



George W. Hanson Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Trustees of the *George W. Hanson Trust* created this scholarship in 2015 to fulfill Mr. Hanson's desire to support technical high school students in Worcester County. It is awarded to students from Worcester Technical High School (WTHS) whose post-secondary education will continue the learning they began in their WTHS technical program.

George W. Hanson was born in Worcester on October 27, 1918. The son of Danish immigrants, George grew up in Worcester with a brother and two sisters. In 1936, he graduated from Worcester Manual Training School, which later became Boys' Trade High School and then WTHS. He worked as an auto mechanic until enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces. George served as a military police officer during World War II. After the war, he returned to Worcester and began a new career at M. Steinert & Sons, makers of the famous Steinway piano, the Hammond organ, and other instruments. George was devoted to his craft of repairing and refurbishing organs and pianos. He was featured on *Chronicle* (the Channel 5 TV program) and in a 2009 article in the Boston Globe. He worked for M. Steinert & Sons for 61 years, retiring in 2009 when the company closed its Worcester store. Although he was then 91 years old, he planned to continue doing freelance piano repair, saying, "I can't be sitting down. I've got to be doing something."

George never married. Near the the end of his life, he made provisions for charitable giving to support students from technical high schools, helping them pursue bright futures in the trade professions. George passed away in 2015 at the age of 96. A quiet, modest man, he would be humbled by this scholarship and proud to assist a new generation of deserving graduates.

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