

Bolstering Career Aspirations



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SINCE the
BEGINNING...

\$14.80
MILLION
awards distributed

9,943
awards granted



With this 2023 scholarship yearbook, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation marks the 45th year of its scholarship program dedicated to college-bound high school graduates from Worcester County.

Founded in 1978, this program has become the largest source of scholarship support for students from Greater Worcester communities. The Foundation has worked with donors to create 140 charitable funds that have to date awarded more than 9,500 students with a total of \$14.8 million in scholarships. Thanks to these donors as well as the many Foundation volunteers—currently more than 80—who serve on 40 selection committees, the program’s simple, transparent process enables applicants to submit just one application to be considered for all scholarships that match their qualifications and interests.

Our donors have created a far-reaching legacy through these scholarships that has benefited multiple generations of students and their families. The Foundation works with donors in establishing scholarships that advance their values and honor loved ones now and for generations to come. The Foundation then manages all the steps, from selecting students who meet these criteria to awarding the scholarships. And while providing students with scholarships each year, donors’ funds grow over time as part of the Foundation’s endowment. The Foundation’s prudent approach to investment and fund management has yielded ever-larger awards over time.

In 2023, the Foundation awarded scholarships totaling \$765,000 to 421 students, easing and encouraging their path forward. The passion of these scholarship recipients was evident in their applications. Each is a story of a young person whose aspirations are stronger than obstacles that emerge along the way. While their high school experience was disrupted by the pandemic, they persisted and accomplished much—demonstrating commitment and tenacity that promise continued success in college and beyond. The Foundation is grateful to the donors and volunteers who make this program possible, and wishes our scholarship recipients every success in their college journeys.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete".

Pete Dunn
CEO, Greater Worcester Community Foundation



2023 SCHOLARSHIPS *by the* NUMBERS



\$765,000

awarded in 2023

452 awards*

421 recipients

* Students are eligible to receive more than one award.

“I am first-generation American.”

— **18%** of scholarship recipients

Top College Majors 2023



1. Biology

2. Nursing



3. Psychology



4. Mechanical Engineering

5. Political Science



TOP 5 Schools

1

UMass Amherst

2

Worcester State University

3

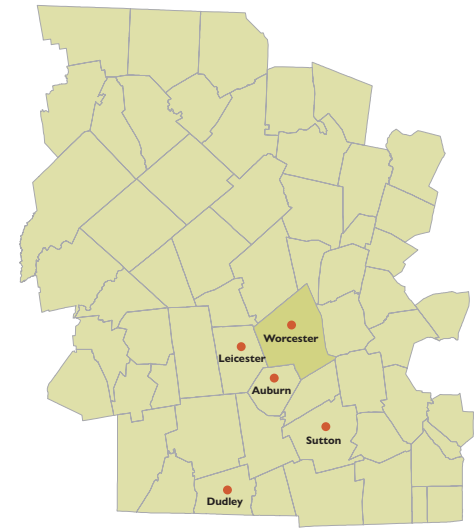
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

4

UMass Lowell

5

Boston University



TOP 5 Cities & Towns with New Awardees

1. Worcester

2. Sutton

3. Auburn

4. Dudley

5. Leicester

58% of
2023 awards
are new



42% of
awards are
renewals
in 2023

“I am the first in my family to attend college.”

— **21%** of scholarship recipients

HOW MUCH TO START
YOUR OWN
SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

\$30,000



In 2022-23, the maximum Pell award is **\$6,895**, a **\$400 increase** from the previous year before adjusting for inflation. This is the **largest one-year increase** in maximum Pell since 2009-10, before adjusting for inflation.”

— College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid, 2022

54% of GWCF’s scholarship funds provide renewable awards.

Multi-Year Commitments Make a Difference!

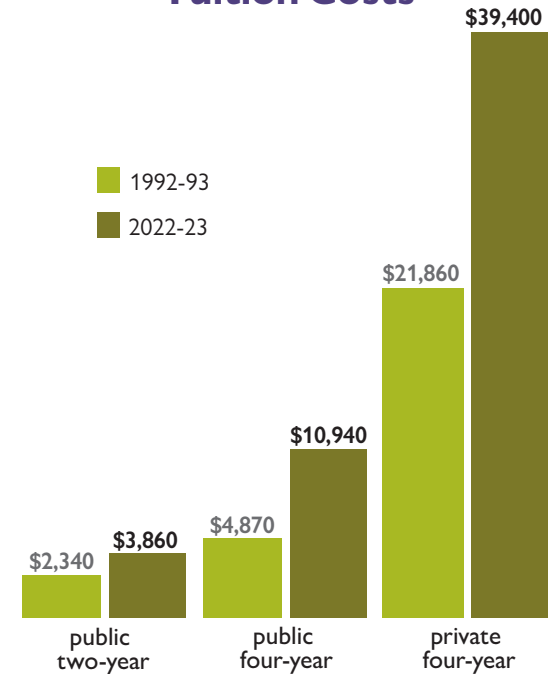
This year, **191** of **452** awardees are college sophomores, juniors, or seniors who successfully renewed awards.



Average scholarship award in 2023 was

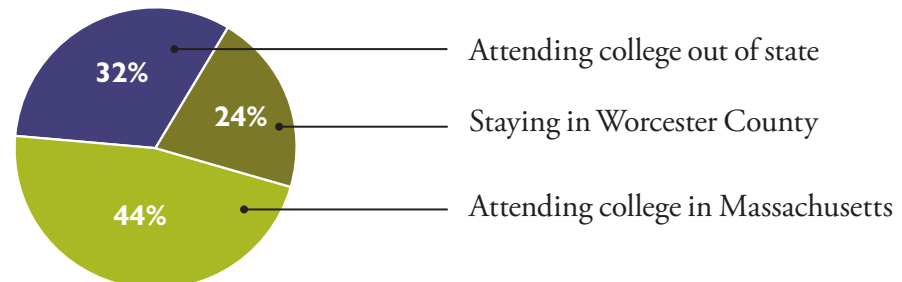
\$1,691

30-Year Increases in Tuition Costs



— College Board Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid, 2022

Geography of School Choices



2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors and provides renewal awards to students continuing their undergraduate studies. Below is a listing of all scholarships, by name of fund.

