



Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area
community foundation

2026 Scholarship Catalog

Deadline to apply: Monday, March 2, 2026

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation offers scholarships to support local students in continuing their education. If you are a student in Emmet County graduating this spring and planning to attend a community college, university, or trade/vocational program in the 2026-27 academic year, use this catalog to explore our **30 scholarship funds** and discover how you can help fund your education!

Who Can Apply

Eligibility varies for each scholarship opportunity. The following students may be eligible:

- High school graduates, homeschool students, or non-traditional students
- Adults continuing their education
- Students pursuing degrees at community college or four-year university
- Students pursuing fields like building trades, hospitality, culinary arts, nursing, or allied health

How to Apply

1. Explore: Review our available scholarships and find those that match your qualifications.
2. Prepare Documents: Gather the following materials:
 - Transcript
 - FAFSA Report, including your Student Aid Index (SAI) number
 - Financial award letters (if available)
 - SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)
3. Get a Recommendation: Request a letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well, like a teacher, employer, or mentor. Relatives and classmates are not permitted to write this letter.
4. Register: [Create an account in our Scholarship Portal](#).
 - On the login page, click "Create New Account"
 - Complete the registration form to access the application
5. Apply: Start your application, save your work as you go, and submit when ready. Once submitted, applications cannot be edited.
6. Complete Additional Requirements: Some scholarships may require additional steps. Be sure to click "submit" or "decline" for each scholarship listed on your dashboard.
7. Watch for Results: Recipients will be announced at your school's awards ceremony.
8. Claim Funds: Scholarships must be claimed by June 30 to ensure payment for college expenses.

Important Notes

- Early College Students: Apply in your fifth and final year of the program.
- Need Help? Visit our [FAQ page](#), contact us at scholarships@phsacf.org or (231) 348-5820, or speak with your school counselor.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, these scholarships honor loved ones or support students from their alma mater or hometown. Take this opportunity to lighten your financial load and focus on your future.



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Alberto Moreno Memorial Scholarship

The Alberto Moreno Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 to honor the memory of the donor's grandfather and support others who share Alberto's devotion to learning. Alberto Moreno became a naturalized citizen in the early 1900s. He had few resources to provide for his large family, in part because he had been unable to acquire a formal education. Nonetheless, he fostered in his children a respect and a hunger for learning, and an appreciation for what education can provide for those who work hard and honestly. Sacrifices were many, often food and clothing were scarce, yet each child was instilled with these values. The entire family worked hard to create opportunities for the pursuit of education and to support each other as they obtained the education each wanted. Though other luxuries were forfeited, each child grew into an accomplished adult armed with a master's degree and a commitment to contribute to their family, their society, and their country.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school student from Emmet County who is continuing his or her education at a four-year college or university.

Selection Criteria

Academic performance must be sufficient to meet college entrance requirements. Preference will be given to students who have participated in school activities and volunteer community activities. Preference will also be given to students who participated in a school soccer program.

Award Information

\$2,500 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Amy Elizabeth Kelbel Scholarship

This fund was established in 1999 by the members of the Stephen and Vivian Rose Kelbel family. The goals of the fund are to pay tribute to its namesake, who was an outstanding student at Petoskey High School until injuries received in a tragic automobile accident curtailed her high school experience; to encourage participation in two of Amy's favorite activities, debate and forensics; and to assist graduates in fulfilling their own educational aspirations.

Eligibility Criteria

Student graduating from Petoskey High School who will continue his/her education at a college, university, or community college. This scholarship is open to homeschool students.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on academic performance and citizenship. Preference will be given to students who have participated in debate and/or forensics.

Award Information

\$2,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Angeldee Trade Scholarship

The Angeldee Trade Scholarship, established in 2023, aims to support graduates of Petoskey High School in their pursuit of an education within the trades.

