



Scholarship YEARBOOK 2025



Next UP

*Meet Worcester County's
college-bound class of 2025.*



Juhie Jain — two-time scholarship awardee, softball player and WooSox superfan — threw the ceremonial first pitch at our Scholarship Celebration Night at Polar Park.

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This yearbook reflects scholarship and awardee information as of August 1, 2025.

On The Cover

Scholarship recipients celebrated their accomplishments at a WooSox game in May.

Dear Friends —

2025 marked a transformative year for our scholarship program. In April, we received a historic \$13 million gift from the former Becker College. This funding will establish a \$10 million Becker Scholarship Fund, awarding significant multi-year scholarships to high school students in Worcester and Leicester, as well as the new Becker Global Public Service Award. Awards from the Becker Scholarship Program will begin in 2026, notably increasing our annual scholarship distribution support for students.

This remarkable gift builds on the strength and momentum of our scholarship program today. In 2025, we were proud to support 234 students with new scholarships through the Foundation, each representing a unique path, a bold ambition, and a community that believes in their potential. Thanks to our community of 142 scholarship fundholders, we committed \$1.84 million in scholarship aid this year, our largest investment to date.

This total includes:

- **138 new one-time awards**
- **96 new renewable scholarships**
- **209 renewable commitments continuing from prior years**

Sixty-seven percent of new awardees (151 students) are pursuing their education at colleges in Massachusetts. Of those, 53 are staying close to home and attending schools in Worcester County.

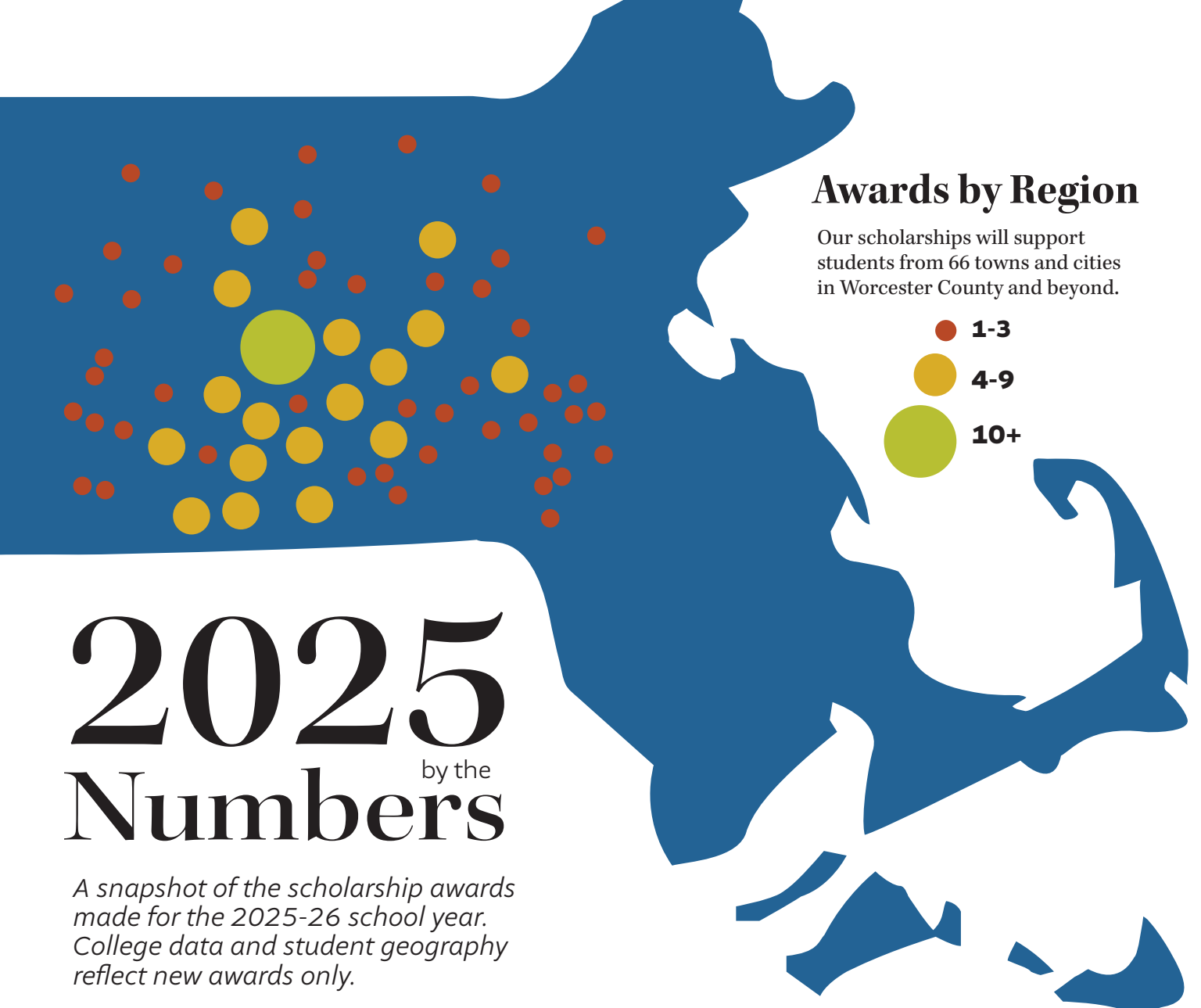
The students featured in this yearbook bring a wide range of experiences and aspirations to their postsecondary pursuits. Whether they're studying business, nursing, environmental science or the arts, each one reflects the values of hard work, curiosity, and resilience.

We hope their stories inspire you as much as they've inspired us.



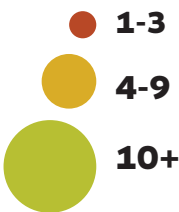
Pete Dunn

President & CEO
Greater Worcester
Community Foundation



Awards by Region

Our scholarships will support students from 66 towns and cities in Worcester County and beyond.



2025

by the

Numbers

A snapshot of the scholarship awards made for the 2025-26 school year. College data and student geography reflect new awards only.

\$1.84MILLION

Total Commitments For Next 4 Years

\$803K Total amount paid in 2025
\$1.04M Commitments made in renewable scholarships*

***Renewable scholarships are contingent on requirements identified by the fundholder (e.g. the student's continued full-time enrollment in the college).**

443

Awards Made in 2025

Existing renewal commitments

209

138

New one-time awards

New renewable awards

96

Top 7 Colleges & Universities

6
Assumption

13
UMASS Amherst

6
UMASS Lowell

11
WPI

8
Northeastern

11
Worcester State

6
Wentworth



Top College Majors

Nursing
Biology
Business
Engineering

151
In state

53
In worcester County

71
Out of state

1
International

College Geography

New Scholarships

The following scholarship funds are awarding new scholarships to the students listed below. Those in **purple** are one-time awards, and those in **pink** are renewable scholarships, with this year's award and the total award listed.