Admiral and Mrs. Louis E. Denfeld Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Westborough HS

Ava Biancheri | \$1,000 | Wheaton College

Sean Tam | \$1,000 | George Washington University

Adolfo Arrastia Beacon of Light Scholarship

For Worcester Youth Center members

Habiba Mohamed | \$600 | College of the Holy Cross

Alexander G. Simonatis Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Princeton who attended a public high school

Tiana Carleton | \$2,000 | Johnson and Wales University

Willem Eisl | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Mai Pham | \$3,000 | Harvey Mudd College

Angel Squier | \$2,000 | Salem State University

Sydney Zeena | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Andrew Sala Memorial Scholarship

For 1 male and 1 female graduating seniors from Nipmuc Regional HS

Alexa Gibson | \$1,500 | St. John Fisher University

Dylan Hodge | \$1,500 | University of Tampa

Anita and Nathaniel A. Feingold Scholarship

For children or grandchildren of current employees of the Feingold Companies

Shea Lindley | \$850 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Anne Carey Murphy Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from North Brookfield HS

Sophia Hearnlaye | \$2,000 | Worcester State University

Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship

For students from Worcester high schools and from Norwood HS who plan to pursue a health-related career, with preference to Lithuanian students

Theresa Harrison-Attobrah | \$1,000 | Northwestern University

Brooke Hartman | \$1,000 | University of Rhode Island

Alexia Marzo | \$1,000 | Endicott College

Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship

For students from the town of Douglas

Lilly Bolandrina | \$1,000 | Boston University

Kaylee Bolin | \$1,000 | University of Connecticut

Essined Colon | \$5,000 | Bridgewater State University

Julia Forget | \$5,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Kyle Gaskill | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Mackenzie Gray | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston

Bryce Meizen | \$2,000 | Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Keely Mungeam | \$2,000 | Loyola Marymount University

Ariana Sacco | \$2,000 | Western New England University

Kate Wall | \$3,000 | College of Saint Rose

Arthur J. and Dorothy G. Smith Scholarship

For graduating seniors from South High Community School in Worcester

Tommy Nguyen | \$1,000 | Bentley University

Arthur J. Remillard, Jr. Scholarship

For African-American graduating seniors

Morgan Flodman | \$1,000 | Assumption University

Lovia Gyau | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Nana Okyere | \$1,000 | Boston University

Chantale Zuzi | \$1,000 | Wellesley College

Auburn Knights of Columbus Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Auburn, MA with interest in a health or education career

Sydney Mercadante | \$1,000 | Wentworth Institute of Technology

Auburn Woman's Club Scholarship

For residents of Auburn

Terry Kwamo | \$1,200 | Boston University

Oliana Tego | \$1,200 | College of the Holy Cross

AVID North Scholarship

For students from North HS who were in the AVID program for four years

Kofi Asibey | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Belmont Street School Scholarship

For graduating seniors from a Worcester high school who attended Belmont Street Community School

Zainab Ismail | \$400 | Assumption University

Ben P. Masterman Scholarship

For members of the Worcester Boys & Girls Club

Damian Boafu | \$1,800 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship

For residents of Webster

Nyia Gonzalez | \$1,500 | Anna Maria College

Kathryn James | \$1,500 | Champlain College

Christin Walcek | \$1,500 | Worcester State University

Bruce S. Bennett Fund for Community Journalism Scholarship

For young people in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette circulation area (within Worcester County) to pursue a career in journalism

Nicholas York | \$450 | Worcester State University

Carrick Foundation Scholarship

For outstanding graduating seniors from Northbridge, Douglas and Uxbridge

Lilly Bolandrina | \$5,000 | Boston University

Zophia Cherrier | \$5,000 | Harvard University

Jenna Elliott | \$5,000 | Princeton University

Caroline O'Brien | \$5,000 | Brown University

Catherine Burgholzer Memorial Scholarship

For Worcester County students who have, or had, a parent with cancer

Mai See Thao | \$1,000 | University of Missouri

Charles & Louise Hugo Community Service Award

For graduating seniors from Wachusett Regional HS with a strong record of service to school and community

EmmaChaya Lipton-Praver | \$2,000 | Wellesley College

Charlton PTO Fund

For graduating seniors from Bay Path Technical HS and Shepherd Hill Regional HS

Lauren Alicea | \$1,000 | Quinnipiac University

Alexandar Vesovski | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for Saint Spyridon

For Worcester County high school seniors who are members of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Isabella Vangos | \$1,800 | Bentley University

Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for South High School

For Worcester County high school seniors graduating from South High Community School in Worcester, MA

Jessica Cohen | \$1,800 | Wellesley College

Class of Tomorrow Scholarship

For students with an outstanding record of community service and leadership

Kylee McCumber | \$1,000 | Bentley University

**Essined Colon | EXPLORER**

Recipient of an Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship, Essined Colon, Douglas High School '23, will attend Bridgewater State University, where she will major in Anthropology, an interest she discovered when visiting the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan with her mother. "I was fascinated by whodunnit TV shows like "Bones," which use forensic anthropology to solve crimes. But I didn't want to work with dead bodies. At the museum, I discovered that anthropology can be a tool to explore history and unearth previously unknown truths about people.

"My dream is to become a curator who collects, researches, and writes about artifacts, and presents their story in exhibitions. My family is from Puerto Rico. Our ancestry draws from many ethnic roots. Anthropology will allow me to study cultural histories, including my own. This scholarship enables me to focus on pursuing my dream."

Zachariah LaFlash | LEADERSHIP

Zachariah, Worcester Technical High School '23, the recipient of a Costantine Mina and Vasiliky Strates Moschos Scholarship, is preparing for an open-ended and productive future.

A National Honor Society member who in high school studied IT, Zachariah plans to major in business management at Gordon College. "Knowledge of IT is important in any field. And I chose Gordon College for its excellent academics, strong internships, and positive atmosphere.

"I would like a leadership role in business. An organization can benefit many if run effectively and morally, including customers, clients, and employees. I'd also like to help my community through donations and by organizing fundraising events.



"I'm grateful for this scholarship, and I want to help fund a future student's education. While providing financial help, it shows me there's people looking out for my success and the success of my generation. That's a beautiful thing."

Claudia Simonian Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sutton HS

Caraline Lambert | \$2,000 | University of New Haven

Alexander Lowell | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Constantine Mina and Vasiliky Strates Moschos Scholarship

For high school seniors of Greek descent

Zachariah LaFlash | \$1,500 | Gordon College

Cynthia and Harrison Taylor Scholarship

For hard-working students who need financial assistance to pay for college, with preference to adult students

Wendy Carvalho | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Caixing He | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Angela Lajoie | \$1,000 | Nichols College

Dany Orellana | \$2,000 | Quinsigamond Community College

Ian Plourde | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship

For students from South High Community School, with preference to children of immigrants

Zainab Ismail | \$1,000 | Assumption University

Daniel Stephen Lussier Athletic Scholarship

For students who plan to study physical therapy or sport medicine

Carly Cornacchioli | \$750 | Springfield College

Debbie Anne Johnson Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Tahanto Regional HS

Paul Cyr | \$1,500 | University of Rhode Island

Deborah A. Kaufman Scholarship

For graduating Worcester public high school students who attended Grafton Street Elementary School

Chantel Gonzalez | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

December 3rd Scholarship

For children of past or present Worcester firefighters and police officers

Cianna Aubin-Carville | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Santiago Baez | \$2,000 | Northeastern University

Arianna Belsito | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston

Liam Bisnette | \$2,500 | Assumption University

Margaret Burton | \$2,500 | Stonehill College

Zack Carpino | \$1,000 | University of Miami

Rayna Consiglio | \$2,500 | Westfield State University

Haley Courtney | \$2,500 | Assumption University

Cole Delage | \$2,500 | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Kyle Early | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Shea Fanion | \$1,000 | Endicott College

