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**Scholarship**  
**YEARBOOK**  
**2024**

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These students will all attend Assumption University in the fall, and will receive a matching scholarship from the school thanks to a new partnership between Greater Worcester Community Foundation and Assumption University.

To learn more about this partnership and the 2024 recipients, see pg. 22 of this yearbook.

*This yearbook reflects scholarship and awardee information as of September 13, 2024.*



Each year, we produce a scholarship yearbook to celebrate the hard work of Worcester County students as they head into the next chapter of their lives. Each student highlighted in this yearbook was awarded a scholarship in recognition of their personal and academic achievements, supported by the generosity of the Foundation's 142 scholarship fundholders. It is thanks to these fundholders that the Foundation has been able to award \$15 million in scholarships to more than 10,000 students since the program was created in 1978, making us the largest non-college scholarship provider in Worcester County.

You may notice some changes in the ways we talk about our scholarships. Increasingly, our fundholders are seeing the value in offering renewable scholarships to students – awards that follow the student throughout their college journey, helping provide valuable financial security.

This yearbook celebrates all the students receiving an award from our scholarship funds this year, whether it be a one-time award, a renewable award, or an award that is renewing from a previous year. In total, we are proud to make \$742,450 in payments this year, with an additional \$894,250 committed over the next three years in renewable awards. That's a total commitment of \$1.6 million in financial aid for Worcester County students, and we're pleased to be supporting recipients from 67 towns and cities in Worcester County and beyond.

We hope you enjoy the stories included throughout this yearbook, celebrating the different perspectives, interests and experiences each of these students will bring to their postsecondary studies. We wish them all the best in their endeavors.

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**Pete Dunn**

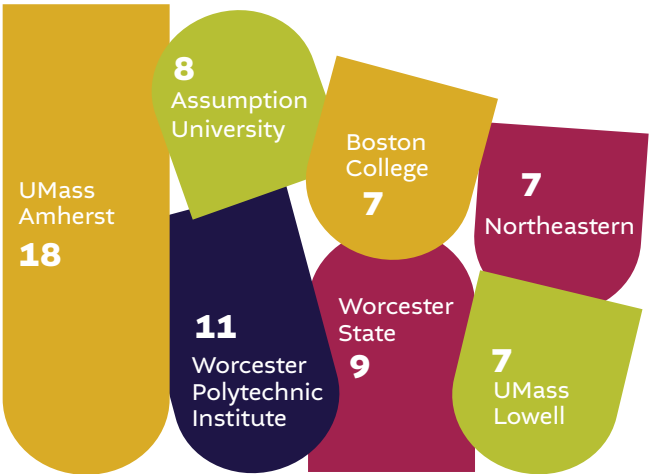
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Numbers

A snapshot of the scholarship awards made for the 2024-25 school year. College data and student demographics reflect new awards only.



Top 7 Colleges & Universities

Our scholarship awardees will attend 102 different universities and colleges across the U.S. (+ one in Canada!)

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Top College Majors

- Biology
- Business
- Computer Science
- Psychology
- Nursing



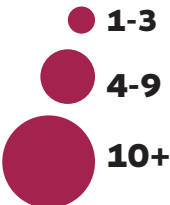
Total Commitments For Next 4 Years

Total amount paid in 2024  
**\$742,450** + Commitments made in renewable scholarships\*  
**\$894,250** =  
**\$ 1,636,700**