Admiral & Mrs. Louis E. Denfeld Scholarship

Nikita Panwar, Westborough High School
University of Connecticut, Analytics and Information Management
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Adolfo Arrastia Beacon of Light Scholarship

Ashley Broni, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
Bentley University, Corporate Finance and Accounting
\$650

Alexander G. Simonatis Scholarship

Sophia Jordan, Wachusett Regional High School
Berklee College of Music, Music Business and Vocal Performance
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Katherine Robinson, Wachusett Regional High School
Dartmouth College
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

As one of two – and soon to be three – children attending college, your support will help ease the financial burden and allow me to focus more fully on my studies and the opportunities ahead. I will carry this vote of confidence with me every step of the way!

Andrew Sala Memorial Scholarship

Jack Harvey, Nipmuc Regional High School
Franklin University Switzerland, Finance
\$1,600

Lily Killen, Nipmuc Regional High School
Emmanuel College, Political Science
\$1,600

Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Betz, Norwood High School
\$1,000

Funbi Fatoke, Worcester Technical High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$1,000 | Total award: \$2,000

Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship

Shaan Chaudhary, Douglas High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Aerospace Engineering
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Matthew Dean, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Architecture
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Logan Englund, Douglas High School
Bryant University, Management
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Riana Katragjini, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
Endicott College, Early Education
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Delaney Martin, Worcester Academy
Carnegie Mellon University, Mechanical Engineering
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Gillian McGee, Whitinsville Christian School
University of New England, Applied Exercise Science
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Arthur J. Remillard, Jr. Scholarship

Cobbi Okyere, St. Bernard Central Catholic High School
Northeastern University, Biology
\$1,050 | Total award: \$4,200

Belmont Street Community School Scholarship

Valerie Leonor Flores, North High School
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Biology
\$400

Ben P. Masterman Scholarship

Donna Oduro, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
University of Connecticut, Nursing
\$2,000

Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship

Lillian George, Douglas High School
Brigham Young University, Engineering
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Bruce S. Bennett Fund for Community Journalism Scholarship

Lila Tallagnon, South High Community School
Boston University, Journalism
\$450

Carrick Foundation Scholarship

Erin Picanso, Douglas High School
Williams College, Economics
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000



Erin Picanso

Carrick Foundation Scholarship

Erin, an alum of GWCF's Youth for Community Improvement program and graduate of Worcester's North High School, is heading to Williams College to study Economics. The grandchild of immigrants, Erin worked three jobs throughout high school in an effort to break a generational cycle of poverty. Her future path became unexpectedly clear in 10th grade, when she found herself on the receiving end of a legal threat from Lin-Manuel Miranda's team—an encounter that sparked her fascination with intellectual property law. Now, she hopes to help innovators, artists, and businesses protect their ideas while being fairly compensated for their work in a rapidly changing digital world.

Catherine Burgholzer Memorial Scholarship

Luke Harrington, Shrewsbury High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Finance
\$1,000

Charles & Louise Hugo Community Service Award

Matthew Bruce, Wachusett Regional High School
Boston College, Economics
\$2,000

Charlton PTO Scholarship

Kaelen Anderson, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Robotic Engineering
\$920
Rosalie Knowlton, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Brandeis University, Political Science
\$920

Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for Saint Spyridon's Families

Eleni Coulouras, St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior High School
Northeastern University, Business Administration
\$1,800 | Total award: \$7,200

Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for South High Students

Paola Kasole, South High Community School
Northeastern University, Health Science
\$1,800 | Total award: \$7,200

Claudia Simonian Scholarship

Wesley Dykstra, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Salem State University, English
\$3,000

Lauren Snyder, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
SUNY Cobleskill, Beef and Livestock Science
\$3,000

Cynthia & Harrison Taylor Scholarship

Suehey Santiago, South High Community School
Worcester State University
\$1,550 | Total award: \$6,200

Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Leong, South High Community School
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Premedical and Health Sciences
\$1,200

Daniel Stephen Lussier Athletic Scholarship

Bodhi Parks, Bancroft School
University of Tampa, MS in Athletic Training
\$850

Debbie Anne Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Alexis Wheeler, Tahanto Regional High School
Dean College, Dance Performance & Choreography
\$1,500

Deborah A. Kaufman Scholarship

Yafatou Sanneh, Worcester Technical High School
Westfield State University, Nursing
\$1,500

Dennis Elroy Barry Memorial Scholarship

Ashlynn Tata, Oakmont Regional High School
Merrimack College, Social Work
\$440

Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship

Colleen Hart, David Prouty High School
Westfield State University, Criminal Justice
\$1,000

Emilee Larson, David Prouty High School
Fitchburg State University, Nursing
\$1,000

December 3rd Scholarship

The December 3rd Scholarship Fund was created by several local foundations in honor of the six firefighters who lost their lives in a tragic warehouse fire on December 3, 1999. The fund awards college scholarships to children of Worcester police officers and firefighters.

Among this year's awardees, the fund will support the Delage twins, Ryan and Dylan, as they pursue their goals. Their older brother, Cole, also received a December 3rd scholarship, as their father is a retired fire chief.

"[My father's] dream was for all three of his boys to pursue further education in college and I am proud to be able to do that with the help of this scholarship."

— *Ryan Delage*

"With my two brothers and I all in college at the same time, and my own goal of pursuing a doctorate, things can get overwhelming, especially financially. This scholarship helps take some of that weight off my shoulders and allows me to focus more on learning and building a future I'm excited about."

