



Arthur J. Smith and Dorothy G. Smith Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

In 2005, Patricia C. Smith and William A. Smith created this scholarship to honor their parents, Arthur and Dorothy, and to celebrate Arthur's long teaching career at South High Community School. It is awarded to students from South High who have excelled academically and demonstrated moral character.

Dorothy G. Smith was born in Worcester and attended Worcester public schools. Arthur J. Smith, also born in Worcester, graduated from Commerce High School in 1940. Two years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Arthur and Dorothy married in 1944. Arthur became an Air Force Captain and went to England to fight in World War II with the 532nd Bomb Squadron. In 1945, he was seriously injured during the Allied bombing of Germany. He was awarded a Purple Heart and six other military medals of honor. It took three years and five surgeries for Arthur to recuperate from his injuries. Near the end of that period, in late 1947, he was discharged to civilian life.

Arthur went on to earn a B.A. from Clark University and a Master's in Education from Worcester State College. He taught for 30 years in the Worcester Public Schools, including 19 years at South High Community School (1959-1978). He and Dorothy raised their son and daughter in West Boylston, MA. The children, Patricia and William, established this scholarship around the time of their parents' 60th wedding anniversary.

Arthur passed away in 2010, after 66 years of marriage, and Dorothy followed three months later. By that time, five students from South High Community School had already received this scholarship, and Arthur and Dorothy were pleased that this financial assistance would help them, and many future recipients, attain their goals of higher education.

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