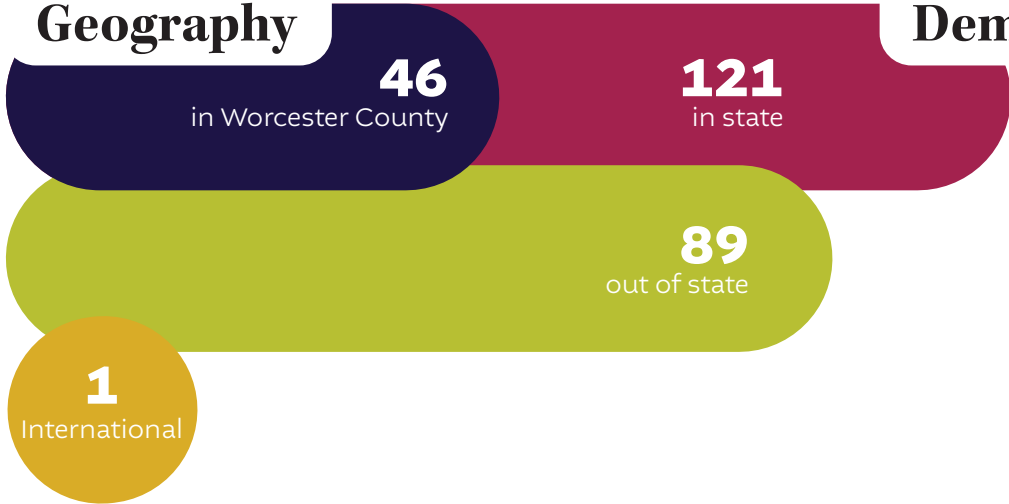
\*Renewable scholarships are contingent on requirements identified by the fundholder (e.g. the student's continued full-time enrollment in the college).

Awards by Region

Our scholarships will support students from 67 towns and cities in Worcester County and beyond.



College Geography



Student Demographics

- 36** are the first in their family to attend college
- 67** are the child/grandchild of refugees or immigrants
- 40** are first-generation Americans

428

Awards Made in 2024

- 200** existing renewal commitments
- 147** new, one-time awards
- 81** new, renewable awards



# 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

**Kael Susanto**, Westborough High School  
Bryant University, Information Systems & Analytics  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

“As a proud resident of Westborough, MA, I am deeply honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. I am sincerely thankful for this generous support and am committed to making the most of this incredible opportunity.”

### Alexander G. Simonatis Scholarship

**Abigail Nass**, Wachusett Regional High School  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

### Andrew Sala Memorial Scholarship

**Tyler Bevan**, Nipmuc Regional High School  
Western New England University, Criminal Justice  
\$1,500

**Maria Ceruti**, Nipmuc Regional High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Animal Science  
\$1,500

### Anita & Nathaniel A. Feingold Scholarship

**Paige Lindley**, Quabbin Regional High School  
Merrimack College, Psychology  
\$850 | Total award: \$3,400

### Anne Carey Murphy Memorial Scholarship

**Mary McGeachie**, North Brookfield High School  
Westfield State University, Elementary Education  
\$2,000

### Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship

**Theodore Caparotta**, Norwood High School  
University of Rhode Island, Doctor of Pharmacy Program  
\$1,000

**Temeka Fosu-Akese**, South High Community School  
Emory University, Biology/Pre-Med  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$2,000

### Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship

**Molly Stinchfield**, Douglas High School  
Roger Williams University, Graphic Design/Computer Science  
\$2,000

**Siobhan Twohig-Mann**, Uxbridge High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biochemistry  
\$2,000

**Sorcha Twohig-Mann**, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Worcester State University, Biology  
\$1,000

**Cecelia White**, Douglas High School  
Plymouth State University, Athletic Training  
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

### Arthur J. Remillard, Jr. Scholarship

**Nancy Osei**, Worcester Technical High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Biology  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

### Belmont Street Community School Scholarship

**Clarissa Alexis**, North High School  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Nursing  
\$400

### Ben P. Masterman Scholarship

**Taleah Boothe**, Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School  
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Exercise Science  
\$1,800

### Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship

**Jibril Erraihani**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Electrical Engineering  
\$1,000

**Peter Lavache**, Bartlett High School  
Quinsigamond Community College, Business  
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

### Bruce S. Bennett Fund for Community Journalism Scholarship

**Jackson Pfeiffer**, Milford High School  
University of Connecticut, Digital Media and Design  
\$450

## Siobhan and Sorcha Twohig-Mann

### Arno and Roberta E. Wagner Scholarship

Twin sisters Sorcha and Siobhan share diverse passions across sports, music, science, and storytelling, but they have a clear common goal: to help others. Siobhan aspires to use science to aid people in need, particularly those lacking access to essential resources like healthcare. Sorcha would like to become a physician's assistant, a career that will allow her to explore various medical specialties and satisfy her boundless curiosity. As part of a family with five children, the scholarships awarded to Sorcha and Siobhan will not only propel their educational pursuits but also ease the financial strain on their family.