— *Dylan Delage*

Riley Bisnette, Wachusett Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$3,000 | Total Award: \$12,000

Dylan Delage, Leicester High School
University of Massachusetts Boston, Biology,
Pre-Med Track
\$2,000 | Total Award: \$8,000

Ryan Delage, Leicester High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Electrical and
Computer Engineering
\$3,000 | Total Award: \$12,000

Jack McCaffrey, Grafton Memorial High School
Rochester Institute of Technology, Engineering
Technology
\$2,750 | Total Award: \$11,000

Kyle McMahon, Wachusett Regional High School
Texas Tech, Criminology
\$2,000 | Total Award: \$8,000

Doris Salzer Memorial Scholarship

Leticia Laurindo, Milford High School
Assumption University, Psychology
\$1,100

Dr. Paul and Gail Lock Memorial Scholarship

Emilee Larson, David Prouty High School
Fitchburg State University, Nursing
\$1,450

Edward Carien Scholarship

Jhostin Reales, Doherty Memorial High School
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Economics
\$750

Erin Coonan Schmidt Scholarship for Health & Wellness

Aidan Spofford, Burncoat High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$1,750

Expository Writing Scholarship Honoring Marjorie Frye

Kayla Bouchard, Leicester High School
Endicott College, Elementary Education
\$1,000

Ella Smith, Leicester High School
Mount Wachusett Community College, Liberal Arts and
Sciences
\$1,000

Fairlawn Foundation Scholarship

Hamza Adam, Shrewsbury High School
Worcester State University, Biology
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Fannie E. Forbes Scholarship

Regan Sullivan, Westborough High School
Villanova University, Biology
\$3,250 | Total award: \$13,000

Finnish American Social Club Scholarship

Susan Barrows, Nipmuc Regional High School
Cornell University, Agricultural Science
\$1,300 | Total award: \$5,200

Frances F. Mansfield Scholarship

Alvin Tete-Djawu, Worcester Academy
Cornell University, Economics
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

As a first-generation student, the financial help you've provided lifts a huge burden and allows me to focus more on my education and goals, which I wouldn't have been able to do without your generosity and belief in a young man from Worcester, MA.

Francine “Doc” Smith Memorial Scholarship

Caeley Gale, Shrewsbury High School
St. Lawrence University, Conservation Biology
\$590

Fred and Leona Eppinger Scholarship

Olivia Hintlian, David Prouty High School
Emerson College, Journalism
\$1,500

Nadia Rondeau, David Prouty High School
Worcester State University, Nursing
\$1,200

Friends of Rutland Heights Hospital Scholarship

Keyara Jones, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational
Technical High School
Worcester State University, Nursing
\$2,100

Great Futures Start Here Fund of the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester Scholarship

Janea Jones, South High Community School
Salem State University, Nursing
\$1,300

Greg’s Grant

Luke Kilfoyle, Acton Boxborough Regional High School
High Point University
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Donna Princess Montengro, Acton Boxborough Regional
High School
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Grynsel Educational Scholarship

Anna Bernat, Westborough High School
Providence College
\$500

GWCF General Scholarship

Eliana Rivera, Athol High School
Mount Wachusett Community College, Business
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Ava Solitro, Wachusett Regional High School
Assumption University, CPA Track MBA Program
\$2,000

Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Naa Dromo Aryee, South High Community School
Boston College, Nursing
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Ewan Grant, St. John’s High School
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Meteorology and
Atmospheric Science
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Kielle Maria Henchar, St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior
High School
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Arts and Sciences
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Dea Kamberi, Doherty Memorial High School
Harvard University, Government
\$4,000 | Total award: \$16,000

*My dream is to serve my community
through public service, by pursuing
a career in law and contributing to
environmental justice so that I can bring
the voices of the Worcester community
beyond to a grander scale. This
scholarship is ... an incredible vote of
confidence in my future.*

Emilee Larson

Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Paul and Gail Lock Memorial Scholarship
Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship

Emilee Larson, a graduate of David Prouty High School, will be studying nursing at Fitchburg State University with support from three separate Foundation scholarships. Drawn to fast-paced, high-stakes environments, Emilee thrives under pressure. She hopes to one day work in an Emergency Room, helping people when they need it most. For Emilee, nursing is more than a career — it’s a calling. “I want to be the reason someone wants to celebrate life,” she says.



Scholarships in Memory of Joyce Thompson

Two scholarship funds awarding for the first time this year were created in memory of the same person: Joyce “Minnie” Thompson.

Known for her kind, generous, and thoughtful spirit, Joyce brought love and compassion to every part of her life and to everyone around her.

As a small business owner, she founded a company that supported marginalized and financially disadvantaged communities. She volunteered countless hours to youth sports programs, had a deep passion for helping and fostering animals, and was always devoted to those in need. Of all her roles in life, Joyce’s greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother.

The two scholarship funds were created by siblings Jeffrey and Stacy to honor their mother, each identifying specific geographic criteria. Emily Bradley of Winchendon will be heading to Florida Atlantic University to major in Criminal Justice with support from the Joyce W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship. Miru Kunst from West Boylston will be studying Industrial Engineering at WPI thanks in part to her scholarship from the Joyce “Minnie” Thompson Memorial Scholarship.

“My name is Miru Kunst, and I live in West Boylston, managing my small dairy goat farm. My love of agriculture drove my endeavors as a member of the FFA, 4-H, and Holden Grange, but also allowed me to find a passion for problem-solving and engineering. Next year, I will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute to study Industrial Engineering and Fire Protection Engineering. Thanks to your generosity, I am able to pursue my dreams of applying my environmental science background to a career in fire protection.”

Cleevens Lindor, South High Community School
Quinsigamond Community College, Business
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Paul Ogunsemore, Worcester Technical High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science & Biology
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Lleyton Yawson, Doherty Memorial High School
Worcester State University, Business
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Hedin Family Memorial Scholarship

Makayla Gillette, Auburn High School
Framingham State University, Early Childhood Education
\$1,000

Helen and Chuck Arsenault Scholarship

Ngoc Bao Ly, Leicester High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$1,000

Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship

Julian Auger, Worcester Technical High School
Westfield State University, Criminal Justice
\$1,875 | Total award: \$7,500

Abbey Donahue, Worcester Technical High School
University of New Hampshire, Nursing
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Jace Duval, Wachusett Regional High School
Bryant University, Business
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Elizabeth Mahlert, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Nichols College, Marketing
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Ida and Murray Rotman Scholarship

Hyun Joon Kim, Whitinsville Christian School
Boston University, Computer Science and Economics
\$1,300 | Total award: \$5,200

Janet Fraser Scholarship

Garrett O’Mara, Medway High School
The Ohio State University, Finance
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Jeffrey S. Edinberg Memorial Scholarship

Kayanna Reece, Burncoat High School
Central Connecticut State University, Pre Nursing
\$1,000

Jenica Lynn Junnila Memorial Scholarship

Jasper Herbert, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Clark University
\$650

John and Fran Duke Scholarship

Carol Kumi, Doherty Memorial High School
College of the Holy Cross, Economics
\$1,000



Ngoc Ly
Helen and Chuck Arseneault
Scholarship

Ngoc Bao Ly
Cherry Valley
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Biology

John F. Freeland Memorial Scholarship

Dakota Shugrue, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Building and
Construction Technology
\$1,950

Joyce “Minnie” Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Miru Kunst, Norfolk County Agricultural High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Industrial Engineering
\$1,200

Joyce W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Emily Bradley, Murdock High School
Florida Atlantic University, Criminal Justice
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

I am excited to continue my education and your scholarship is a big help, allowing me to place more focus on my education over finances. This scholarship motivates me to keep up with my academics and work hard in return for your gift.