Sydney Fanion | \$2,000 | Central Connecticut State University

Michael Giarusso | \$2,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Annalisa Hair | \$3,000 | Endicott College
Brendan Halloran | \$2,500 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Alyssa Johanson | \$2,000 | Quinsigamond Community College
Brenna Joinville | \$2,500 | Lasell College
Kyla Joinville | \$2,000 | Quinnipiac University
Leah Joinville | \$1,000 | Sacred Heart University
Nathan Judge | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Julia Mateychuk | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Nina Sullivan | \$2,000 | Western New England University
Shannon Tuson | \$2,000 | Pace University
Kevin Valentine | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Riley Whalen | \$2,000 | Worcester State University

Dennis Elroy Barry Memorial Scholarship

For students to study social service, counseling or public interest law

Carina Campbell | \$400 | Northeastern University

Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship

For David Prouty HS graduating seniors

Jessica Duda | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Brielle Hart | \$1,000 | Westfield State University

Doris Salzer Memorial Scholarship

For students who will study psychology

Rahim Nurmuradov | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

East Brookfield Scholarship

For students from East Brookfield

Megan Elliott | \$1,000 | University of New Hampshire

Grace Haight | \$1,000 | Suffolk University

Megan Shea | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Edward Carien Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Doherty HS, with preference to those who will study accounting

Marjorie Boadu | \$700 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Elm Park Community School Scholarship

For graduating seniors who attended Elm Park Community School

Hennessy Beltran | \$1,800 | Fitchburg State University

Emanuel's Empowerment Scholarship

For students from Worcester County who are transferring from a 2-year college to a 4-year college

Disha Khanna | \$350 | Worcester State University

Emil Haddad Jazz Scholarship

For student planning on pursuing a major in jazz

Charles Garrigan | \$1,000 | Pacific University

Erin Coonan Schmidt Scholarship for Health & Wellness

For graduating seniors from Burncoat HS who have played varsity sports and will pursue a career or vocation in health and wellness

Caitlyn Parks | \$1,000 | Fairfield University

Expository Writing Scholarship Honoring Marjorie Frye

For graduating seniors from Leicester HS who excel in expository writing

Abigail Bernabei | \$1,000 | Saint Anselm College

Tyler Herron | \$1,000 | Northeastern University

Fairlawn Foundation Scholarship

For Worcester-area students to pursue studies in an ancillary health care field

Mohammed Abdulrazzaq | \$2,500 | MCPHS University

Riley Grimley | \$2,500 | Worcester State University

David Nortey | \$2,500 | Western New England University

Cody Smith | \$2,500 | Assumption University

Finnish American Social Club Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Finnish descent, with preference to those studying history, political science or economics

Aili Bray | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Liam Johnson | \$1,000 | College of the Holy Cross

Sean Kelleher | \$1,000 | Saint Anselm College

Gabrielle Pierce | \$1,000 | Hofstra University

Frances F. Mansfield Scholarship

For Worcester County students

Angelina Welch | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston

Francine “Doc” Smith Scholarship

For a student who has experienced cancer in their family and will major in science or education

Gold Lee | \$500 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Fred and Leona Eppinger Scholarship

For graduating seniors from David Prouty HS

Jessica Duda | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Friends of Rutland Heights Hospital Scholarship

For students pursuing a career in direct patient care, preferably in Worcester

Badu Opoku-Serwaa | \$2,000 | Northwestern University

George W. Hanson Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester Technical HS to pursue post-secondary education in the same field as their HS technical program

Quinn Matthews | \$2,000 | North Carolina State University

Greg's Grant Foundation Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Acton-Boxborough HS who faced adversity with courage and serenity

Tycho Dickerson | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Maksim Emelyanov | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell
Eric Ji | \$2,000 | University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
Mitchell Poisson | \$2,000 | Stonehill College

Grynsel Family Scholarship

For members of St. Luke Evangelist Church in Westborough

Ava Biancheri | \$650 | Wheaton College

GWCF General Scholarship

To provide college tuition assistance for Worcester County students

Brendan Burke | \$1,500 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Rillary Madruga | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Sofi Plotkin | \$1,000 | Marymount University
Minh Vu | \$1,000 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Serenity Ward | \$1,000 | Westfield State University

Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from any Worcester public or parochial school

Anthony Alves | \$1,600 | University of Rhode Island
Tairis Amarat | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Ojeen Aulo | \$1,600 | Quinsigamond Community College
Eduarda Luiza Braga | \$1,600 | Worcester State University
Emma Brunelle | \$1,600 | Pennsylvania State University
Joseph Cooper | \$1,600 | University of Massachusetts Lowell
Samira Dasilva | \$1,600 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Kiera Derrell | \$4,000 | University of Rhode Island
Elijah Doh | \$1,600 | University of Massachusetts Lowell
Cameron Early | \$1,600 | Rhode Island College
Emmilyn Fini | \$3,000 | Assumption University
Matthew Franchi | \$1,600 | University of Connecticut
Estelle Germano | \$1,600 | Bentley University
Sophia Guerra | \$1,600 | Connecticut College
Justine Hardial | \$1,600 | Clark University
Roy Karanja | \$3,000 | Worcester State University
Vladislav Keln | \$1,600 | Clark University
Karina Lubowicki | \$1,600 | Carroll University
Declan MacNamara | \$1,600 | Wentworth Institute of Technology
Victor Martinez | \$3,000 | Worcester State University
Jack Miller | \$1,600 | University of Vermont
Malia Montalvo | \$4,000 | Boston University
Molly Moulin | \$1,600 | Westfield State University
Brittaney Pierre Charles | \$1,600 | Worcester State University
Say Reh | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Isabella Rodriguez | \$3,000 | Stonehill College
Adrianna Shepard | \$1,600 | University of Rhode Island
Olivia Stokes | \$1,600 | Western Connecticut State University
Jacob Sullivan | \$1,600 | University of Pittsburgh
Adella Thomas | \$1,600 | New York Institute of Technology – New York Campus
Yanalissa Vazquez | \$3,000 | Quinsigamond Community College
Litzy Vivar | \$1,600 | Worcester State University
Fiona Walsh | \$1,600 | Mount Holyoke College
Steven Wu | \$1,600 | University of Massachusetts at Boston

Hedin Family Memorial Scholarship

For graduting seniors from Auburn HS, with preference to those pursuing a career in teaching

Luz Diaz-Ticas | \$1,000 | Boston College

Helen and Chuck Arsenault Memorial Scholarship

For Leicester HS graduating seniors

Ana Ruggieri | \$1,000 | Clark University

Herbert D. Sherwin Memorial Scholarship

For Worcester County students transferring from a community college

Vivienne Charpentier | \$10,000 | Fitchburg State University
Sebastian Coscia | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship

For children of current or former employees of the Machine Division of Norton Company, now Saint Gobain, with preference to those majoring in engineering

Lily Anderson | \$3,000 | Johnson and Wales University
Avery Derr | \$2,500 | Worcester State University
Patrick Mahler | \$2,500 | Wentworth Institute of Technology
Victoria Morgan | \$3,000 | West Virginia University
Sean Sage | \$3,000 | Anna Maria College
Paige Samara | \$3,000 | Worcester State University