“Over the last two years, I’ve had the opportunity to share still images and video content in support of local community sports in Worcester County ... I look forward to continuing my studies at the University of Connecticut and to enhance my skills so that I can continue to produce engaging and thoughtful stories about sports through images.”

### Carrick Foundation Scholarship

**Callie Jee**, Northbridge High School  
University of Tennessee, Materials Science & Engineering  
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

### Catherine Burgholzer Memorial Scholarship

**Emily Boucher**, Shrewsbury High School  
Boston College, Biology  
\$1,000

### Charles & Louise Hugo Community Service Award

**Thomas Robinson**, St. John’s High School  
Dartmouth College  
\$2,000

### Charlton PTO Scholarship

**Rachel Gormley**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Western Carolina University, Interior Design  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

**Maggie Mullaly**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Nichols College  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

### Class of Tomorrow Scholarship

**Belal Alnajjar**, Wachusett Regional High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

### Claudia Simonian Scholarship

**Janyah Negron**, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
\$2,000  
  
**Laura Sullivan**, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Marist College  
\$2,000

### Cynthia & Harrison Taylor Scholarship

**Katelyn Smith**  
Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, Licensed Practical Nurse program  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

### Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship

**Denisa Iljas**, South High Community School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,000

“As the daughter of Albanian immigrants and a single mom, this scholarship has given me the opportunity to pursue my education without financial stress.”

### Daniel Stephen Lussier Athletic Scholarship

**Hanna Nemeroff**, Quaboag Regional Middle/High School  
Boston University, Physical Therapy  
\$800





December 3rd Scholarship

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

The following students will receive a renewable scholarship of \$2,000 per school year, totalling \$8,000 each:

Brayden Auger, Worcester Technical High School  
Fitchburg State University, Construction Management

Kayla Belsito, Doherty Memorial High School

Isabella Giaquinto, Wachusett Regional High School  
Syracuse University, Broadcasting/Marketing

Tyler Judge, Wachusett Regional High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Marketing

Thomas Papagni, Worcester Technical High School  
Saint Anselm College, Politics

Marissa Rossetti, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Bryant University, Marketing

Debbie Anne Johnson Memorial Scholarship  
Eleanore Meltzer, Tahanto Regional High School  
Westfield State University, Theater Design  
\$1,500

Dennis Elroy Barry Memorial Scholarship  
Kendra Anim, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Political Science  
\$400

Derek Gaudette Memorial Scholarship  
Ava Bergeron, David Prouty High School  
University of New Hampshire, Cybersecurity  
\$1,000  
  
Layne Perchak, David Prouty High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Computer Science  
\$1,000

Doris Salzer Memorial Scholarship  
Rafaella Souza Passos, North High School  
Boston College, Psychology  
\$1,000

East Brookfield Scholarship  
Madison Ethier, David Prouty High School  
Northeastern University  
\$1,000  
  
Jordan Lyon, David Prouty High School  
Framingham State University, Food and Nutrition  
\$1,000  
  
Ayla Messier, David Prouty High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Marketing  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Edward Carien Scholarship  
Christian Baez-Guigni, Doherty Memorial High School  
Bucknell University, Accounting  
\$700

Elm Park Community School Scholarship  
Maikel Feliz, Claremont Academy  
Boston College, Business  
\$1,800

Erin Coonan Schmidt Scholarship for Health & Wellness  
Nathania Antwi, Burncoat High School  
University of Pennsylvania, Political Science  
\$1,000

Expository Writing Scholarship Honoring Marjorie Frye  
Molly Baker, Leicester High School  
American University, Justice and Law  
\$1,000  
  
Michael Connly, Leicester High School  
Worcester State University, Psychology  
\$1,000

Fairlawn Foundation Scholarship  
Alexanne Sumner, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Northeastern University, Health Sciences  
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Finnish American Social Club Scholarship  
Charlotte Leppamaki, Northbridge High School  
\$1,000  
  