Kathleen Terry Memorial Scholarship

Ivana Kallini, Tantasqua Regional High School
Tufts University, Biomedical Sciences
\$850

Kelly A. Davis Memorial Scholarship

Ella Nummela, Grafton Memorial High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$500

Ken and Pat Jones Scholarship

Giovanni DiMarzio, Leominster High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Finance
\$2,500

Ashely Kenney, St. Bernard Central Catholic High School
Mississippi State University, Elementary Education
\$2,500

L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Karalus, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
University of Rhode Island, Cell and Molecular Biology
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Mitchell Simulis, Hopkinton High School
Clemson University, Finance and Accounting
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship

Marileisy Baez, North High School
Worcester State University, Psychology
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Gizelle Campos, Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Worcester State University, Nursing
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Lawrence M. and Augusta L. Keeler Scholarship

Mara Keane, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical
High School
Assumption University, Biology/Biotechnology
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Leicester High School Football Alumni Scholarship

Jack Ledbetter, Leicester High School
Bryant University, Marketing
\$1,000

Leicester Samaritan Nursing Association Scholarship

Sedona Richard, Leicester High School
Westfield State University, Nursing
\$1,300

Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship

Dylan Delage, Leicester High School
University of Massachusetts Boston, Biology, Pre-Med Track
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship

Madelyn Mulhall, St. Bernard Central Catholic High School
Merrimack College, Mathematics
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Keeara Valencia Gonzalez, Leominster High School
Bentley University, Actuarial Science
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Carolyn Zheng, Worcester Academy
Brown University, Mathematics
\$4,000 | Total award: \$16,000

Leonard H. White Scholarship

Caden Cacciapouti, Grafton Memorial High School
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Engineering Physics
\$1,000

Anthony Casillo, Auburn High School
Nichols College, Sports Management
\$1,000

Veronica Crispin
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Fire Protection Engineering
\$1,000

Kaelyn Donovan, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Marist College, Accounting
\$1,000

Lily Malloy, Nipmuc Regional High School
Framingham State University, Biology
\$1,000

Noalani Perez, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High
School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Management &
Hospitality and Tourism Management
\$1,000

Cassidy Semo
University of Tampa, Marketing
\$1,000

Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055 Scholarship

Claire Beane, Tantasqua Regional High School
Syracuse University, Architecture
\$1,300

Ava Millette, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
University of Rhode Island, Kinesiology
\$1,300

Leroy Weiner Scholarship

Seth Cushman, Westborough High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science
\$2,300

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

Riley Manchester, Shrewsbury High School
Purdue University, Professional Flight Technology & Aviation Management
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

This scholarship has given me the opportunity to pursue my love of aviation, and I will be forever grateful for that. Aviation has been my passion for as long as I can remember. This scholarship is letting my dreams take flight.

Lieutenant James F. "Jay" Lyons III Memorial Scholarship

Farzana Darwishi, Doherty Memorial High School
Boston College, Psychology & Human Development
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Love Your Neighbor Award

Ekaavli Daga, Wachusett Regional High School
Cornell University, Environment and Sustainability & Spanish
\$550

Sophia Leong, South High Community School
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Premedical & Health Studies
\$550

Lunenberg Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Jared Prokowiew, Lunenburg High School
Bard College, Psychology
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Magee Family Education Fund

Febrounia Gaeid, Hopedale Jr/Sr High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biology
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship

Carlynda Gringas, Shrewsbury High School
Quinnipiac University, Communications
\$1,000

Cole Gringas, Shrewsbury High School
Anna Maria College, Fire Science
\$1,000

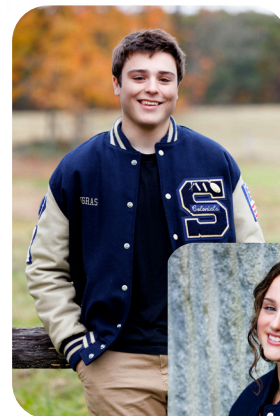
Tanish Jain, Shrewsbury High School
University of Connecticut, Physiology & Neurobiology
\$1,125 | Total award: \$4,500

Carly Keske, Shrewsbury High School
Wheaton College, Education & Creative Writing
\$1,125 | Total award: \$4,500

Cole and Carlynda Gringas

Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship

Twins Carlynda and Cole are taking different paths after graduation, but both are rooted in a deep desire to connect with and serve others. Carlynda is headed to Quinnipiac University to study Communications. A natural storyteller, she hopes to one day become a newscaster or filmmaker who uplifts and inspires her audience. Her brother, Cole, is pursuing a degree in Fire Science at Anna Maria College. Inspired by the bravery and selflessness of firefighters, he's drawn to the profession for its direct impact on the safety and well-being of the community. "I want to be part of something bigger than myself," he says. "Firefighting gives me purpose."





Caitlin Quinn (left)
Millbury
Northeastern University,
Business Administration and
Law

Gizelle Campos (right)
Worcester
Worcester State University,
Nursing

Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship

Juliette Lannon, Northbridge High School
Worcester State University, Early Childhood Education
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Mark W. Tripp Scholarship

Maryjane Bitar, Worcester Technical High School
University of Connecticut, History & English
\$1,000

Marty Hastings Memorial Scholarship

Payton Mailea, Burncoat High School
Quinnipiac University, Nursing
\$1,600

Mary and John Buckley Memorial Educational Fund Scholarship

Keylee Hernandez, North High School
Assumption University, Nursing
\$800

Mary Ann Binkoski Scholarship

Daniel Parke, Burncoat High School
Jackson State University, Music Education
\$500

Mary Connolly Memorial Scholarship

Alexa Xhengo, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Roger Williams University, Legal Studies & Criminal Justice
\$250

Mary Falby Logan and Francis Logan Jr. Scholarship

Edith Abelson, Tahanto Regional High School
Georgia Institute of Technology, Environmental Engineering
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Mary Olive Wood Scholarship

Anthony Burke, Oxford High School
Nichols College, Sports Management
\$3,250 | Total award: \$13,000

Annie Maynard, Oxford High School
University of New Haven, Criminal Justice
\$3,250 | Total award: \$13,000

Aidan VanArsdalen, Oxford High School
Emmanuel College, Nursing
\$3,250 | Total award: \$13,000

Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship

Jesse Ayres, Wachusett Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Business
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Assumption University Matching Scholarships

Through a partnership between the Foundation and Assumption University, the following students will receive a matching scholarship from the University, in addition to the scholarships they are receiving from our funds.

