the other application materials listed on the reverse side of this sheet.*

**In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_