Andrew Shultz, Marianapolis Preparatory School  
University of Florida, Finance  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Fitchburg Sportsmen’s Club Scholarship  
Ava Bjorkman, Oakmont Regional High School  
University of New Haven, Environmental Science  
\$1,000

Frances F. Mansfield Scholarship  
Sarah Viveiros, Lunenburg High School  
Case Western Reserve University, Biomedical Engineering  
\$1,000

Francine “Doc” Smith Memorial Scholarship  
Chloe Fredette, Quaboag Regional Middle/High School  
Springfield Technical Community College, Business  
\$500

Fred and Leona Eppinger Scholarship  
Eliana Barnett, David Prouty High School  
Ithaca College, Occupational Therapy  
\$2,500

Friends of Rutland Heights Hospital Scholarship  
Abigail Asare, Worcester Technical High School  
Northeastern University, Nursing  
\$2,000

George W. Hanson Memorial Scholarship  
Stephen Kett, Worcester Technical High School  
Quinsigamond Community College, Electrical Engineering  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

“To be the recipient of this award allows me to feel extremely grateful towards the donor and thankful to Mr. Hanson and his passion for trade school students to succeed.”

Great Futures Start Here Fund of the Boys & Girls Club of Worcester Scholarship  
Lesiah Byron, Worcester Technical High School  
Anna Maria College, Nursing  
\$1,000

Greg’s Grant  
Jenna O’Connell, Acton Boxborough Regional High School  
University of New Hampshire, Health and Human Services  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Grynsel Educational Scholarship  
Sophie Boyd, Westborough High School  
Fairfield University, Business  
\$600

GWCF General Scholarship  
Micheal DiTullio, Nashoba Regional High School  
Lafayette College, Biology  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship  
Emily Cleary-Poteet, Worcester Technical High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Biomedical Engineering  
\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000

“While I was excited to be attending my dream school, I was facing the fact that I’d be in a lot of debt that may very well have hindered my plans to go to medical school. When I got news of being awarded this scholarship, it felt like a breath of fresh air. I am so thankful to now be able to focus on my studies in my undergraduate years without the added burden of how I will finance them.”

Leah Jones, Burncoat High School  
Clark University, Interactive Media and Game Design  
\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000

Lesiah Byron

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

From a young age, Lesiah knew she wanted to either work in the healthcare field or work with kids as a teacher. While attending Worcester Technical High School, she interned at North High School through their Certified Nurse Aid program. It was there that Lesiah realized she could combine her passions by working with children in the healthcare field. Lesiah will pursue a degree in Nursing at Anna Maria College, aspiring to become a pediatric nurse.





# Jevin Ta

## Ken and Pat Jones Scholarship

When Jevin started high school, he was shy and reserved. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, he faced homophobia and discrimination at his all-boys Catholic high school, which he had chosen for its quality of education. Rather than retreat, Jevin took a leadership role by helping to found PRISM, an LGBTQ+ society for students. This initiative led to significant positive changes, including a more accepting social atmosphere, fewer instances of bigotry, and greater tolerance by both students and teachers of fashion choices that strayed from gender norms. Jevin’s high school experience also sparked an interest in computer science, which he will pursue further at his dream school, the University of Pennsylvania.



“*With this support, I will be able to immerse myself fully in my coursework and participate in extracurricular activities that enhance my learning experience. It also enables me to consider participating in internships and co-op programs that will provide invaluable real-world experience and help me apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings*”

**Bu Meh**, Worcester Technical High School  
Worcester State University  
**\$3,500 | Total award: \$14,000**

**Hedin Family Memorial Scholarship**  
**Alaina Toohey**, Auburn High School  
Central Connecticut State University, Elementary Education  
**\$1,000**

**Helen and Chuck Arsenault Scholarship**  
**Shawn Bloniasz**, Leicester High School  
Roger Williams University, Business  
**\$1,000**

**Herbert D. Sherwin Memorial Scholarship**  
**Pauline Farinacci**  
Fitchburg State University, Film Studies  
**\$9,500 | Total award: \$19,000**

**Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship**  
**James Hess**, Shrewsbury High School  
University of Delaware, Chemical Engineering  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Sofia McCarty**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Ida and Murray Rotman Scholarship**  
**Daniel Gronek**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Assumption University, Accounting  
**\$1,000**

**Julia Habib**, Algonquin Regional High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Business/Hospitality  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

**Janet Fraser Scholarship**  
**Meray Khela**, Medway High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science  
**\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000**

**Jeffrey S. Edinberg Memorial Scholarship**  
**Bernella Francois**, Burncoat High School  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Biology  
**\$1,000**

**Hilda Kamanu**, Burncoat High School  
Northeastern University, Psychology  
**\$1,000**

**Jenica Lynn Junnila Memorial Scholarship**  
**Andrew Lukas**, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Civil Engineering  
**\$500**

**John and Fran Duke Scholarship**  
**Eliana Panopio**, South High Community School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Applied Physics  
**\$1,000**

**John F. Freeland Memorial Scholarship**  
**Erin Sullivan**, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Marist College, Psychology  
**\$1,800**

**Judge and Mrs. William Garbose Scholarship**  
**Sanai Lewis**, North High School  
Assumption University, Criminology / Political Science  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

**Kathleen Terry Memorial Scholarship**  
**Emilie Motyka**, Tantasqua Regional High School  
Fashion Institute of Technology, Textile Development and Marketing  
**\$800**

**Kelly A. Davis Memorial Scholarship**  
**Catherine Kelley**, Grafton Memorial High School  
Fairfield University, Accounting  
**\$650**

**Ken and Pat Jones Scholarship**  
**Chloe Graves**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
University of Connecticut, Elementary Education  
**\$2,500**  
  
**Jevin Ta**, St. John’s High School  
University of Pennsylvania, Computer Science  
**\$2,500**

**L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship**  
**Erin Dailida**, Shrewsbury High School  
Assumption University, Nursing  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship**  
**Grace Biron**, Quabbin Regional High School  
Mount Wachusett Community College, Veterinary Technology  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

**Tippie Sullivan**, Quabbin Regional High School  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering  
**\$2,000**

**Lawrence M. and Augusta L. Keeler Scholarship**  
**Kayda King**, Northbridge High School  
Mount Holyoke College, Physics  
**\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000**

**Leicester High School Football Alumni Scholarship**  
**Patrick Harrington**, Leicester High School  
University of Hartford, Business Analytics & Managerial Economics  
**\$650**

**Leicester Samaritan Nursing Association Scholarship**  
**Charolette Libby-Toler**, Leicester High School  
Northeastern University, Nursing  
**\$1,200**

**Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship**  
**Hannah Collette**, Leicester High School  
University of Hartford, Accounting  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

**Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship**  
**Sadie Michelson**, Tahanto Regional High School  
Connecticut College, Mathematics  
**\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000**

“*I worried about loans and debt and how that would affect my future. After receiving this scholarship, I feel more secure in my financial situation and I know it is feasible for me to ... pursue a career in math and education.*”

**Cecilia Worden**, Narraganset Regional High School  
Benedictine College, Math and Education  
**\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000**

**Leonard H. White Scholarship**  
**Benjamin Butler**, St. John’s High School  
Stonehill College, Management  
**\$1,000**

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

**Meghan D’Acri**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Nichols College, Criminal Psychology  
**\$1,000**

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

**Tess Lee**, Doherty Memorial High School  
Clemson University, Business  
**\$1,000**

**Lily Malloy**, Nipmuc Regional Middle/High School  
Framingham State University  
**\$1,000**

**Noalani Perez**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Business Management  
**\$1,000**

**Cassidy Semo**, Marianapolis Preparatory School  
University of Tampa, Marketing  
**\$1,000**

**Trinity Semo**  
Hofstra University, Dance Education  
**\$1,000**

**Jacob Standrowicz**, North Brookfield High School  
Providence College, Health Sciences  
**\$1,000**

**Joseph Standrowicz**, Quaboag Regional Middle/High School  
University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Accounting  
**\$1,000**