Jenna Coleman, Wachusett Regional High School
Assumption University, Nursing

\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000 from the *Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$10,000**

Keylee Hernandez, North High School
Assumption University, Nursing

\$800 from the *Mary and John Buckley Memorial Education Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$1,600**

Mara Keane, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
Assumption University, Biology / Biotechnology

\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000 from the *Lawrence M. and Augusta L. Keeler Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$12,000**

Leticia Laurindo, Milford High School
Assumption University, Psychology

\$1,100 from the *Doris Salzer Memorial Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$2,200**

Anh Nguyen, South High Community School
Assumption University, Marketing

\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000 from the *Mary T. Cocaine Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$28,000**

“Receiving this scholarship has significantly eased the financial hold on me and my family, allowing me to dedicate more time to my academic and personal development.”

Ava Solitro, Wachusett Regional High School
Assumption University, CPA Track MBA Program

\$2,000 from the *GWCF General Scholarship*
Total award with match: **\$4,000**

Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation Scholarship

This fund was established in 2005 to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from each of the high schools in Middlesex Savings Bank's 18 branch towns.

The following students will receive a **\$5,000** scholarship award:

Beckett Barnett, University of Tampa, Biochemistry
Diego Rivera, Liberty University

The following students will receive a **\$1,000** scholarship award:

Miranda Antonelli, Providence College, Marketing
Brianna Bondar, Syracuse University, Sociology
Jibreel Brahimi, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Computer Science
Henil Brahmbhatt, University of Wisconsin Madison, Computer Science & Finance, Investment, and Banking
Safir Brown, Drexel University, Architecture
Ivan Chan, Boston University, Health Science
Charlotte Churchill, Bucknell University, Biology
Julia Cunningham, College of Charleston, Global Studies
Brandon Figueiredo, Bridgewater State University, Economics
Amanda Fletcher, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Exploratory Track
Isabella Fuentes, Marymount Manhattan College, Musical Theatre
Michael Genest, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Chemical Engineering
Gormns Girgis, Bridgewater State University, Aviation Science Flying
Luke Gobin, Coastal Carolina University, Hospitality, Resort and Tourism Management
Filipe Gomes
Toma Iwakura, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Grace Kennedy, Simmons University, Nursing
Arman Kirakosyan, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Dental Hygiene & Pre-Dental
Jeffrey Latoria
Cody March, University of South Carolina, Business
Aidan McDonald
Vera Medvedeva, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Computer Science
Sophie Murray, Quinnipiac University, Journalism
Tvisha Nanda, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biomedical Engineering
Abigail Noyes, University of North Carolina, Fire Safety Engineering and Technology
Alyson Palmer, University of Connecticut, Nursing
Miguel Pedrosa
Maeve Reilly, Framingham State University, Business Management
Dean Sawyer, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Psychology
Sarah Seltser, Rutgers University New Brunswick, Pre-Dental
Maggie Smith
Katelyn Willmarth, University of Rhode Island, Political Science
Asanta Zaccagnibni, Emerson College, Media Arts Production
Catherine Zhu, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Pre-Med
Ben Zukowsky, Rochester Institute of Technology, Biotechnology & Molecular Biology

Mary Sahagen Lonstein Scholarship

Rachelle Lito, Notre Dame Academy
Tufts University, Biochemistry
\$2,850

Mary T. Cocaine Scholarship

Jayhla Alberti Sanchez, University Park Campus School
Suffolk University, Law
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Anita Konneh, North High School
Worcester State University, Biology
\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000

Fallon Leon, North High School
College of the Holy Cross, Neuroscience
\$1,900

Neema Mwihia, Worcester Academy
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Chemistry
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Anh Nguyen, South High Community School
Assumption University, Marketing
\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000

Kasie Vuong, Burncoat High School
Northeastern University, Health Sciences
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Maureen Henrickson Memorial Scholarship

Sean Hicks, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Worcester State University, Political Science
\$500

Max H. & Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship

Sadie Sheldon, Quabbin Regional High School
Northeastern University, Health Science & Business Administration
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship

Aseda Nkansah, South High Community School
Suffolk University, Computer Science
\$1,200 | Total award: \$4,800

Michael Minty Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin Gniadek, Doherty Memorial High School
Nichols College, General Business
\$900

Alexis Turgeon, Algonquin Regional High School
Sacred Heart University, Biology
\$900

Nichols Academy Marilyn T. and Gerald Fels Scholarship

Timothy Krynski, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Northeastern University, Pharmaceutical Sciences
\$3,000

Adam Phillips, Bartlett High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Biomedical Engineering
\$3,000

Maya Podskarbi, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Quinnipiac University, Dual Degree BS in Health Science
Studies/Doctor of Occupational Therapy
\$3,000

*My dream is to become a veterinarian.
Your support has given me the
confidence to pursue my studies with
focus and determination. I hope to one
day give back to my community in
the same way.*

Gabriella Troy, Bartlett High School
Northeastern University
\$3,000

Patricia A. and Robert M. Bourke Memorial Scholarship

Justin Bernier, Auburn High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mechanical Engineering
\$1,750

Timothy Pratt, Auburn High School
Paul Smith's College, Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences
\$1,750

Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Coleman, Wachusett Regional High School
Assumption University, Nursing
\$1,250 | Total award: \$5,000

Paul E. Tarkiainen Art Award Scholarship

Kylie Puzo, South High School
School of Visual Arts, 2D Animation
\$1,600

Paul J. Westberg Memorial Scholarship

Andrew Muchiri, South High Community School
College of the Holy Cross, Political Science
\$350

Paul M. Gervais Memorial Music Scholarship

Katharina Pineda, St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior
High School
Berklee College of Music, Songwriting and Music Business
\$1,500

Project Aspire Scholarship

Judeline Vivien, Worcester Technical High School
Bridgewater State University, Secondary Mathematics
\$700

Rev. Richard & Shirley Wright Emmanuel Baptist Church Scholarship

Daniel Parke, Burncoat High School
Jackson State University, Music Education
\$5,000

Richard and Carol Dymek Scholarship

Ryan Luong, Wachusett Regional High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Architecture
\$900 | Total award: \$3,600

Richard and Jeanne Ahlquist Scholarship

Abigail Davis, Grafton Memorial High School
University of Wisconsin Madison, Communication
Sciences and Disorders
\$500

Richard W. Pierce Scholarship

Mikaela Doucette, Montachusett Regional Vocational
Technical High School
Mount Wachusett Community College, Graphic Design
\$1,825 | Total award: \$7,300