Eligibility Criteria

Student graduating from Petoskey High School who is continuing their education at an accredited college,

university, community college, trade/technical school, or vocational institution to obtain a degree or license in a trade. Examples of a trade include, but are not limited to: electrician, plumber, nurse, cosmetologist, EMS technician, firefighter, etc.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on financial need and academic excellence.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Anna Funk Memorial Scholarship

The Anna Funk Memorial Scholarship was established by her parents and sister, through donations from family and friends, to honor Anna's memory. Anna was a teacher her entire life. Her graduation from Alma College in 1994, with a degree in elementary education, only made this distinction official. The following is Anna's philosophy of teaching:

I believe that all children can learn. No matter their background or level of intelligence, I believe that all children can succeed. It is my job as a teacher to be patient, put forth time and effort, and establish a creative, motivational, and stimulating learning environment that encourages this success.

I also believe that as a teacher, I must support the emotional development of a child, as well as the intellectual. I feel that a child must be helped to discover and develop his/her own uniqueness and learn to share it with others. He/she must be encouraged to do their best and to be the best person possible.

Anna's teaching career was brief, as she died from brain cancer at the age of twenty-three. Through this scholarship fund, her family hopes that Anna's passion for teaching others will continue.

Eligibility Criteria

Student graduating from Harbor Springs High School who will continue his/her education at a four-year college/university, community college, technical or vocational college.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on achieving full academic potential; exhibiting a well-balanced academic, social and spiritual lifestyle. Financial need will be a deciding factor with applicants of equal qualities.

Award Information

\$1,500 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Barry Potter/HOPE Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 1999 by Barry Potter, a graduate of Pellston High School. This scholarship is meant to help a Pellston High School graduate continue his/her education, preferably in the fields of computer science or health.

Eligibility Criteria

High school graduate from Pellston High School who will be enrolled at least half time at a college, university or technical college. Must have attended school in Pellston grades 9-12 for at least two years.

Selection Criteria

Selection based primarily on financial need. Additional criteria include: scholastic ability, attendance, community service, character, leadership, attitude, and citizenship. Preference will be given to students pursuing studies in computer science or a health-related field.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Students may apply more than once, but priority will be given to graduating students.

Café Society Educational Fund Scholarship

The Café Society Educational Fund Scholarship was established in 2010 by artist William Hosner and friends to assist high school graduates who work or have worked at a regional coffeehouse with the costs of pursuing higher education.

Eligibility Criteria

High school graduate or GED holder living in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, or Leelanau counties who works or worked at a coffee house for at least one year to pursue an education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical school, art school, or vocational institution. A regional coffee house is defined as a public establishment with headquarters and locations in the mentioned counties that is primarily engaged in preparing and serving coffee.

Selection Criteria

Based on financial need and a brief essay describing one's clearly defined personal goals.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Currie and Mary Weed First Tee Scholarship

The mission of The First Tee of Northern Michigan is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. This fund was established in 2011 to encourage participation in The First Tee Program and promote the values instilled by the Program.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school student, post-high school, or homeschool student from Emmet, Charlevoix, or Cheboygan counties who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical school or vocational institution. Applicant must have been an active member or coach of The First Tee program during high school or post-high school.

Selection Criteria

Financial need, academic strength, and involvement in various community service opportunities. Level of participation in the First Tee program will also be a selection factor.

Award Information

At least \$1,000 for one year. Renewable based on selection criteria. By March 9, 2026, renewable applicants must submit grade transcripts from the previous term and proof of enrollment for the coming semester.

C.W. McClellan Scholarship

The C.W. "Mac" McClellan Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 by a group of Mac's friends to honor his service to his community in general, and the Republican Party in particular. Mac McClellan always had a keen interest in history and politics, and this scholarship is meant to assist a student from Emmet County, preferably in the study of political science and/or history.

