

West Deptford High School
Commencement Award Questionnaire
Class of 2024

Organizations Providing Award (3):

**GFWC Contemporary Club of the Garden District,
GFWC Gloucester County Women’s Club &
Members of Lessman Family**

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Award Provided Last Year:

- **2024 Name of Award: Amy Lessman Character Award 2024**

The “Amy Lessman Character Award” is in memory of Amy Lessman – wife, mother, friend, mentor, role model, teacher, and inspiration to all who met her. Amy, a special education teacher in the West Deptford School District, courageously lost her battle with peritoneal cancer in 2014, but did not let this hardship define her. Through compassion and grit, she strengthened and inspired others and left a legacy of perseverance and kindness. The nominees for this scholarship should be a graduating senior, pursuing an education or training in a human services field that have exhibited those character traits that Amy exemplified in her own life, while in the face of adversity.

Award to be provided to a graduating member of the WDHS Class of 2024:

Applicant Qualifications:

- West Deptford High School Graduating Senior
- Acceptance into a 2- or 4-year university/college or technical school with a focus in public services/human services (Please see next page for examples)

Nomination Checklist:

- € Due Date: April 24, 2024
- € Write an essay according to the below essay prompt.
- € Provide one letter of reference from a non-family member.
- € Provide evidence/proof of acceptance into a 2- or 4-year university/college or technical school with a focus in public services/human services (Evidence in the form of documentation from the accepting institution is preferred. If this is not available, please provide a letter from your high school counselor stating your intent to begin studies in a human services field, signed on official school letterhead.)

Essay Prompt:

- € 2 pages, 1-inch margins, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font
- € Briefly describe a personal hardship you have faced or are still facing.
- € Briefly analyze how this adversity has impacted you.
- € **Important:** Reflect on how this experience helped you to provide a positive impact on the community and others. (Examples: compassion, mentorship, community service, sharing/support)

**Please return this form to:
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