Janet Fraser Scholarship

For students from Medway

Sreenidhi Atluri | \$2,500 | Baylor University
Lily Erving | \$2,500 | Stonehill College
Zhiwen Liu | \$2,500 | Boston University

Jeffrey S. Edinberg Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester

Habiba Mohamed | \$1,000 | College of the Holy Cross
Edith Ramos Choc | \$1,000 | Quinsigamond Community College

Jenica Lynn Junnila Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sutton HS

Cali Kolofsky | \$500 | Providence College

John & Fran Duke Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester or Holden

Riley Quinn | \$1,000 | Endicott College

John F. Freeland Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sutton HS

Isabella Gabriel | \$1,800 | Clark University

John N. Engelsted Scholarship

For female graduating seniors to pursue an engineering degree

Morgan Polinski | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Joseph D. Early Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester

Bernard Ymeri | \$800 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Joseph F. and Claire L. Halvey Scholarship

For Worcester County graduating seniors with high financial need

Aili Byron | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Judge William Garbose Memorial Scholarship

For Worcester County students pursuing a degree in criminal justice

Naomi Drumgoole | \$1,000 | Northeastern University

Kathleen Terry Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Tantasqua Regional HS

Cameron Courtney | \$800 | Quinsigamond Community College

Kelly A. Davis Memorial Scholarship

For female graduating seniors from Grafton HS who played varsity sports

Noelle Fedor | \$650 | Dartmouth College

Ken and Pat Jones Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester County

Quinn Cahill | \$2,500 | Northeastern University

Vanessa Muturi | \$2,500 | Williams College

L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship

For students of Lithuanian descent, with preference to the relatives of veteran families

Nicholas Karalus | \$2,000 | University of Rhode Island

Olivia Simpson | \$2,000 | Quinsigamond Community College

Allison Simulis | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Charles Simulis | \$2,000 | Clemson University

Samuel Zostant | \$2,000 | Worcester State University

Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship

For Worcester County students with financial need due to the death or disability of a parent

Ajoa Adu | \$1,000 | Georgia State University

Akosua Adu | \$1,000 | University of Hartford

Alex Lopez | \$1,000 | University of Connecticut

Nana Okyere | \$1,000 | Boston University

Luis Reyes | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Mai See Thao | \$1,000 | University of Missouri

Lawrence M. and Augusta L. Keeler Scholarship

For residents of Northbridge

Molly Consigli | \$1,500 | Endicott College

Chloe Frabotta | \$1,500 | Boston College

Meghan Griggs | \$1,500 | Northeastern University

Sophia Gu | \$1,500 | Tufts University

Leicester Samaritan Nursing Association Scholarship

For Leicester residents who will pursue a health-related field

Olyvia Gustafson | \$1,200 | Endicott College

Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship

For Leicester residents with a strong record of community service

Tyler Herron | \$1,000 | Northeastern University

Abigail McDaniel | \$1,000 | University of New Haven

Timothy Moore | \$1,000 | Bryant University

Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship in Memory of**Theodore P. “Ted” Antanavica**

For a Leicester High School graduate who’s leadership and dedication to the community follows Ted’s legacy

Jacob Stolberg | \$1,000 | Salve Regina University

Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship

For graduating seniors pursuing studies in mathematics or actuarial science

Owen Alicandro | \$1,250 | New York University

Lois Divoll | \$2,000 | Drexel University

Kleo Golemi | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Cody Gosselin | \$4,000 | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Madison Hill | \$1,250 | Northeastern University

Toyesh Jayaswal | \$2,500 | California Institute of Technology

Yasmin Lee | \$2,500 | University of Chicago

Lauren Ober | \$3,000 | Boston College

Cooper Rogers Rogers | \$2,500 | Fitchburg State University

Lauren Russell | \$2,000 | Boston College

Benjamin Slayter | \$2,000 | Framingham State University

Troy Spencer | \$2,000 | University of Connecticut

Daniel Twohig-Mann | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Leonard H. White Scholarship

For relatives of current or retired employees of the R.H. White Companies or Whitinsville Water

Veronica Crispin | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Renee Dansereau | \$1,000 | University of Rochester

Evan Donovan | \$1,000 | Western New England University

Jordan Provost | \$1,000 | Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



AUGUST DE RICHELIEU

Love Your Neighbor Award

Created by a Holden family in 2015, the Love Your Neighbor Award recognizes young people whose volunteer services benefit their community.

This scholarship makes an annual award to a student within the Wachusett-Worcester region who has demonstrated an abiding commitment to helping others. While assisting the scholarship recipient in meeting the cost of a college education, its award highlights the difference that young people are making every day through their acts of charity.

2023 awardee Grace Zereski plans to major in biomedical engineering at George Washington University. While excelling in academics, Grace found time for multiple volunteer endeavors that included creating a club of high schoolers who tutor at middle schools, coaching soccer players with disabilities, and tutoring peers in math and science.

“Volunteering allows me to better my world, even if in a small way,” says Grace, “and increases my sense of purpose, fulfillment, and joy.”

Isabelle Rose | \$1,000 | Loyola University (Chicago)
Trinity Semo | \$1,000 | Hofstra University
Hannah Stegenga | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055 Scholarship

For seniors from Southbridge HS, Tantasqua HS and Bay Path Technical HS, with preference to ROTC students and relatives of military veterans

Julia Canty | \$1,500 | Saint Michael's College
Evan Gelineau | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts Lowell
Grace Haight | \$1,500 | Suffolk University

Leroy Weiner Scholarship

For Jewish students from Congregation B'Nai Shalom in Westborough
Makenna Eisenstock | \$1,000 | Tulane University

Lieutenant Colonel Irving A. and Colonel Marie C. Lepore Scholarship

For graduating seniors to study aerospace science or aviation, with preference to Civil Air Patrol cadets

Luke Bonney | \$1,500 | Utah State University
Ryan Chesaneck | \$1,500 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Kleevi Sulaj | \$1,500 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Shan Tang | \$1,500 | Duke University

Lieutenant James F. “Jay” Lyons III Memorial Scholarship

For students from Doherty HS

Sophia Chandler | \$2,000 | Franklin Pierce University
Taylor Gazaille | \$2,000 | Assumption University
Jake Joubert | \$2,000 | Quinsigamond Community College
Demetrios Kennedy | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Francisco Zafron-Whalen | \$2,000 | College of the Holy Cross

Lincoln Village Tenant Association Scholarship

For graduating seniors who are residents of Lincoln Village in Worcester, MA
Trisha Fynn | \$1,000 | Providence College

Loretta J. Belval Scholarship

For graduating female students from Northbridge area to study teaching
Samantha Chrabaszcz | \$1,400 | Stonehill College

Love Your Neighbor Award

For students from Worcester and the Wachusett area who have demonstrated the “Love your Neighbor” ethics

Grace Zereski | \$500 | George Washington University

Lunenburg Opportunity Fund Scholarship

For students from Lunenburg

Sarah Costich | \$2,500 | Nichols College
Kate Marinchev | \$2,500 | San Diego State University
Breda Page Violette | \$2,500 | Harvard University
Malia Ruggiero | \$2,500 | Trinity College