Eligibility Criteria

High school senior graduating from an Emmet County high school; planning to attend a college or university at least half-time.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on scholastic ability and citizenship. Some weight will be given to financial need. Preference will be given to students with an interest in the study of political science or history.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Ephraim Shay Scholarship

The Ephraim Shay Scholarship Fund was established in 2021 to honor Ephraim Shay and his record of enlightened leadership and service to the Harbor Springs Community. The scholarship was previously administered by the Harbor Springs Public Schools.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school student from Harbor Springs High School who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college, or trade/technical/vocational school.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based primarily on financial need. Some weight will be given to academic excellence and character.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Gerald Gramzay – Stafford's Hospitality Culinary Scholarship

The Gerald Gramzay – Stafford's Hospitality Culinary Scholarship Fund was created in 2013 as a legacy for Gerald and to remember his contributions to the culinary arts at Stafford's Hospitality and throughout the greater community.

Eligibility Criteria

A person who is at least 18 years old and lives in, or is from Emmet and Charlevoix counties, and who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical/vocational school to pursue a career in the culinary arts.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on financial need and academic performance, as well as the extent to which the student meets his/her full potential. Preference will be given to applicants with work experience or volunteer experience in hospitality, culinary arts, cooking, or other acts of service.

Award Information

\$1,500 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Harbor Springs Opportunity Scholarship

The Harbor Springs Opportunity Scholarship was established in 2016 by three Harbor Springs High School alumni from the class of 2009 to support graduates of Harbor Springs High School in their pursuit of furthering their education.

Eligibility Criteria

A high school student graduating in the current year from Harbor Springs High School who is continuing their education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical/vocational school.

Selection Criteria

Selection is partially based on financial need. Additional criteria to be considered for applicants with equal financial need: evidence of well-balanced academic achievement and extracurricular involvement that demonstrates the student's full potential.

Award Information

Two (2) \$1,000 awards for one year. Awards are non-renewable.

Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan Building Industry Career Scholarship

The Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan Building Industry Career Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 to benefit residents of Emmet or Charlevoix counties interested in a career in the building trades industry.

Eligibility Criteria

Residents of Emmet County or Charlevoix County seeking certification or a degree at a college, university, or technical school for a career in the building industry. This scholarship is also open to adults seeking continuing education or a career change.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on grades, record of work, attendance record, personal commitment, and a single-page essay answering: *"Why do you want to be part of the building industry?"* Applicants with experience in the building trades will be preferred.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

James and Carolyn Cloutier Scholarship

The James and Carolyn Cloutier Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 by James and Carolyn Cloutier to help deserving Harbor Springs students continue to reach their goals. They believe in the importance of giving back to their community and investing in the youth of the community. As dedicated and enthusiastic high school sports supporters, they know that much learning takes place through the teamwork of sports.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school student from Harbor Springs High School continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical school, or vocational institution. Students must have participated in Harbor Springs High School sanctioned or club sports during high school.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest and participation in sports throughout their high school years (need not be all four years). Financial need and academic strength will also be considered.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Janet and Richard Gorman Scholarship

The Janet and Richard Gorman Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 by Richard, former Petoskey City Manager, and his wife, Janet, to help students from the Petoskey School District further their education.

Eligibility Criteria

Petoskey High School students who will attend a college, university, junior college or community college in the state of Michigan.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on scholastic ability and financial need. Preference will be given to students seeking a degree in engineering.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Jeffrey Bodzick Scholarship

The Jeffrey Bodzick Scholarship was established in 2023 to create a legacy for Jeffrey and remember his life-long connection and contributions to our community. This scholarship was established to provide financial support for students who are not at the top of their class but are performing to the best of their abilities.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school student from the following six area high schools: Petoskey High School, Harbor Springs High School, Pellston High School, Alanson High School, Harbor Light Christian School, Mackinaw City High School. Eligible students will be continuing their education at an accredited college, university, community college, or trade/technical/vocational school.

Selection Criteria

Preference for students who are not top of their class but are performing to the best of their abilities. Student's personality and character should be in alignment with Jeff's based, partially, on student's response to the essay prompt: *"Write an essay on all you can find about Jeff Bodzick and why Jeff would be proud for you to receive this scholarship in his name"*. **Note:** Most essays are 2 to 3 pages, double-spaced. Maximum essay length is 5 pages.

