

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Local Scholarship Award Descriptions

The Lowell High School scholarship awards are made based on a competitive process which considers academic achievement, extracurricular activities, a statement of the applicant's personal aspirations and goals, and financial need. Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the scholarship committee's recommendations. All awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, gender, religion, or national origin. Awards vary in size depending on the amount of income available in each particular scholarship fund.

The Alto American Legion Scholarship is administered by the Alto American legion and is given to an LHS senior who attended Alto Elementary school. Involvement in extra-curricular activities and a minimum 3.0 GPA are required. Financial need will also be considered for this one-year award.

The Alto Lions Scholarship is administered by the Alto Lions Club and is given to an LHS senior living in the Alto area or Lowell Township who attended Alto Elementary School. Academics and extra-curricular activities will be considered for this one-year award.

The Alto Lions Scholarship - The Earl Posthumus Memorial is administered by the Alto Lions Club. This one-year award is given to an LHS senior living in the Alto area or Lowell Township who attended Alto Elementary School. The applicant must be either planning to pursue an agricultural degree or have an agricultural background. The scholarship is given in memory of Alto's dedicated community member and active club officer and will emphasize scholastic achievement, citizenship, attitude toward education and financial need.

The Andrew Benedict Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends in memory of this former Lowell High School graduate. An LHS senior planning to pursue a business degree at Central Michigan University is eligible for this one-year award. Athletics, academics and character will be considered.

The Athletic Boosters Scholarship - Lowell Area Schools is awarded to an LHS senior planning to attend a 4 year or 2 year college or vocational or technical program and have participated in a varsity sport during the fall and/or winter of the current school year or a varsity spring sport in the previous school year. Outstanding sportsmanship and leadership both on and off the field/court must be demonstrated. A letter of recommendation from your coach must be submitted for this one-year award.

The Tara Beran Spirit Scholarships are available to one LHS senior varsity cheerleader planning to further her education in college and one LHS senior planning to pursue a career in cosmetology, fashion or in the area of art. Involvement in school and community activities will also be considered for this one-year award.

The Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson & Dickinson Accounting, PC, Scholarship is awarded to a graduating LHS senior with a minimum 3.25 GPA who is planning to study accounting. This is a one-year award.

The Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship is a one-year award established by the Court family to honor a graduating LHS senior. Criteria for selection would include grade point average, demonstrable financial needs, school activities, community activities, desires, aims and motivation of applicant.

Edwin F. Doyle Scholarships are administered by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The funds were left by the Doyle family for the use of Lowell High School students. A 3.0 GPA is required along with extracurricular activities and community involvement. A student and their family must demonstrate financial need. The Doyle Scholarship is granted to high school seniors for one year.

The Greg Eldridge Memorial Scholarships have been established by Greg's family in his honor. Greg was a former Lowell graduate who knew how important continuing education was not only for him, but for his four children and other graduates. This one-year scholarship is for an LHS senior planning to pursue a degree in business or architecture. Academics, leadership and character will be considered.

The Engelhardt Scholarships are awarded to one senior enrolling at Michigan State University and up to four other qualifying seniors attending Lowell High School regardless of residency. In addition, seniors attending any public, private, charter, or home based school and residing in the city of Lowell, township of Lowell, or township of Vergennes may apply. Scholastics, financial need, extra-curricular activities and leadership are the criteria for this renewable award. This scholarship is awarded in memory of the past president of the State Savings Bank and a dedicated community leader. The scholarships are administered by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation with funds provided by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

The Phillip V. and Sylvia M. Frederickson Foundation Scholarship for Children of Heroes has been established by the Foundation and is awarded to a degree seeking Lowell High School senior. The student must be the child of a full-time (current, retired, or deceased) firefighter, police officer, or paramedic/EMT, or have an educational focus in the field of emergency services, and have a 2.5 or higher GPA. Financial need is considered for this one-year award.

The Phillip V. and Sylvia M. Frederickson Foundation Scholarship for Children of Teachers has been established by the Foundation and is awarded to a degree seeding Lowell High School senior. The student must be the child of a full-time (current, retired, or deceased) teacher or a Lowell Area Schools employee, and have a 2.5 or higher GPA to be eligible. Financial need is considered for this one-year award.