Magee Family Education Scholarship

For students who are the first in their family to go to college

Selvana Abdelmesih | \$2,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Ana Guaman | \$2,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Sofia Hillerstrom | \$2,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Amelie Morrissey | \$2,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Shrewsbury HS

Giovana Bonatelli | \$1,000 | Assumption University

Yashvardhan Chauhan | \$2,500 | Northeastern University

Collin Gordon | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Kylie Griffin | \$1,000 | Emmanuel College

Daniel Hoover | \$1,000 | University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Laura Lee | \$1,000 | Carnegie Mellon University

Sofia Menyalkin | \$1,000 | University of New Hampshire

Cayman Warburton | \$2,500 | Southern Maine Community College

Marilyn M. and Russell S. Fox Scholarship

For Worcester County graduating high school seniors to study nursing

Isabella De Souza | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship

For graduates of Northbridge HS to study exercise science or related field

Adam Briand | \$1,500 | Worcester State University

Hannah Drenzo | \$1,000 | Florida Atlantic University

Mikayla Gallerani | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Mark W. Tripp Scholarship

For students who has had cancer, or an immediate family member with cancer, or has experienced the death of an immediate family member

Darian Hulsart | \$1,000 | Vassar College

Marty Hastings Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Burncoat HS who play varsity sports

Angel Attafuah | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Mary and John Buckley Memorial Scholarship

For Roman Catholic students from the City of Worcester with financial need

Yanalissa Vazquez | \$800 | Quinsigamond Community College

Mary Ann Binkoski Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester to pursue a career in teaching

Tess Fuller | \$700 | Boston College

Mary Connolly Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sutton HS

Caraline Lambert | \$250 | University of New Haven

Mary Falby Logan and Francis Logan Jr. Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Boylston

Cecilia Knowles | \$900 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst



Laura Lee | ADVENTURER

In a plot twist that young authors Laura and David Lee could not have dreamed up, the two siblings have both received Tilton and Wolcott Scholarships, Laura in 2023 and her brother, in 2021. This honor caps a series of shared endeavors. Both graduates of Shrewsbury High School were published authors by age 10. Laura's project was a fantasy trilogy and David's, a sci-fi series.

Now planning to major in cognitive science at Carnegie Mellon University, Laura is not unlike her first heroine, Lily. "Lily was trying to save her world," says Laura. "She was brave and took on a larger-than-life adventure. I aspire to do something bigger than myself that can help others.

"Cognitive science explores the biological basis of how we think, perceive, and feel emotions and intersects multiple fields. I intend to pursue a pre-med track and become a doctor while continuing my writing journey."

That journey began when, at age seven, she wrote her first story. "David inspired and encouraged me. Now, we edit each other's writing."

David, now at Boston University, finds that studying computer science enriches his fiction.

Mary Olive Wood Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Oxford HS

Isabella Auclair | \$3,000 | Westfield State University
Payton Banfill | \$3,000 | University of New Haven
Genevieve Bartlett | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Cassandra Bute | \$3,000 | Albertus Magnus College
Tyler Constantine | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts Lowell
Carly Cornacchioli | \$3,000 | Springfield College
Ashleigh McGown | \$3,000 | University of the Arts
Farreen Qadus | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Megan Raymond | \$3,000 | Franklin Pierce University
Molly Raymond | \$3,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sterling

Benjamin Dwyer | \$1,000 | University of Richmond
Annabelle Joyce | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Julia Martel | \$1,000 | Syracuse University
Megan McDowell-Arnold | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Mary Sahagen Lonstein Scholarship

For members of St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church

Abby Doku | \$2,800 | Emmanuel College

Maureen Henrickson Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Sutton HS

Chase Falcon | \$500 | Catholic University of America

Max H. and Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship

For students from Oakham & surrounding towns to study medicine or nursing

Mattison Albano | \$1,000 | College of the Holy Cross
Rebecca Miner | \$1,000 | Endicott College
Hannah Schultz | \$1,000 | Springfield College
Lindsey Soter | \$1,000 | Assumption University

Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from South High School

Andrea Agyeman | \$1,000 | Anna Maria College
Loi Bui | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Gabriella Martinez | \$1,000 | Fitchburg State University
Mark Tran | \$1,000 | MCPHS University

Melvin S. Cutler Scholarship

For children of employees of Cutler Associates, Inc.

Cameron Courtney | \$1,800 | Quinsigamond Community College
Lydia Maxwell | \$1,800 | Pennsylvania State University
Madeline O'Connell | \$1,800 | University of Rochester

Michael Minty Memorial Scholarship

For children of members of the Worcester Rugby Football Club

Bethany Weinberg-O'Brien | \$750 | Loyola Marymount University
Wondimu Weinberg-O'Brien | \$750 | University of New Haven

Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship

For graduating seniors in the Middlesex Savings Bank service area

Maria Borges | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston
Ryan Brady | \$1,000 | Endicott College
Cameron Brenneman | \$1,000 | Worcester State University
Molly Bronner | \$1,000 | Boston College
Madison Brown | \$1,000 | Endicott College
Sarah Da Silva | \$1,000 | Worcester State University
Jake Dapolite | \$1,000 | Fairfield University
Hailey Davis | \$1,000 | Lasell College
John Feltus | \$1,000 | Clark University
Sarah Fowles | \$1,000 | Bridgewater State University
Isabella Gulley | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Emma Heckman | \$1,000 | Saint Anselm College
Jackson Hild | \$1,000 | DePaul University
Sean Kapples | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Sophia Kaselis | \$1,000 | Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Jeremy Kim | \$1,000 | Princeton University
Talyn LaGrone | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Benjamin Lordan | \$1,000 | Undecided
Stephen Majkut | \$1,000 | Dickinson College
Diego Moreno | \$1,000 | University of Illinois Chicago
Vanessa Newbold | \$1,000 | State University of New York at Fredonia
Bridget O'Brien | \$1,000 | Springfield College
Kaya Oleson | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston
Mariana Oliveira | \$1,000 | Trinity College
Ithishree Pittala | \$1,000 | University of Florida
Jaylen Pitts | \$1,000 | Middlesex Community College
Robert Scott | \$1,000 | Wentworth Institute of Technology
Talia Shneyder | \$1,000 | University of Wisconsin – Madison
Jessica Signore | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Alysa Silveira Souza | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Bronson Solomon | \$1,000 | Worcester State University
Luciana Soza | \$1,000 | Clark University
Piotr Szymanski | \$1,000 | Framingham State University
Lyla Tillinghast | \$1,000 | Saint Anselm College
Brooke Whelan | \$1,000 | University of Rhode Island

Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship –**A. James Lavoie Scholarship**

For the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Middlesex Savings Bank
Sofia Black | \$5,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship –**Connor R. Neshe Scholarship**

For the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Middlesex Savings Bank
Lily Swallow | \$5,000 | Plymouth State University

Nichols Academy Fels Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Webster or Dudley, with preference to those attending college in Worcester county