Award Information

Six (6) \$3,000 scholarships. One scholarship award to one student from each of the six eligible high schools. Award is non-renewable.

Jennifer A. Kullik Memorial Scholarship

Since 1993, the Kullik family and friends have been awarding a college scholarship to a graduating senior from Petoskey High School. In 2007, Northern Imaging Associates, P.C. established the Jennifer A. Kullik Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Community Foundation to create a permanent legacy to Jennifer. Jennifer was a person who exhibited a love of children and was very kind to the elderly, especially her grandparents. She also had a great love of music and played several instruments, including piano, keyboard, flute, and clarinet. Her interest in softball started as a Pigtail and progressed through Junior League, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. Jennifer's exceptional relationship with her parents was the basis for her strong values and positive attitude. She was known as someone who was always prompt, dependable and, responsible. Jenny was an excellent student, especially in science and math.

Eligibility Criteria

High school student graduating from Petoskey High School or St. Michael High School who will continue his/her education at an accredited college, university, or community college.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on scholastic excellence (GPA of 3.0 or better) and personality, including promptness, dependability, responsibility, and positive attitude. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate strengths in math and science and who possess values similar to Jennifer's. Financial need will be taken into account; preference may be given to families who demonstrate need, but may not qualify for official need-based aid. A minimum two-page essay speaking to this selection criterion is required.

Award Information

\$3,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Kiwanis of Harbor Springs Scholarship

To preserve the Objects of Kiwanis and the values of the Kiwanis Club of Harbor Springs, its members established this scholarship in November 2016 to promote the continuing education of Harbor Springs High School graduates.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school students from Harbor Springs High School who are continuing their education.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on students' success in reaching their full potential to the best of their abilities. Financial need may be taken into consideration but does not have to be the deciding factor. A preference will be given to students who are members of the Key Club at Harbor Springs High School.

Award Information

Nine (9) \$1,000 awards for one year. Awards are non-renewable.

Little Traverse Literary Guild Scholarship

The Little Traverse Literary Guild Scholarship was created in 2023 by the Little Traverse Literary Guild to provide a renewable, annual scholarship promoting the literary pursuits of public school students in the

Char-Em Intermediate School District. The greater Little Traverse Bay area has a rich history in arts, literature, and music. In support of the Guild's mission to develop and support a community of writers, the scholarship was created to encourage young writers.

Eligibility Criteria

Students graduating from any public high school in the Char-Em Intermediate School District who are continuing their education at an accredited college university, or community college. Eligible students will be pursuing a writing career, in the broadest sense of the term, including but not limited to careers in technical writing, grant writing, journalism, teaching, political science, creative writing, etc. Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or above.

Selection Criteria

Selection is primarily based upon a writing sample(s) with a topic(s) of their choosing between 1,500 and 2,000 words.

Award Information

\$1,500 award for one year; renewable for up to three additional years.

Marshall-Parker Scholarship

The Marshall-Parker Family Scholarship Fund was created in 2013 to provide an annual scholarship to graduates of Pellston Public Schools and to create a lasting legacy for the William Marshall and Phyllis Marshall (Parker) families and their connection to the Pellston area. It is the intent of the Fund to promote and encourage others to pursue their education and fulfill their potential. If no Pellston High School student applies or is eligible, this scholarship may be awarded to a high school student of any other Emmet County high school.

Eligibility Criteria

High school student graduating from Pellston High School and continuing his or her education at an accredited public four-year college or university. Preference will be given to students attending Central Michigan University or Michigan Technological University to study in the areas of engineering, science or education. Students from other Emmet County high schools are eligible to apply but will only be considered if no Pellston High School student applies or is eligible.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on academic excellence and financial need and academic excellence is of paramount importance to the donors.