Rowan Hackett, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational
Technical High School
Massachusetts College of Arts and Design, Illustration
\$1,825 | Total award: \$7,300

Uliana Oshtuk, Burncoat High School
Massachusetts College of Arts and Design, Animation
\$1,825 | Total award: \$7,300

Noah Stadinski, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Massachusetts College of Arts and Design, Illustration
\$1,825 | Total award: \$7,300

*I strongly believe in the power of art to
improve our world through creating
conversation. Art can sometimes be
undervalued, and the industry has
made me worried about the future of art
and how I will be able to support myself
doing what I love. However, thanks to
your donation, my family and I will
have much less of a financial burden
placed on us.*

Robert P. Currie Scholarship

Gerald Hoateng, Bancroft School
Boston College, Accounting for Finance and Consulting
\$1,350

Robert P. Goulet Memorial Scholarship

Prinsa Kamnang, Tahanto Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Exploratory
Track in Public Health and Health Sciences
\$500

Robert T. Salem Educational Scholarship

Richard Tucker, Quabbing Regional High School
Maine Maritime Academy, Maritime Transportation
Operations
\$1,100 | Total award: \$4,400

Yafatou Sanneh

Worcester
Westfield State University,
Nursing



Robert Thomson Scholarship

Alicia Kumah, Worcester Technical High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Mechanical Engineering
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Santo J. and Ellen M. DiDonato Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Fuller, Bartlett High School
Framingham State University, Psychology
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Dominik Gielarowicz, Shepherd Hill Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Computer Science
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Scholarship

Imani Githure, Worcester Technical High School
Swarthmore College, Engineering and Physics
\$2,250 | Total award: \$9,000

Fallon Leon, North High School
College of the Holy Cross, Neuroscience
\$2,250 | Total award: \$9,000

Nadia Lubowicki, Burncoat High School
Marquette University, Digital Media
\$2,250 | Total award: \$9,000

Stephen G. and Jacqueline A. Economos Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Juhie Jain, Westborough School
Tufts University, Biomedical Engineering
\$1,000

Summers Family Education Scholarship

Lily Kileen, Nipmuc Regional High School
Emmanuel College, Political Science
\$500

Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship

Chloe Cheng, Auburn High School
Columbia University, Sociology/ Political Science
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Annan Dembele, Massachusetts Academy of Math & Sciences
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Aerospace Engineering
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Alexandra Lech, North High School
Boston University, Electrical Engineering
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Brigid Murphy, Doherty Memorial High School
Bates College, Physics
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Tracy Nguyen, North High School
Boston College, Chemistry
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Yuetong Zhao, Doherty Memorial High School
Rutgers University New Brunswick, Animal Science
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Carolyn Zheng, Worcester Academy
Brown University, Mathematics
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Swedish National Federation Nylund Memorial Scholarship

Annika Sallila, Oakmont Regional High School
Bentley University, Corporate Finance and Accounting
\$1,300

Tahanto Regional High School Scholarship

Lillian Tessier, Tahanto Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Communications
\$1,520

Juhie Jain

Stephen G. and Jaqueline A. Economos Scholar Athlete Scholarship Vaughn Kaprelian Memorial Scholarship

A first-generation American and the first in her family to attend college, Juhie is no stranger to perseverance. She started playing softball at age six and became a starting pitcher, before a softball injury nearly cost her her vision. Not to be stopped, Juhie launched Vision+, a biomedical technology company focused on bringing autonomous mobility tools to people with visual impairments. Now, she is headed to Tufts University to study Biomedical Engineering, which Juhie describes as “the perfect intersection of my engineering problem-solving skills and my desire to make a positive impact on human health worldwide.”



Robin Withers, Tahanto Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Natural
Resources Conservation
\$1,520

Vaughn Kaprelian Scholarship

Juhie Jain, Westborough High School
Tufts University, Biomedical Engineering
\$1,750 | Total award: \$7,000

Apphia Nandru, Westborough High School
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Biomedical Engineering
\$1,750 | Total award: \$7,000

Walker Family Scholarship

Aiden Bancroft, Narraganset Regional High School
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Finance
\$5,000

Eliza Vello, Narraganset Regional High School
University of Rhode Island, Nursing
\$5,000

Wallace D. and Dorothy M. Andrews Scholarship

Rayan Amoakohene, Doherty Memorial High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Robotics
Engineering
\$1,000

Jada Boadu, Bancroft School
Brown University, Physics
\$1,000

Imani Githure, Worcester Technical High School
Swarthmore College, Engineering and Physics
\$1,000

Aiyana Ruiz, North High School
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Electric
Engineering
\$1,000

Webster Square Business Association Scholarship

Noha Lazaar, South High Community School
University of Massachusetts Boston, Biology
\$600

William J. Short Scholarship

Jonathan Colebourn, St. John's High School
The Catholic University of America, Political Science
\$1,250

Maggie Lewinsky, Nipmuc Regional High School
Bentley University, Finance
\$1,250

William P. and Carolyn C. Cannon Scholarship

Caitlin Quinn, Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Northeastern University, Business Administration and
Law
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Worcester Area Women in Development Community Service Award

Yuetong Zhao, Doherty Memorial High School
Rutgers University New Brunswick, Animal Science
\$1,000

Worcester Latino Coalition Scholarship

Gizelle Campos, Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School
Worcester State University, Nursing
\$1,150

Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship

Leila Gulli, Grafton Memorial High School
Sacred Heart University, Biology
\$1,450

Emilee Larson, David Prouty High School
Fitchburg State University, Nursing
\$1,450

Worcester Woman's Club Scholarship

Melina Fana Aguino, University Park Campus School
Worcester Polytechnic University, Electrical & Computer
Engineering
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

This scholarship is not merely monetary support—it is a powerful reminder that there are those who are willing to help people like me reach our full potential. I am committed to utilizing this chance to the fullest and giving back to my community in return.