Miranda Burden | \$3,000 | Worcester State University

Ethan Minarik | \$3,000 | Nichols College

Alek Poirier | \$3,000 | Worcester State University

Victoria Spitz | \$3,000 | Worcester State University

Norma and Saul Feingold Scholarship

For Worcester residents to attend a Worcester-area college

Amy Ngo | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Patricia A. Bourke Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Auburn HS who plan to major in pre-veterinary studies or another animal-related subject

Ariana Weagle-Rodriguez | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship

For students from Wachusett Regional HS who plan to major in science

Alison Chouinard | \$1,000 | Endicott College

Hadiya Giwa | \$1,000 | Tufts University

Jillian Stone | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Ava Towle | \$1,000 | Brandeis University

Paul E. Tarkiainen Art Award

For a South High Community High School student who has demonstrated interest in art

Christine Lam | \$1,600 | Fashion Institute of Technology

Paul J. Westberg Memorial Scholarship

For students who live in Worcester and will study criminal justice

Lucinda Suchenski Loustaunau | \$350 | Vassar College

Paul M. Gervais Memorial Music Scholarship

For a student who has studied music and plans to continue playing and performing in college and beyond

Nicholas York | \$1,500 | Worcester State University

Project Aspire Scholarship

For graduating seniors who attended Learning First Charter Public School, formerly, Seven Hills Charter Public School

Emmanuel Torto | \$600 | Clark University

Reginald Washburn Scholarship

For members of the Worcester Boys & Girls Club or Girls Inc.

Sheridan Belnavis | \$1,200 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Rev. Richard & Shirley Wright Emmanuel Baptist Church Scholarship

For members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Worcester, MA

Trinity Phillips | \$4,000 | Northeastern University

Richard and Carol Dymek Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Wachusett Regional HS

Jamie Goodall | \$1,000 | Westfield State University

Richard and Jeanne Ahlquist Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Grafton HS or Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical HS who live in Grafton and participate in community service outside of school

Noelle Fedor | \$500 | Dartmouth College

Richard W. Pierce Scholarship

For students majoring in art or design

Isabella Bible | \$1,400 | Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Elizabeth Chambers | \$1,000 | Southern New Hampshire University

Phoebe Clowes | \$1,400 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Meg Courtney | \$1,000 | Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Danielle Hendrix | \$2,000 | Fitchburg State University

Christine Lam | \$1,400 | Fashion Institute of Technology

Isabella Livoti | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Amber Lyons | \$2,000 | Westfield State University

Lily McGuirk | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Jessica McNamara | \$1,500 | Lasell College

Mia Piscitani | \$1,400 | Hamilton College

Glory Torres-Colon | \$1,400 | Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Joseline Vazquez | \$3,000 | Quinsigamond Community College

Rachel Whipple | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts Lowell

Madeline Zafon-Whalen | \$2,500 | College of the Holy Cross

Elliot Zopatti | \$2,000 | Fitchburg State University

Robert M. Bourke Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Auburn HS planning to major in engineering

Jenna Stencil | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Robert P. Currie Scholarship

For Worcester County graduating seniors who plan to major in business
 Aliya Addo | \$400 | Syracuse University

Robert P. Goulet Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Tahanto Regional HS with an outstanding record of community service

Melanie Tolles | \$550 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Robert T. Salem Education Scholarship

For graduating seniors from North Brookfield, MA
 Sophia Hearnlaye | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Robert Thomson Scholarship

For the children and grandchildren of Christie & Thomson employees
 Mark Monfreda | \$1,500 | Dean College
 Brooke Nydam | \$1,500 | University of New Hampshire

Santo J. and Ellen M. DiDonato Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Bartlett HS and Shepherd Hill Regional HS
 Simon Agyemang | \$1,000 | Quinsigamond Community College
 Talya Binienda | \$1,000 | Eckerd College
 Catherine Fengler | \$1,000 | Hamilton College
 Kathryn James | \$1,000 | Champlain College
 Mia Lipman-Tessicini | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
 Bridget McGonagle | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Colin O'Brien | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
 Nicholas Veronis | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit, Jr. Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester Public Schools with high financial need
 Ajoa Adu | \$2,000 | Georgia State University
 Ashley Gonzalez | \$2,000 | Suffolk University
 Jessenia Kolaco | \$2,000 | Framingham State University
 Christine Lam | \$2,500 | Fashion Institute of Technology
 Muzzamil Malik | \$2,000 | Boston University
 Jonathan Mora | \$2,000 | Boston College
 Phong Nguyen | \$2,000 | University of Pennsylvania
 Tina Nguyen | \$2,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst
 Rena Nurhussien | \$2,000 | Boston University
 Luis Reyes | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Jusuf Spahiu | \$2,000 | Worcester State University
 Jane Tang | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Sarai Vargas | \$2,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Stephen G. and Jacqueline A. Economos Scholar-Athlete Scholarship

For graduating seniors who have played softball and will attend a four-year college
 Emma Pelloni | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Steve Drawbridge Memorial Fund

For ice hockey players who live in Holden or attended Wachusett HS
 Colin Moran | \$900 | Saint Anselm College

Summers Family Education Scholarship

For members of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Upton
 Natalia Vazquez | \$650 | Columbia University

Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester or a contiguous town to attend an outstanding educational institution

Amber Castriotta | \$2,500 | Boston University
 Xadia Cherrie | \$2,500 | Tuskegee University
 Keziah Danso | \$1,500 | Boston University
 Luz Diaz-Ticas | \$2,000 | Boston College
 Ornel Djomo | \$2,500 | Howard University
 Phuc Duong | \$1,500 | Yale University
 Tess Fuller | \$2,000 | Boston College
 Jennifer Ha | \$2,500 | Brown University
 Darryl Harding | \$2,500 | Howard University
 Theresa Harrison-Attobrah | \$1,500 | Northwestern University
 Sunny Huang | \$1,500 | Northeastern University
 Arba Kamberi | \$2,000 | Harvard University
 Daniel Kaminski | \$2,000 | Cornell University
 Georgios Konstantinou | \$2,500 | Fordham University
 Peter Korfuzi | \$2,500 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Isabella LeBlanc | \$2,000 | Boston University
 Andy Lee | \$2,500 | Boston University
 David Lee | \$2,500 | Boston University
 Laura Lee | \$1,500 | Carnegie Mellon University
 Alijandro Mendoza | \$2,000 | Columbia University
 Esther Ng | \$1,500 | Johns Hopkins University
 Aurelien Ngamo | \$1,500 | Boston University
 Cindy Nguyen | \$1,500 | Yale University
 Kelly Nguyen | \$2,500 | Northeastern University
 Thanh Nguyen | \$2,000 | Brandeis University
 Whitney Nguyen | \$2,000 | Boston College
 Haley Norris | \$1,000 | Northeastern University
 Nellie Rushton | \$2,000 | Stanford University
 Olivia Russell | \$1,500 | Boston College
 Loren Stillman | \$1,500 | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Luke Taylor | \$2,000 | Bowdoin College
 Tia Tomco | \$1,500 | Brandeis University
 Ava Towle | \$1,500 | Brandeis University
 Jenny Wu | \$2,000 | Cornell University