Award Information

\$1,000 awards for one-year. This scholarship can be renewed by the previous year's recipient for up to three consecutive years following the initial award. A Michigan Technological University student must maintain a 3.0 GPA. A CMU or other school student must maintain a 3.5 GPA to be eligible for renewal.

Marshall-Smith Scholarship

The Marshall-Smith Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by Pellston Public School graduates Patricia (Marshall) Smith (1973) and Daniel L. Smith (1970) to aid a selected Pellston Public High School graduating senior pursuing studies that involve science, technology, engineering, and/or math at an accredited public four-year university or college.

Eligibility Criteria

High school students graduating from Pellston High School and continuing his or her education at a public accredited two-year community college, four-year college or university, or vocational school involving studies in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and/or math. This scholarship is also open to homeschool students in the Pellston school district.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on financial need.

Award Information

Two (2) \$2,500 awards for one year. Renewals will be considered.

Marty Van De Car Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Marty's family, through donations from their family, and friends to honor Marty's life and legacy he left. His parents, Sarah M. and Charles D. Van De Car Jr., valued higher education and instilled the need to earn a college degree in all three of their children. His mother, Sarah Van De Car, from the King and Kenosmeg family lines, was a humble nurse who led by example and earned her nursing degree in the 1950s when it was not easy for any woman, especially one of American Indian lineage, to earn a college degree. All three of her children then followed in her footsteps. Marty attended North Central Michigan College and then Central Michigan University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science. He worked tirelessly for both the tribal and non-tribal communities to build community and bridges between each culture. He knew that when each community worked together and truly valued the other, resources could go further, and programs could expand and grow. He enjoyed sharing his culture and background, whether it was at a tribal event, a casino event, a Tribal Council meeting, or pow-wow. He also built community through the Petoskey Regional, Mackinaw City and Harbor Springs Area chambers of commerce meetings and events, local parades, golf events or even when just dining around town. This scholarship aims to continue Marty's legacy of promoting his cultural heritage and community building by assisting others build community through their educational endeavors.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating Emmet County high school student or currently enrolled student who is an Emmet County resident who is continuing their education at an accredited college, university, community college, or eligible trade/technical/vocational institution.

Selection Criteria

Preference given to an American Indian student. Students should provide a copy of their tribal identification card or a letter from the tribal enrollment office. Selection based on essay response highlighting how students plan to utilize their degree/program of study to build community, honor, and share their cultural heritage.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Mary McClutchey Amacher Scholarship

The Mary McClutchey Amacher Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 by Mary's family and friends to help other graduates of Pellston High School further their education.

Eligibility Criteria

High school graduates from the Pellston Public Schools District.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on scholastic ability and financial need.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Michael Gale Phillips Memorial Scholarship

The Michael Gale Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in 2010 by family and friends to honor Michael Phillips, a Harbor Springs businessman.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating student from Harbor Springs High School who is continuing his or her education at an accredited community college, trade/technical school, or vocational institution in Michigan in automotive trades, building trades, nursing, or allied health medical field.

Selection Criteria

Financial need is the first priority. Recipient must be pursuing a career in the automotive trades, building trades, nursing, or allied health medical field. Student must be attending a community college or other post-secondary program or vocational training program. No selection will be made if the selection committee feels the criteria have not been met.

Award Information

\$4,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Olofsson Family Scholarship

The Olofsson Family Scholarship Fund was established in 1999. This scholarship fund will assist graduating seniors from Emmet County high schools to continue their education at a college, university, community college, technical, or vocational school in the United States and encourage them to pursue their course of study in math, science, or business. The fund is meant to help those students with the scholastic ability, but not necessarily the financial ability, to reach their full potential.

Eligibility Criteria

High school seniors graduating from an Emmet County high school with a GPA of at least 3.0 who plan to attend a college, university, technical, or vocational school in the United States at least half-time. This scholarship is open to homeschool students.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on scholastic ability and financial need. Preference will be given to students who will be studying math, science, or business curriculums.