Leonide J. Lemire VFW Post 6055 Scholarship

Carly Impey, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of New Haven, Forensic Science  
\$1,500

Kayla Nguyen, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of Connecticut, Nursing  
\$1,500

Grace St. Laurent, Tantasqua Regional High School  
Harvard University, Biomedical Engineering  
\$1,500

Leroy Weiner Scholarship

Joshua Schnee, Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$2,000

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

Christian Ortiz-Torres, Southbridge High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Aerospace Engineering  
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Lieutenant James F. “Jay” Lyons III Memorial Scholarship

Morgan Granger, Doherty Memorial High School  
Assumption University, Cybersecurity  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Andrew Suyer, Doherty Memorial High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Loretta J. Belval Scholarship

Skyla Jack, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Roger Williams University, Secondary Education/Chemistry  
\$1,300 | Total award: \$5,200

Love Your Neighbor Award

Serena Rodriguez, Notre Dame Academy  
Assumption University, School Counseling  
\$1,000

Lunenberg Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Julia Acampora, Lunenburg High School  
Rivier University, Exercise Science  
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Magee Family Education Fund

Destiny Husson, Narraganset Regional High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Legal Studies  
\$2,500 | Total award: \$10,000

Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship

Ravila Freitas De Souza, Shrewsbury High School  
Worcester State University, Business Administration  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Paige Umile, Shrewsbury High School  
Providence College, Biology  
\$1,000

Marilyn M. and Russell J. Fox Scholarship

Yara Alomar, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Worcester State University, Nursing  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Frabotta, Northbridge High School  
University of Rhode Island, Health Education  
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Mark W. Tripp Scholarship

Matthew Benestad, St. John's High School  
Fairfield University, Sports Media  
\$1,000

Marty Hastings Memorial Scholarship

Janderick Quinones, Burncoat High School  
Western Connecticut State University, Health Promotion and Exercise Science  
\$1,200

Mary and John Buckley Memorial Educational Fund Scholarship

Mugure Mwangi, Worcester Academy  
Northeastern University, Environmental Engineering  
\$800

Mary Ann Binkoski Scholarship

Fredricka Ababio, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Elementary Education  
\$700

Mary Connolly Memorial Scholarship

Arayah Powell, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Assumption University  
\$250

Mary Olive Wood Scholarship

Daniel Kudron, Oxford High School  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Civil Engineering  
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

“I am honored to recieve the Mary Olive Wood Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. As a lifelong resident of Oxford, it is an incredible accolade to be granted this award, which pays tribute to a highly respected and influential figure in my own community.”

Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship

Sabrina Simpson, Wachusett Regional High School  
University of Connecticut, Physiology and Neurobiology  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Mary Sahagen Lonstein Scholarship

Sofiela Danga, Bancroft School  
College of the Holy Cross, Biology  
\$2,800

Maureen Henrickson Memorial Scholarship

Emily Britton, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Worcester State University, Elementary Education  
\$500

Max H. & Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship

Brandon Grenier, David Prouty High School  
University of Connecticut, Nursing  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

Mary T. Cocaine Scholarship

Established as part of a \$4 million gift to the Foundation through the Mary T. Cocaine Trust, this scholarship fund will support students in Worcester and its contiguous towns. As Mary firmly believed in providing opportunities for others to achieve the American Dream, this scholarship particularly supports children of immigrants and refugees. The size of this scholarship fund allows the Foundation to make significant renewable scholarship awards, allowing the students listed below to start their college experience with little to no debt.

Pomaa Anim-Amofa, North High School  
University of Notre Dame, Computer Science  
\$1,500

Kiet Bui, South High Community School  
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Nutritional Science  
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

“As a first-generation college student learning how to do things on my own [...] I am grateful to be given an opportunity to alleviate my financial burdens and pursue my studies and goals that will hopefully lead to innovation within nutrition and aid those with food insecurity. With this scholarship, I will be able to focus on my studies with less worries of debt.”