The James Edward Hale Scholarship is a scholarship fund provided by the Hale family and friends. To qualify, a student must be an outstanding LHS senior with experience in coaching or working with young people. Financial need will be considered. No minimum GPA is required for this one-year award.

The Patricia Fox-Harberts and Robert A. Harberts Scholarship is available to a Lowell Area Schools graduating senior who is pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational certificate at an accredited 2- or 4-year non-profit college/university/trade school in the United States. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and have financial need for this renewable award.

The Andrea Herrera Memorial Scholarship is in memory of Andrea, a 2011 LHS graduate, whose life was ended in an accident caused by a drunk driver. This one-year award is given by her family to honor Andrea's memory as well as raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving. LHS seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA and a plan to pursue higher education in the Art field are eligible. Outstanding character, leadership, dedication and the ability to make good life choices will also be considered. *An art portfolio or samples of your artwork are required for the selection process.*

The Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship has been established by family and friends in memory of Austin, a varsity soccer player. This one-year award is given to an LHS varsity letter winning senior athlete planning to play a collegiate sport. Leadership, extra-curricular activities and financial need will also be considered.

The Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarships are awarded to two LHS seniors who have a 3.0 minimum GPA. Emphasis on financial need is required for this one-year award.

The Lowell Women's Club Scholarships are available to high school senior girls who are members of the Lowell Women's Club. Involvement in the Club's activities is an important component for eligibility. The LWC Scholarship Committee awards the recipients for one year.

The Margaret McMahon Scholarship has been established by the McMahon family in memory of this former highly respected Lowell teacher. LHS seniors planning to pursue a career in teaching are eligible to apply. Scholastics, extra-curricular activities, community service and offices held, honors and awards received are considered in naming the recipient for this one-year scholarship.

The Shari Miller Scholarship was established in 2005 by friends of Shari Miller who donated money to a scholarship fund to be used for LHS seniors entering the field of education. This scholarship is a one-year award.

The Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends in honor of this former longtime teacher, coach and administrator. This award is given to a graduating LHS senior athlete who demonstrates financial need. A 3.0 minimum GPA is required for this one-year award.

The Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship provided by the Quada family and friends. The family wishes to recognize an LHS senior with the desire for pursuing school and community leadership activities. To be eligible a student must have demonstrated traits of responsibility, citizenship and motivation to succeed. Your two letters of recommendation must be focused on specific examples of your leadership activities (1 teacher and 1 other to show eligibility requirements). Financial need will be considered for this one-year award.

The Gary Rivers Scholarship has been established by the Rivers family in memory of Gary, a long time wrestling coach. Criteria includes an LHS senior letter winner in wrestling who has been involved in the program and served as a role model for the younger wrestlers through his demeanor and assistance. This scholarship is a one-year award.

The C.H. Runciman Scholarship is administered by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. School activities, 3.0 GPA, financial need and leadership roles are considered as criteria. Awards are for LHS seniors for one college year. C.H. Runciman was a former Lowell Board of Education President and active community member.

Peter and Evelyn Speerstra Scholarships are administered by Fifth Third Bank and the Speerstra Committee. The fund was left in trust by the Speerstra family to benefit LHS students. Scholastic achievement, citizenship, school and community involvement and financial need are criteria for the awards. No GPA is required, however, it is part of the consideration process. Students may re-apply throughout their college career.

The Thomas A. Stahr Green and White Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Lowell High School who has been accepted by Michigan State University and has committed to attend MSU. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and honor the accomplishments and hard work of a well-rounded student. At various times between 1968 and 2002, Tom Stahr taught Government and US History, coached cross country and served as Athletic Director at LHS. Qualified students must have

demonstrated leadership, good citizenship, academic standing and involvement in extracurricular activities. This is a one-year award and recipients are selected by a committee made up of LHS faculty.