Award Information

\$2,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Petoskey Area Business and Professional Women's Scholarship

The Petoskey Area Business and Professional Women's Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 with the intent to encourage and support further education for local women.

Eligibility Criteria

Female resident of Emmet County and high school graduate (within the last two years, with a minimum 3.0 grade point average) who will be attending North Central Michigan College.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based primarily on financial need.

Award Information

\$1,000 or more for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Robert Jensen Dau Memorial Scholarship

The Robert Jensen Dau Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 by his daughter and her family. A native of Petoskey, Robert was proud of the town he grew up in and was a lifelong supporter of education. This scholarship is meant to help students of Petoskey High School reach their highest potential. Continuing Robert's legacy, it's hoped that the scholarship will give a student a four-year commitment to achieve their true potential and the means to pursue their dream.

Eligibility Criteria

A graduating high school student from Petoskey High School who is continuing her or her education at an accredited college, university, or community college in the state of Michigan. Preference will be given to students attending a public school. For renewal students, transfers from a community college to a university are accepted.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on a strong academic record, work experience, community service, demonstration of

good character, and personal recommendation from a member of the community. Students with financial need will be given preference.

Award Information

\$3,000 for one year. Renewable up to three additional years if a 3.2 GPA is maintained.

Sara J. Latimer Redpath Church Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2013 to create a legacy for Sara J. Latimer and remember her involvement in Redpath Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cross Village, Michigan.

Eligibility Criteria

A graduating high school student or adult resident from the northern Emmet County region who is continuing his or her education at a university, college, community college, or trade/technical/vocational school.

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to applications with financial need; who have a good academic record that reflects they have achieved to the best of their ability; who have work experience in northern Michigan; who have been involved in extracurricular or community activities or volunteering; who can clearly describe their future plans; and who reside in the Cross Village area at least one month per year.

Award Information

\$1,000 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Scott Batchelor Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2010 to benefit participants of the Petoskey High School and Petoskey Youth Soccer Association soccer programs.

Eligibility Criteria

A graduating Petoskey High School student who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, or community college. Applicant must have participated in the Petoskey High School soccer program for four years and also participated in the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association for a minimum of four years.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on financial need and an essay titled: *"Life Lessons Learned Through Soccer."*

Award Information

\$500 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Stafford and Janice Smith Scholarship

Throughout the years, Stafford and Janice Smith have improved the hospitality industry, educated young people, preserved and shared history, developed communities, and so much more. To celebrate 50 years of Stafford's Hospitality and 50 years of marriage, friends and employees of Stafford's Hospitality established the Fund in 2011 to honor and preserve Stafford and Janice's legacy.

Eligibility Criteria

High school student graduating from an Emmet County school who is continuing his or her education at an accredited college, university, community college, trade/technical school or vocational institution to pursue a career in hospitality or education.

Selection Criteria

Based on financial need and one's efforts in trying to reach their full potential. Preference will be given to applicants with work experience in fields such as hospitality or education, but other work experience will be considered.

Award Information

\$1,500 for one year. Award is non-renewable.

Thomas Dale Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The Thomas Dale Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 to benefit students of Alanson Public School. Following his military service in World War II, Tom Dale taught for many years at Alanson Public School, where he assumed many positions, including teacher, basketball coach, band director, principal, and finally superintendent.

"There is no factory or business organization with such valuable raw material as the schools receive at age five. There is no factory or business organization which will take 13 years to turn out a finished product. There is no factory or business organization which produces year after year so valuable a product. There is no factory or business organization whose product will inherit all we live and work for. We believe that while man exists in the world of the present and in the universe of the future, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

- Tom Dale Sr.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating seniors who are residents of the Alanson School District who will continue their education at a four-year college/university, community college, technical, or vocational college.

Selection Criteria

Selection based on academic excellence and financial need.

Award Information

\$750 for one year. Award is non-renewable.



2026 Essay Requirements

General Essay (Required for All Applicants)

All scholarship applicants must complete a General Essay.

