

WORDS FROM OUR SCHOLARS

“I’m really grateful for the support the New England Society gives me and it makes me wish that more people were as fortunate as me in this regard.”

Lilly, Wellesley College, Class of 2011

“Receiving this scholarship has truly been a blessing... I am able to focus on my academics, instead of having to focus on making them possible.”

Eric, Harvard University, Class of 2010

“Any time any one individual, or group of people for that matter, have shown a high level of confidence in me, the effect it has had on my confidence has been unbelievably and incredibly humbling.”

Zack, Connecticut College, Class of 2012

“I think often and fondly of NESNYC and hope to remain a part of your community for many years to come.

Allison, Bowdoin College, Class of 2005



New England Society in the City of New York

INSTITUTED A.D. 1805



(Left) Treasurer Barbara Parks and two Scholarship Recipients at the 2008 Annual Dinner Dance.



(Right) Commissioned by the Society in 1885, this statue of the Pilgrim sculpted by John Quincy Adams Ward is located near the East 72nd Street entrance to Central Park.

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INTRODUCTION

The New England Society in the City of New York (NES) was organized in 1805 and is one of the oldest charitable organizations in the United States. Founded for the purpose of promoting "friendship, charity, and mutual assistance," NES celebrates New England heritage through its charitable works and social activities for members and guests. Its philanthropic focus is education, and NES funds a Scholarship Program for New York City students attending New England Colleges and Universities.



HISTORY

Original founders and members of the New England Society were inspired to band together by a love for their native New England and a desire to maintain its traditions. NES was officially founded on May 6, 1805 to coincide with and commemorate the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock. In addition to its social activities, NES also has a long, distinguished history of helping those in need. During the 19th century, the charitable works of NES were varied, such as providing annuities to needy widows and children of New England families in New York, distributing kindling wood to the poor for cooking and heat, and funding special projects created by inventive New England minds. Though these eleemosynary initiatives have evolved over time, the underlying mission of assistance has remained constant.

The New England Society has also made many cultural contributions. In 1868, a bust of Daniel Webster by sculptor Thomas Ball was presented by a member of NES and is now on permanent loan to Webster Hall at Dartmouth College. In 1885, the Society commissioned a bronze statue of the Pilgrim by noted sculptor John Quincy Adams Ward, which was erected near the East 72nd Street entrance of Central Park. On June 4, 1985 a rededication ceremony celebrating that statue's centennial was held on the site. In 1933, NES funded the construction of a replica of the Aptuxet Trading Post on Cape Cod. This Post was established in 1627 to encourage trade among the Pilgrims and Native Americans. In 1952, NES established the Reginald T. Townsend Award, named for its President, to recognize outstanding achievement in New England and the finest attributes of New England character. Award recipients over the years include John Davis Lodge, George Plimpton, Harrison E. Salisbury, Walter Cronkite and Charles Osgood.



Proud of its rich history, NES preserves and enriches the New England heritage for the New York Community and beyond.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The New England Society created its Scholarship Program in 1953 to help fund New York students attending colleges and universities in New England. Since the Program's launch decades ago, NES has funded over 100 scholarships.

With the average college tuition, room and board reaching \$45,000 annually, the need to ensure access to higher education for students from limited means is critical. NES scholarships reduce student loan liability, lend confidence and provide a sense of achievement to these young scholars. NES currently funds eight scholarships; NES Scholars are attending: Amherst College, Bates College, Connecticut College, Harvard University, MIT, Trinity College, Wellesley College and Wheaton College.



The Scholarship Program is funded through contributions from Members, annual dues and fundraising events. In addition, NES recently launched a Funding Campaign to increase its Scholarship Endowment.

MEMBERSHIP

Members share an affinity for and an affiliation with New England through one or more of the following criteria: Education, Residence or Ancestry. Members enjoy a full program of social and cultural events each year; highlights of the annual calendar are listed below. Additional benefits include: a quarterly newsletter, an optional dining membership at the Regency Whist Club, and most importantly, the connection to a unique network of individuals who share a common cultural link.

Annual Calendar Highlights

February	<i>Members Only Reception</i>
March	<i>Member/Guest Reception</i>
May	<i>Founders' Day Celebration</i>
June	<i>Summer Solstice Party</i>
September	<i>Member/Guest Reception</i>
October	<i>Fall Kick-off & Annual Meeting</i>
November	<i>Annual Dinner Dance</i>
November	<i>Pilgrim Statue Luncheon</i>
December	<i>Christmas Party</i>

To learn more about the New England Society in the City of New York or to apply for membership, please contact Valerie Bickel, Executive Director at (212) 752-1938 or by email at valerie@nesnyc.org.