

Deborah A. Kaufman Scholarship

Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Deborah Kaufman established this scholarship in 1990 to assist students who have participated in Friendly House programs, with preference to those graduating from Worcester public high schools and to students who attended Grafton Street Elementary School.

Deborah grew up in Worcester's Grafton Street neighborhood and attended Grafton Street Elementary and Doherty High School. She

earned a degree from American University and then returned to launch a community engagement project called "This is Worcester." Deb earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and was a senior executive at the Norton Company until it was sold in 1990 to Saint Gobain. Citing her good fortune, Deborah turned to the Foundation to create this scholarship and was also involved, with a group of other Norton executives, in creating The Partnership Fund for local granting.

Deborah went on to be a consultant in a variety of industries. For 10 years, she managed corporate strategy and leadership development at Bose Corporation, and in 2009, she joined Imperial Distributors in Auburn, MA as VP of Organizational Effectiveness. She is a 2013 inductee to *Women of Influence in the Food Industry*.

Deborah's generosity and her deep love for Worcester are evident in this annual award to help its young people pursue their dreams of a college education.