Swedish National Federation Nylund Memorial Scholarship

For students of Scandinavian descent
 Carly Cornacchioli | \$1,000 | Springfield College

Tahanto Regional High School Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Tahanto Regional HS

Brady Babineau | \$1,500 | Merrimack College

Melanie Tolles | \$1,500 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Tobin Family Fund Scholarship

For graduating seniors going into the field of nursing

Mariadny Santana | \$600 | Worcester State University

Wallace D. and Dorothy M. Andrews Scholarship

For African-American students to study bioscience, physics or related subjects

Brian Boateng | \$1,000 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Odette Irankunda | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

Aurelien Ngamo | \$1,000 | Boston University

Terry Simon | \$1,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Webster Square Business Association Scholarship

For graduating seniors from South HS or employees/family members of a current WSBA member business

Marvin Alvarado | \$1,000 | Nichols College

William J. Short Scholarship

For students in the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce area to pursue a career in business or public service

Daniel Hasanllari | \$1,000 | Wesleyan University

Abigail Schofield | \$1,000 | University of New Hampshire

William P. and Carolyn C. Cannon Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Millbury HS

Samantha Kelly | \$5,000 | University of Connecticut

Audra McDuffie | \$5,000 | Bridgewater State University

Grace Mueller | \$5,000 | University of Massachusetts at Boston

Nina Romeo | \$5,000 | University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Worcester Latino Coalition Scholarship

For Latino youth and adults to pursue a health-related career

Ava Robles | \$1,000 | Salem State University

Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship

For students of Scandinavian descent

Julia Prendergast | \$1,300 | Villanova University

Ani Seppelin | \$1,300 | Northeastern University

Worcester Woman's Club Scholarship

For graduating seniors from Worcester

Ezenia Diaz-Lembert | \$1,000 | Harvard University

Phong Nguyen | \$1,000 | University of Pennsylvania

Tomas Pinzon Espinosa | \$1,000 | Worcester State University

“From here, anywhere . . . together.”

Rachel Monárrez | COMMUNITY LEADER

“Scholarships serve as powerful motivators for our youth by encouraging their academic excellence and personal growth. These awards instill a sense of pride and confidence, recognize achievements, and inspire our scholars to reach their full potential.

“The Worcester Public Schools are filled with young people who want to make a difference in this world. Our schools are a beautiful, diverse community dedicated to enabling every child to succeed; but we can’t do this alone. Through its scholarship program, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation channels vital support to our students.

“Thanks to the many donors who create these scholarships as well as the volunteers who participate in reviewing applications and selecting grantees, the Foundation’s citizen-run scholarship program has helped generations of Worcester students to further their education and grow into leaders who uplift our communities. As we say on our Worcester Public Schools website: ‘From here, anywhere . . . together.’”



Rachel H. Monárrez, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Worcester Public Schools

RECOGNITION *of the* 2023 VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP REVIEWERS

The Foundation extends its gratitude to the volunteers who played a pivotal role in helping to identify the most qualified students to receive GWCF's 2023 scholarships.

“I’m inspired by the impact that scholarship applicants already make in our communities. It’s an honor to play a small role in the lives of our future leaders.”

Thank you, Liz Wambui



Since 2017, Liz Wambui, Director of Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Impact for Fontaine Bros., Inc., has volunteered each year as a reviewer of scholarship applications.

Jim Abrams
Mary Aleksiewicz
Diane Allain
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Wallace Andrews
Jody Athanasiou
Joyce Augustus
Lindsey Baiocchi
Mary Baker
Lynn Barrieau
Maureen Binienda
Jackie Binkoski
Tom Boyd
Michael Brockelman
Denise Brookhouse
Rachel Brown
Casey Burgholzer
Julie Burgholzer
Jill Carpenter
Wendy Carrick
Kerry Castorano
Kerry Conaghan
Richard Coonan
Mike Crawford
Dan de la Torre
Jennifer Delaney

Anne Dlubac
Lee Dominey
Grace Dowling
Kim Driscoll
Phyllis Edinberg
Heather Elster
Paul Fontaine
Sharon Frechette
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Cathy Gervais
Hossein Hakim
Erika Hall
Claire Halvey
Meaghan Hardy-Lavoie
Courtney Harper
Jacquie Hart
Pat Hertzfeld
Stuart Howe
Sarah-Kate Johnson
Kevin Kearney
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Robert Layne
Karen Ludington
Andrew Lussier
Dale Magee
Ryan Magee
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Erin Nosek
Jamie Pitney
Christina Puleo
Ilene Rodman
Jennifer Rowland
Alexandra Salcedo
Beckley Schowalter
Janice Seymour
Jay Sherwin
John Shoro
Rusty Short
Grace Sliwoski
Kelly Stimson
Sally Stukuls
Troy Thompson
Virginia Vaughan
Sue Vogt
Ron Waddell
Joel Wallen
Elizabeth Wambui
Cathy Wollak
Elizabeth Young
Frank Zdruli
Alex Zequeira
Ed Zywiec

CONGRATULATIONS to the CLASS of 2023

In June, the Foundation awarded 421 students with scholarships totaling over \$765,000.

First-time recipients listed by the high school they graduated from are listed here.

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

Ajoa Adu *Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship; Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Scholarship*

Damian Boafu *Ben P. Masterman Scholarship*

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

Ryan Brady *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Mitchell Poisson *Greg's Grant Fund Scholarship*

Advanced Math & Science Academy

Diego Moreno *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Algonquin Regional High School

Mariana Oliveira *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Shan Tang *Lieutenant Colonel Irving A. and Colonel Marie C. Lepore Scholarship*

Ashland High School

Alaysa Silveira Souza *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School

Madison Brown *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Auburn High School

Quinn Cahill *Ken and Pat Jones Scholarship*

Luz Diaz-Ticas *Hedin Family Memorial Scholarship; Summer B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*

Shea Fanion *December 3rd Scholarship*

Sydney Mercadante *Auburn Knights of Columbus Scholarship*

Jenna Stencil *Patrica A. and Robert M. Bourke Memorial Scholarship*

Ariana Weagle-Rodriguez *Patrica A. and Robert M. Bourke Memorial Scholarship*

Bancroft School

Rahim Nurmuradov *Doris Salzer Memorial Scholarship*

Bartlett High School

Nyia Gonzalez *Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship*

Ethan Minarik *Nichols Academy Marilyn T. and Gerald Fels Scholarship*

Victoria Spitz *Nichols Academy Marilyn T. and Gerald Fels Scholarship*

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School

Miranda Burden *Nichols Academy Marilyn T. and Gerald Fels Scholarship*

Julia Canty *Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055 Scholarship*

Evan Gelineau *Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055 Scholarship*

Terry Simon *Wallace D. and Dorothy M. Andrews Scholarship*

Bedford High School

Jaylen Pitts *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Bellingham High School

Bridget O'Brien *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School

Hailey Davis *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Ana Guaman *Magee Family Education Scholarship*

Rillary Madruga *GWCF General Scholarship*

Jordan Provost *Leonard H. White Scholarship*

Sean Sage *Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship*

Natalia Vazquez *Summers Family Education Scholarship*

Burncoat High School

Angel Attafuah *Marty Hastings Memorial Scholarship*

Hennessy Beltran *Elm Park Community School Scholarship*

Eduarda Luiza Braga *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Trisha Fynn *Lincoln Village Scholarship*

Jack Miller *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Molly Moulin *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Caitlyn Parks *Erin Coonan Schmidt Scholarship for Health & Wellness*

Brittaney Pierre *Charles Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Yanalissa Vazquez *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship; Mary and John Buckley Memorial Education Scholarship*

Nicholas York *Bruce S. Bennett Fund for Community Journalism Scholarship; Paul M. Gervais Memorial Music Scholarship*

Claremont Academy

Tina Nguyen *Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Scholarship*

Say Reh *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

David Prouty High School

Jessica Duda *Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship; Fred and Leona Eppinger Scholarship*

Brielle Hart *Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship*

Lindsey Soter *Max H. and Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship*



“Thank you for your very generous award that will help me fund my education and shape my future.”