Format Requirements:

- Maximum of one page
- Double-spaced
- 12-point font

Applicants are encouraged to edit and save their General Essay in a word processor before uploading it to the Scholarship Portal. The Community Foundation is unable to retrieve lost or unsaved work.

Essay Prompt:

In your General Essay, describe your future education and career goals and explain how you have prepared to achieve them. Be sure to include experiences, achievements, or personal qualities you would like the Community Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Committee to recognize and remember.

Original Work Requirement:

Applicants are expected to submit original work. The use of artificial intelligence tools to generate or substantially revise essay content is discouraged. Essays that are authentic, personal, and written in the applicant's own voice will receive strong consideration from the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Additional Required Essays (Scholarship-Specific)

Café Society Educational Scholarship

Submit a one-page maximum essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) describing your personal goals.

Home Builders Association of Northern Michigan Building Industry Career Scholarship

Submit a one-page maximum essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) answering the question: *"Why do you want to be a part of the building industry?"*

Jeffrey Bodzick Scholarship

Submit an essay describing what you have learned about Jeff Bodzick and explaining why he would be proud for you to receive a scholarship in his name.

- Typical length: 2–3 pages, double-spaced
- Maximum length: 5 pages, double-spaced
- Essays exceeding the maximum length will not be accepted

Jennifer A. Kullik Memorial Scholarship

Submit a minimum two-page essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) addressing the selection criteria (pg. 8).

Little Traverse Literary Guild Scholarship

Submit a writing sample(s) with topic(s) of your choice totaling 1,500–2,000 words.

Marty Van De Car Memorial Scholarship Essay

Submit a one-page maximum essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) describing how you plan to use your degree or program of study to build community and to honor and share your cultural heritage.

Scott Batchelor Scholarship

Submit a one-page maximum essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) titled: *"Life Lessons Learned Through Soccer,"* and the impact of those lessons on your values, character, and personal growth.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Scholarship Program?

The Scholarship Program is made up of multiple scholarship funds established by generous community members who are committed to supporting the education goals of students in our area.

Am I eligible to apply?

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria set by the donor at the time the fund was established. Refer to the scholarship table to see which scholarships are available to your school (or homeschool). Then review the detailed scholarship descriptions and carefully read the Eligibility Criteria section for each fund.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be submitted online through the Scholarship Portal by March 2, 2026.

If I am awarded a scholarship, do I get the check?

No. Scholarship checks are made payable directly to the school you will be attending. Checks are mailed to the school's financial aid office in July and applied to your student account.

What can my scholarship award be used for?

Most scholarships may be used for tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for your courses of instruction. If you have questions about potential income tax implications, you may wish to consult an accountant or tax professional.

Who makes the decisions about the scholarship awards?

Scholarship award recommendations are made by a Scholarship Advisory Committee composed of community members and approved by the Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Some scholarship funds may have a separate selection committee, but in most cases, one group of dedicated volunteers reviews applications for all funds.

May I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. You are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

Do I really need to write separate essays for each scholarship for which I am applying?

Some scholarships require an essay addressing a specific topic. In all cases, the essay is your opportunity to speak directly to the Scholarship Advisory Committee and explain why you should be considered for support in pursuing your education. In addition to the required essay (one page), you may include additional paragraphs to address the specific criteria of the scholarship funds to which you are applying.

Who should I ask to write a letter of recommendation for me?

Select a recommender who knows you well and can provide a thoughtful and detailed letter. You may wish to select someone who is not writing recommendations for many other applicants. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that required letters of recommendation are submitted by the deadline. Applications missing a required letter will not be reviewed. All letters must be submitted through the Scholarship Portal. Please follow the application instructions carefully to ensure your letter is received by the application deadline.

How do I know who to thank for my scholarship?

Thank you notes are strongly encouraged. Please send your note to the Community Foundation office, and it will be forwarded to the appropriate donor(s).