



P20 WIN Research Agenda

P20 WIN is a unique state resource in Connecticut for addressing critical policy issues that require data from more than one agency; therefore, data requests to P20 WIN should align with either a participating agency's individual research agenda or the P20 WIN research interests: 1) predictive models for college and career success, 2) student readiness, 3) financial aid, 4) workforce training, and 5) overcoming barriers to success. More information about P20 WIN's learning agenda can be found [here](#). This document provides more details for potential researchers on the topic of financial aid.

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program

The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Program (RWSP) is comprised of two kinds of scholarships: a need-merit scholarship and a need-based grant. The Connecticut Office of Higher Education (OHE) awards Roberta Willis need-merit scholarships to Connecticut residents who apply and meet the following criteria:

- A high school senior or graduate.
- Junior year class rank of 20% or better and/or SAT score of at least 1200 or ACT score of 25.
- Must attend a CT public or non-profit private college.
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below the maximum limit designated by OHE (\$10,999).

RWSP need-based grants are awarded to Connecticut residents who apply and meet the following criteria:

- Must attend a CT public or non-profit private college.
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below the maximum limit designated by OHE (the limit differs every year; limits have been between \$10,000 and \$11,500 in previous years).

Applicants must fill out a FAFSA to receive either award. Students can receive:

- Up to a \$5,250 need-merit scholarship if they attend a four-year program full-time.
- Up to a \$4,650 need merit scholarship if they attend a two-year program full-time.
- Up to a \$4,500 need-based grant.

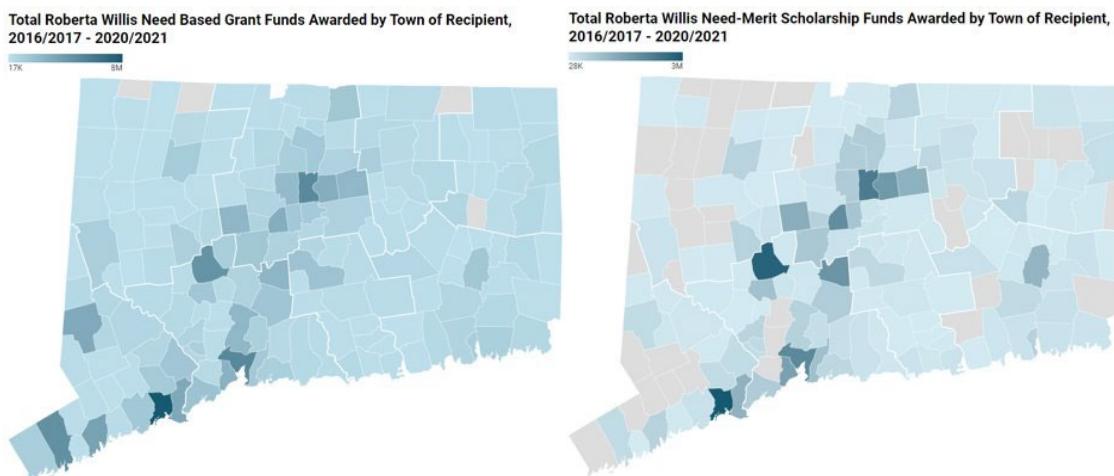
Both need-merit and need-based awards are renewable.

RWSP Summary Analysis from the 2016/17 - 2020/21 Academic Years

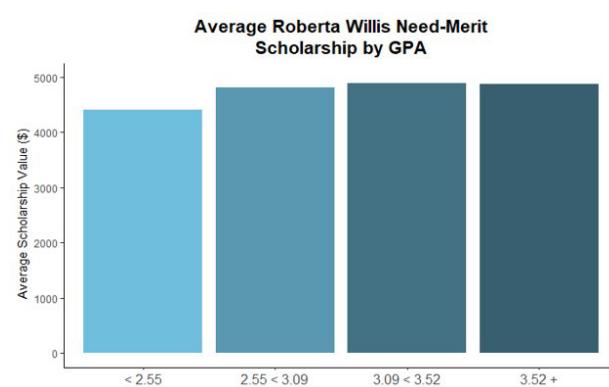
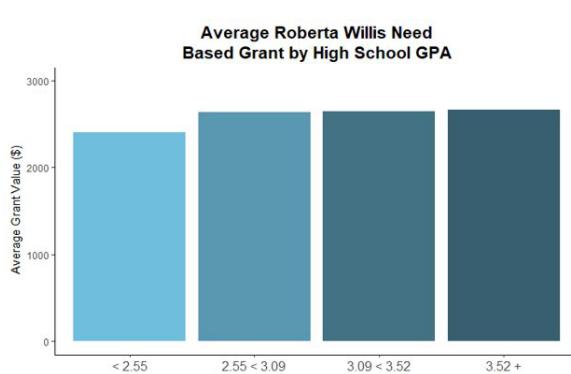
The average amount of need-merit aid given to a student for one year is approximately \$4,800. The average amount of need-based aid given is approximately \$2,500.

The average RWSP need-merit and need-based award amount is roughly equal across gender. However, female applicants receive around double the number of need-merit awards and around 1.5 times the number of need-based awards given to male applicants.

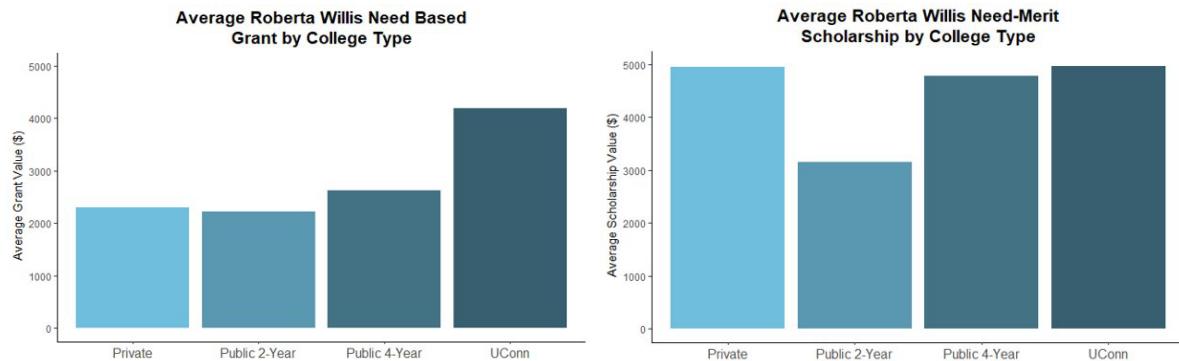
Generally, more RWSP awards were given to municipalities with larger populations.



Generally, the average amount of the need-based and need-merit award increases as GPA increases.



When broken down by college type, on average, UConn distributes considerably higher amounts of need-based aid per student. However, on average, UConn distributes around the same amount of need-merit aid per student as the state's private and public four-year institutions.



Additional Roberta Willis data and infographics can be found on the state Open Data Portal ([Roberta Willis Scholarship Program Analysis | Connecticut Data](#)).

Request Data

If you are a researcher, analyst, evaluator, or other data user and need data from two or more of the P20 WIN Participating Agencies, you may submit a data request to P20 WIN. Data requests should align with either a participating agency's individual research agenda or P20 WIN research interests. More information about how to request data is available on the P20 WIN website [here](#).