The Jeff Sweet LASSO Community Scholarship is administered by the LASSO Board and awarded to an LHS senior who demonstrates a passion for sports, preferably soccer; strong involvement in the greater Lowell community; and leadership and service to younger athletes. Involvement in youth sports (e.g. LASSO or other local youth sports organization), leadership, extracurricular activities and two letters of recommendation (one from a coach) are requirements for consideration of this one-year award.

The Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship has been established by family and friends in honor of Kathy, a long time teacher and coach. This one-year award is given to a female LHS senior athlete who demonstrates financial need. No minimum GPA is required.

The Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship has been established by the Tichelaar family in memory of Mandy, a varsity softball player. An LHS senior varsity softball player who demonstrates sportsmanship, dedication, and a strong love of the game will be awarded the one-year scholarship.

The Shelby Tomczak-Offrink Scholarship has been established by family and friends to honor her shining spirit and love for life! To be eligible for this one year award an LHS senior must be pursuing a four-year college degree and demonstrate that they are a highly motivated and well-rounded student. Outstanding character, leadership skills, academic excellence, as well as involvement in extra-curricular activities/sports and financial need will also be considered by the family for this scholarship.

The Thomas Wilcox Scholarship is awarded to an LHS senior planning to attend a four-year college located in the state of Michigan. This is a one-year award.

The Wyntjes Medical Scholarship was established by the Pieternella Janna Wyntjes family who donated money to a scholarship fund to be used for LHS seniors entering the medical field. Academics, school involvement, goals and financial need are considered. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years.

The Yeiter Family Scholarship was established by Betty Yeiter in honor of the Yeiter family. This one-time renewable scholarship is awarded to a senior of Lowell High School planning to enroll at Grand Rapids Community College. Betty was a long-time teacher in the Lowell school district teaching history, geography and civics. She taught at the country school located south of Alto, Runciman Elementary and retired from Alto Elementary in 1984. She continues to volunteer at numerous organizations in Lowell and give back to her community. Scholarship criteria include: a 2.5 GPA or higher, extra-curricular involvement, a strong work ethic and community involvement and/or work experience.

Additional Scholarships

The Byrne Family Scholarship was established by the Byrne family for graduating LHS seniors to assist those students in pursuit of undergraduate and associate degrees and vocational education. The scholarships are renewable from two to five years.

The Betty Jastifer Memorial Scholarship was established by the Jastifer family to recognize an LHS senior who has lost a close family member (mother, father, brother, sister, or grandparent). To be eligible, a student must be planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college. No minimum GPA is required for this scholarship which may be renewed for up to four years.

The LowellArts Scholarship is a one-year scholarship administered by LowellArts and is awarded to an outstanding high school senior who is pursuing studies beyond high school in any area of the arts, including visual art, theater, music, dance, and film. Samples of artworks, video, photos or resume of past arts experiences are required for this scholarship.

The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship is administered by LowellArts. Louise's friends and family established this one-year award in her memory. Each year, an outstanding Lowell High School graduating senior who is pursuing studies beyond high school in the fine arts (visual or performing arts) is honored. Samples of artworks, video, photos or resume of past arts experiences are required for this scholarship.

The LEA Scholarships are given each year by school employees who voluntarily contribute to a scholarship fund, which is administered by the Lowell Education Association for the purpose of providing financial assistance to seniors. The categories are Senior Leadership and Dependent Award.

The Susan Burt Scholarship was established by friends and family in honor of Sue, a longtime teacher and MEA Uniserve Director. This one-year award is given to a graduating LHS senior who is committed to entering the field of education.

The Lowell Middle School Chess Club Scholarship is awarded to a LHS senior who has been a member of the high school or middle school Chess Club and has demonstrated the desire to apply to their life the broader long-range thought, strategizing, and planning that chess fosters.

The Lowell Rotary Scholarships: The Hahn/Rotary Club of Lowell Scholarship, The King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, The Dorothy J. & Clinton J. Christoff Scholarship, The Eva & Lee Lampkin Scholarship, The Donald and

Ellura McPherson Scholarship. These scholarships are administered by The Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation and are awarded to students who embody the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self”. Community service is the primary criteria for these awards. To be eligible, students must attend LHS or live in the Lowell school district and attend any public, private, charter or home-based school.