— Brielle Hart,
Westfield State University '27

Doherty Memorial High School

Anthony Alves *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Liam Bisnette *December 3rd Scholarship*
Marjorie Boadu *Edward Carien Scholarship*
Emma Brunelle *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Sophia Chandler *Lieutenant James F. "Jay" Lyons, III Memorial Scholarship*
Cameron Early *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Taylor Gazaille *Lieutenant James F. "Jay" Lyons, III Memorial Scholarship*
Michael Giarusso *December 3rd Scholarship*
Sophia Guerra *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Odette Irankunda *Wallace D. and Dorothy M. Andrews Scholarship*
Jake Joubert *Lieutenant James F. "Jay" Lyons, III Memorial Scholarship*
Roy Karanja *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Habiba Mohamed *Adolfo Arrastia Beacon of Light Scholarship; Jeffrey S. Edinberg Memorial Scholarship*
David Nortey *Fairlawn Foundation Scholarship*
Lauren Ober *Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship*
Julia Prendergast *Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship*
Riley Quinn *John and Fran Duke Scholarship*
Nellie Rushton *Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*
Olivia Stokes *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*
Lucinda Suchenski *Loustaunau Paul J. Westberg Memorial Scholarship*

Douglas High School

Essined Colon *Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship*
Renee Dansereau *Leonard H. White Scholarship*
Ariana Sacco *Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship*
Kate Wall *Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship*

Dover-Sherborn High School

Piotr Szymanski *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Fitchburg High School

Gabrielle Pierce *Finnish American Social Club Scholarship*

Framingham High School

Molly Bronner *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*
Lily Swallow *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship – Nesbe Scholarship*

Framingham High School: Resiliency for Life

Sarah Da Silva *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Franklin High School

Sean Kapples *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Grafton Memorial High School

Noelle Fedor *Kelly A. Davis Memorial Scholarship; Richard and Jeanne Ahlquist Scholarship*

Groton-Dunstable Regional High School

Bronson Solomon *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Holliston High School

Stephen Majkut *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Hopkinton High School

Ithishree Pittala *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Charles Simulis *L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship*

Hudson High School

Maria Borges *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Joseph P. Keefe Technical High School

Talyn LaGrone *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Leicester High School

Abigail Bernabei *Expository Writing Scholarship Honoring Marjorie Frye*

Cole Delage *December 3rd Scholarship*

Avery Derr *Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship*

Abby Doku *Mary Sahagan Lonstein Scholarship*

Olyvia Gustafson *Leicester Samaritan Nursing Association Scholarship Fund*

Annalisa Hair *December 3rd Scholarship*



“I am greatly appreciative of your contribution towards my education, and I will strive to maintain excellence.”

— Annalisa Hair, Endicott College '27

Tyler Herron *Expository Writing Scholarship Honoring Marjorie Frye; Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship*

Ana Ruggieri *Helen and Chuck Arsenault Memorial Scholarship*

Leominster High School

Isabella Bible *Richard W. Pierce Scholarship*

Gold Lee *Francine "Doc" Smith Memorial Scholarship*

Mai See *Thao Catherine Burgholzer Memorial Scholarship; Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship*

Minh Vu *GWCF General Scholarship*

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Jackson Hild *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Littleton High School

Sofia Black *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship – Lavoie Scholarship*

John Feltus *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Lunenburg High School

Malia Ruggiero *Lunenburg Opportunity Fund Scholarship*

Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science

Daniel Kaminski *Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*

Maynard High School

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— Isabella Bible *Massachusetts College of Art and Design '27*

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Minuteman Regional High School

Emma Heckman *Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship*

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School

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Ava Robles *Worcester Latino Coalition Scholarship*

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Mathematics will take me and the world around us.”

— Benjamin Slayter
Framingham State University '27

North High School

Tairis Amarat *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

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Badu Opoku-Serwaa *Friends of Rutland Heights Hospital Scholarship*

Mariadny Santana *Tobin Family Fund Scholarship*

Litzzy Vivar *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Jenny Wu *Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*

Northbridge High School

Hannah Direnzo *Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship*

Caroline O'Brien *Carrick Foundation Scholarship*

Abigail Schofield *William J. Short Scholarship*

Norwood High School

Brooke Hartman *Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial (Norwood) Scholarship*

Notre Dame Academy

Leah Joinville *December 3rd Scholarship*

Marianapolis Preparatory School

Wondimu Weinberg-O'Brien *Michael Minty Memorial Scholarship*

Oakmont Regional High School

Ani Seppelin *Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship*

Oxford High School

Payton Banfill *Mary Olive Wood Scholarship*

Genevieve Bartlett *Mary Olive Wood Scholarship*

Carly Cornacchioli *Daniel Stephen Lussier Athletic Scholarship; Mary Olive Wood Scholarship; Swedish National Federation Nylund Memorial Scholarship*

Quabbin Regional High School

Darian Hulsart *Mark W. Tripp Scholarship*

Quaboag Regional High School

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Elijah Doh *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Emmilyn Fini *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Daniel Hasanllari *William J. Short Scholarship*

Zainab Ismail *Belmont Street Community School Scholarship; Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship*

Christine Lam *Paul E. Tarkiainen Art Award Scholarship; Richard W. Pierce Scholarship; Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Scholarship*

Gabriella Martinez *Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship*

Victor Martinez *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Tommy Nguyen *Arthur J. Smith and Dorothy G. Smith Scholarship*

Emmanuel Torto *Project Aspire Scholarship*

Mark Tran *Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship*

Steven Wu *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Southbridge High School

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St. Bernard Central Catholic High School

Nana Okyere *Arthur J. Remillard Jr. Scholarship;*
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Zack Carpino *December 3rd Scholarship*

St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior High School

Keziah Danso *Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*

Matthew Franchi *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

Tess Fuller *Mary Ann Binkoski Scholarship; Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship*

Estelle Germano *Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute '27

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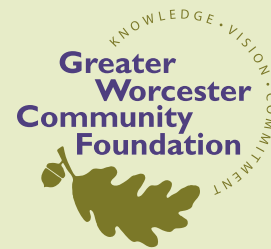
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