Renewing Scholarships

The following scholarship funds are providing awards to students in college that have a renewable scholarship,

Admiral & Mrs. Louis E. Denfeld Scholarship

Ava Biancheri, Catholic University of America | \$1,000

Kael Susanto, Bryant University | \$1,000

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

Alexander G. Simonatis Scholarship

Tiana Carelton, Southern New Hampshire University | \$2,000

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

Abigail Nass, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$2,000

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

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

Anita & Nathaniel A. Feingold

Paige Lindley, Merrimack College | \$850

Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship

Temeka Fosu-Akese, Emory University | \$1,000

Arno & Robert E. Wagner Scholarship

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

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

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

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

Cecelia White, Plymouth State University | \$5,000

Arthur J. Remillard, Jr. Scholarship

Morgan Flodman, Assumption University | \$1,000

Nana Okyere, Boston University | \$1,000

Nancy Osei, Boston University | \$1,000

Arthur J. Smith and Dorothy G. Smith Scholarship

Tommy Nguyen, Bentley University | \$1,000

Auburn Knights of Columbus Scholarship

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

Auburn Women's Club Scholarship

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

Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship

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

Peter Lavache III, Quinsigamond Community College | \$1,500

Carrick Foundation Scholarship

Zophia Cherrier, Harvard University | \$5,000

Callie Jee, University of Tennessee | \$2,500

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

Charlton PTO Fund

Rachel Gormley, Western Carolina University | \$1,000

Maggie Mullaly, Nichols College | \$1,000

Class of Tomorrow Scholarship

Belal Alnajjar, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000

Constantine Mina and Vasiliky Strates Moschos Scholarship

Zachariah LaFlash, Gordon College | \$1,500

Cynthia & Harrison Taylor Scholarship

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

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

December 3rd Scholarship

Cianna Aubin-Carville, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

Brayden Auger, Fitchburg State University | \$2,000

Santiago Baez, Northeastern University | \$2,000

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

Kayla Belsito, Dean College | \$2,000

Haley Courtney, Assumption University | \$2,500

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

Isabella Giaquinto, Assumption University | \$2,000

Annalisa Hair, Endicott College | \$3,000

Nathan Judge, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

Tyler Judge, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

Julia Mateychuk, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

Thomas Papagni, Saint Anselm College | \$2,000

Marissa Rossetti, Bryant University | \$2,000

Shannon Tuson, Bridgewater State University | \$2,000

East Brookfield Scholarship

Grace Haight, Suffolk University | \$1,000

Ayla Messier, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000

Emil Haddad Jazz Scholarship

Charles Garrigan, Pacific University | \$1,000

Fairlawn Foundation Scholarship

Mohammed Abdulrazzaq, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science | \$2,500

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

Alexanne Sumner, Northeastern University | \$2,500

Finnish American Social Club Scholarship

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

Gabrielle Pierce, Hofstra University | \$1,000

Andrew Shultz, University of Florida | \$1,000

General Scholarship

Michael DiTullio, Lafayette College | \$1,000

Sofi Plotkin, Marymount University | \$1,000

Minh Vu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | \$1,000

George W. Hanson Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Kett, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

Greg's Grant

Tycho Dickerson, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth | \$2,000
Jenna O'Connell, University of New Hampshire | \$2,000
Mitchell Poisson, Stonehill College | \$2,000

Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Emily Cleary-Poteet, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$3,500
Kiera Derrell, University of Rhode Island | \$4,000
Emmilyn Fini, Assumption University | \$3,000
Leah Jones, Clark University | \$3,500
Roy Karanja, Worcester State University | \$3,000
Bu Meh, Worcester State University | \$3,500
Malia Montalvo, Boston University | \$4,000
Say Reh, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000
Isabella Rodriguez, Stonehill College | \$3,000
Yanalissa Vazquez, Quinsigamond Community College | \$3,000

Herbert D. Sherwin Memorial Scholarship

Pauline Farinacci, Fitchburg State University | \$9,500

Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship

Avery Derr, Worcester State University | \$2,500
James Hess, University of Delaware | \$2,000
Patrick Mahler, Wentworth Institute of Technology | \$2,500
Sofia McCarty, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

Ida and Murray Rotman Scholarship

Julia Habib, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000

Janet Fraser Scholarship

Lily Erving, Stonehill College | \$2,500
Meray Khela, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,500
Zhiwen Liu, Boston University | \$2,500

Judge and Mrs. William Garbose Fund

Sanai Lewis, Framingham State University | \$1,000

L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship

Erin Dailida, Assumption University | \$2,000
Olivia Simpson, Quinsigamond Community College | \$2,000
Charles Simulis, Clemson University | \$2,000
Samuel Zostant, Worcester State University | \$2,000

Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship

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

Lawrence M. and Augusta L. Keeler Scholarship

Molly Consigli, Endicott College | \$1,500
Sophia Gu, Tufts University | \$1,500
Kayda King, Mt. Holyoke College | \$1,500

Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship

Hannah Collette, University of Hartford | \$1,000
Tyler Herron, Northeastern University | \$1,000
Abigail McDaniel, University of New Haven | \$1,000

Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship

Lois Divoll, Drexel University | \$2,000
Cody Gosselin, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University | \$4,000
Sadie Michelson, Connecticut College | \$1,500

Lauren Ober, Boston College | \$3,000

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

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

Cecilia Worden, Benedictine College | \$1,500

Leroy R. Weiner and Betty (Weiner) Shuman Scholarship

Joshua Schnee, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign | \$1,000

Lieutenant James F. "Jay" Lyons III Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Chandler, Worcester State University | \$2,000
Andrew Suyer, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

Lincoln Village Scholarship

Trisha Fynn, Providence College | \$1,000

Loretta J. Belval Scholarship

Skylla Jack, Bridgewater State University | \$1,300

Lt. Colonel Irving A. & Colonel Marie C. Lepore Scholarship

Christian Ortiz-Torres, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,500
Klejvi Sulaj, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,500
Shan Tang, Duke University | \$1,500

Lunenberg Opportunity Fund

Julia Acampora, Rivier College | \$2,500
Malia Ruggiero, Trinity College | \$2,500

Magee Family Education Scholarship

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

Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship

Giovana Bonatelli, Assumption University | \$1,000
Ravila Freitas De Souza, Worcester State University | \$1,000
Colin Gordon, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000
Daniel Hoover, University of Michigan Ann Arbor | \$1,000
Sofia Menyalkin, University of New Hampshire | \$1,000

Marilyn M. and Russell S. Fox Scholarship

Yara Alomar, Quinsigamond Community College | \$2,000

Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Dizenzo, University of New England | \$1,000
Olivia Frabotta, University of Rhode Island | \$1,500

Mary Olive Wood Scholarship

Payton Banfill, University of New Haven | \$3,000
Genevieve Bartlett, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000
Carly Cornacchioli, Springfield College | \$3,000
Daniel Kudron, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth | \$3,000
Farreen Qadus, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000
Megan Raymond, Franklin Pierce University | \$3,000
Molly Raymond, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000

Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship

Annabelle Joyce, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000



**Daniel
Parke**

Mary Ann Binkoski & Rev. Richard &
Shirley Wright Emmanuel Baptist
Church Scholarship

Jackson State University

**Kayla
Crisostomo**

Daniel Parke

Worcester
Jackson State University, Music
Education

Julia Martel, Syracuse University | \$1,000
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Mary T. Cocaine Scholarship

Kiet Bui, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$5,000
Natalie Camerano, Anna Maria College | \$2,000
Michelle Fosu, University of Southern California | \$4,000
Sweeta Ghimiray, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$5,000
Kimberly Noguera, Middlebury College | \$4,000

Max H. and Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship

Brandon Grenier, University of Connecticut | \$1,000
Rebecca Miner, Endicott College | \$1,000
Lindsey Soter, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000

Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship

Loi Bui, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000
Arieyana Robinson, Fitchburg State University | \$1,000
Mark Tran, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science | \$1,000

Norma and Saul F. Feingold Scholarship

Eneid Andoni, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000

Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship

Alison Chouinard, Endicott College | \$1,000
Katherine Przypek, Worcester State University | \$1,000
Ava Towle, Brandeis University | \$1,000

Reginald Washburn Scholarship

Juliana Narh, Johnson & Wales University | \$1,300

Richard W. Pierce Scholarship

Isabella Bible, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | \$1,400
Phoebe Clowes, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,400
Alin Dola, Worcester State University | \$2,000
Christine Lam, Fashion Institute of Technology | \$1,400
Amber Lyons, Westfield State University | \$2,000
Jessica McNamara, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | \$1,500
Mia Piscitani, Hamilton College | \$1,400
Glory Torres-Colon, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | \$1,400
Madeline Zafon-Whalen, College of the Holy Cross | \$2,500

Robert T. Salem Educational Scholarship

Daniel Daige, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000
Sophia Hearnlaye, Worcester State University | \$1,000

Robert Thomson Scholarship

Jack Minahan, Plymouth State University | \$1,500
Mark Monfreda, Dean College | \$1,500
Brooke Nydam, University of New Hampshire | \$1,500

Santo J. and Ellen M. DiDonato Memorial Scholarship

Simon Agyemang, Brandeis University | \$1,000
Nicholas Damelio, Boston College | \$1,000
Colin O'Brien, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000
Nicholas Veronis, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000
Zachary Wennerberg, Wentworth Institute of Technology | \$1,000

Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Jr. Scholarship

Ajoa Adu, Georgia State University | \$2,000
Jasmine Conde, Worcester State University | \$2,000
Nadia Eshun, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$2,000
Ashley Gonzalez, Suffolk University | \$2,000
Ruby Ho, Columbia University | \$2,000
Phong Nguyen, University of Pennsylvania | \$2,000
Rena Nurhussien, Boston University | \$2,000
Sarai Vargas, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

Steve Drawbridge Memorial Scholarship

Alex Bates, University of Arizona | \$900

Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship

Amber Castriotta, Boston University | \$2,500
Xadia Cherrie, Tuskegee University | \$2,500
Keziah Danso, Boston University | \$1,500
Angela Dhima, Tufts University | \$2,000
Luz Diaz-Ticas, Boston College | \$2,000
Ornel Djomo, Howard University | \$2,500
Eftalia Economou, Williams College | \$3,000
Fatima Foladi, University of Michigan Ann Arbor | \$4,000
Tess Fuller, Boston College | \$2,000
Darryl Harding Jr., Howard University | \$2,500
Theresa Harrison-Attobrah, Northwestern University | \$1,500
Arba Kamberi, Harvard University | \$2,000
Daniel Kaminski, Cornell University | \$2,000
Isabella LeBlanc, Boston University | \$2,000
Andy Lee, Boston University | \$2,500
Laura Lee, Carnegie Mellon University | \$1,500
Alijandro Mendoza, Columbia University | \$2,000
Aurelien Ngamo, Boston University | \$1,500
Ai Vy Ngo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | \$2,000
Nellie Rushton, Stanford University | \$2,000
Gauri Srivatsa, New York University | \$2,000
Ava Towle, Brandeis University | \$1,500
Verena Welch, Brown University | \$3,000
Jenny Wu, Cornell University | \$2,000
Joseph Yu, Yale University | \$2,000

Vaughn Kaprelian Memorial Scholarship

Will Fitzgibbons, Purdue University | \$1,500
Nicole Nguyen, Boston University | \$1,500

William P. and Carolyn C. Cannon Scholarship

Devin Capurso, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$5,000
Samantha Kelly, University of Connecticut | \$5,000
Grace Mueller, University of Massachusetts Boston | \$5,000

Worcester Women's Club

Tomas Pinzon Espinosa, Worcester State University | \$1,000
Racheal Wangri, Roger Williams University | \$1,000

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2025 Scholarship Highlights

A TRANSFORMATIVE GIFT FROM BECKER COLLEGE

This year, Greater Worcester Community Foundation received a historic \$13 million gift from the former Becker College to create the Becker Scholarship Program, including more than \$10 million for the Becker Scholarship Fund, as well as the transfer of the Grace S. Hampel Scholarship Fund.

It also includes a new \$2 million Becker Global Public Service Award, which will provide a monetary award to support a humanitarian project anywhere in the world, developed and led by a Worcester County rising college senior or graduate. These opportunities will begin to be available and awarded in 2026.



Local colleges like Worcester State University's nursing school also received gifts from Becker College for scholarships.



THE POWER OF RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

We continue to see the benefits of renewable scholarships that provide financial support for students throughout their college journey. The Herbert D. Sherwin Memorial Scholarship, established in 2004, has awarded \$100,000 to 17 students over the years. Designed to help local college students transition from community colleges to complete their bachelor's degrees, this fund has been transformational for students like Pauline Farinacci, who is receiving her final \$9,500 award this year.

This scholarship helped Pauline attend Mount Wachusett Community College and then transfer to Fitchburg State University, where she is completing a degree in film at no out-of-pocket cost. This consistent support allowed her to live on campus, fully engage in her creative work, and grow personally and professionally without the burden of debt.

Worcester's 2025 Valedictorians



**MELINA FANA
AQUINA**

Valedictorian, University
Park Campus School



FUNBI FATOKE

Valedictorian,
Worcester Technical
High School



DEA KAMBERI

Valedictorian,
Doherty Memorial
High School



**ALEXANDRA
LECH**

Valedictorian, North
High School



KASIE VUONG

Valedictorian,
Burncoat High
School

Worcester Public Schools announced its 2025 high school valedictorians, recognized for their academic excellence, leadership and dedication to their communities.

Out of the seven named, five of the students have received scholarships through the Foundation:

Melina Fana Aquina will receive \$4,000 from the Worcester Women's Club Scholarship Fund

Funbi Fatoke will receive \$2,000 from the Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dea Kamberi will receive \$16,000 from the Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alexandra Lech will receive \$8,000 from the Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kasie Vuong will receive \$20,000 from the Mary T. Cocaine Scholarship Fund

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