Natalie Camerano, North High School  
Anna Maria College, Forensic Science  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Michelle Fosu, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Southern California, Psychology  
\$4,000 | Total award: \$16,000

“As the child of an immigrant and now a first generation college student, being able to attend college has always been a necessity in order to improve the lives of my family members, both here and in our home country [...] This scholarship has brought me one step closer to being able to graduate college without financially burdening my family.”

Sweeta Ghimiray, Burncoat High Schoo  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Kinesiology  
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Kimberly Noguera, Claremont Academy  
Middlebury College, Political Science  
\$4,000 | Total award: \$16,000

Daniel Kudron  
Mary Olive Wood Scholarship

Daniel knew early on that he didn’t want to pursue a traditional four-year degree that would land him a desk job, as he thrives on hands-on work. He envisions a career where he can be out in the field, directly seeing the results of his efforts. While he’s still exploring his exact career path, Daniel knows he wants to work in the trades. Thanks to the Mary Olive Wood scholarship, he will begin his freshman year at UMass Dartmouth, studying Construction Project Management, free from financial concerns.





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:

- **Maggie Spring**, University of Connecticut, Exercise Science
- **Christina Drake**, Northeastern University

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

- **Nina Abroff**, College for Creative Studies, Illustration
- **Mackenzie Adam**, Quinnipiac University, Biology
- **Jorja Adiletto**, Worcester State University, Occupational Studies
- **Deyah AlAjarma**, Trinity College, Political Science
- **Taelyn Albrecht**, Stony Brook University, Astronomy
- **Sally Ames**, Maine College of Art and Animation, Animation and Game Art
- **Pyper Bourre**, Sacred Heart University, Exercise Science
- **Kathryn Buckley**, James Madison University, Hospitality Mangement
- **Sophia Connor**, University of South Carolina, Economics
- **Grace Coppola**, University of New Hampshire, Psychology
- **Grace Croft**, Bridgewater State University, Psychology
- **Jacob Curry**, State University of New York Delhi, Vet Tech
- **Muzixin Dang**, Northwestern University, Economics
- **Justin Dankievitch**, University of New Hampshire, Biology
- **Hannah Delaney**, College of the Holy Cross
- **Mharli Delpe**, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Chemical Engineering
- **Samuel Dos Santos**, College of the Holy Cross, Economics and Finance
- **Abigail Flanagan**, University of Connecticut, Environmental Engineering
- **Tony Gattas**, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Finance
- **Maria Gobran**, University of Connecticut, Physiology and Neurobiology
- **James Hazeldine**, Bridgewater State University, Communication
- **Heidi Housmann**, Mount Holyoke College, International Relations
- **Wood Jacques**, Mass Bay Community College, Nursing Assistant
- **Jamilah Kasozi**, Simmons College, Biochemistry
- **Priya Khatripri**, Univeristy of Pittsburgh, Linguistics
- **Meray Khela**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Computer Science
- **Madilyn Martone**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Education
- **Averi McAuliffe**, University of Connecticut, Allied Health
- **Eleanor O’Connor**, Skidmore College
- **Samara Orr**, University of Vermont, Zoology
- **Victor Rasmussen**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Neuroscience
- **Kathryn Reichman**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Vet Tech
- **Christiane Rodrigues**, Fitchburg State University, Criminal Justice
- **Renee Stockfish**, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mechanical Engineering
- **Andrew Talcoff**, Salve Regina University, Business Administration
- **Alivia Toure**, San Diego State University, Accounting

Melanie Davidian Memorial Scholarship

**Edmond Dotse**, South High Community School  
Boston College, Health Science  
**\$1,500**

**Arieyana Robinson**, South High Community School  
Fitchburg State University, Criminal Justice and Police Program  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

Melvin S. Cutler Scholarship

**Regan Jost**, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Mechanical Engineering  
**\$1,300 | Total award: \$5,200**

Michael Minty Memorial Scholarship

**Hailey Dunn**, Doherty Memorial High School  
Union College, Economics  
**\$1,500**

Nichols Academy Marilyn T. and Gerald Fels Scholarship

**Daniel Lincoln**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Suffolk University, Political Science  
**\$3,000**

*“My motivation for becoming a lawyer is mainly to help those in Worcester County be protected by the laws. In today’s society, so many people are mistreated by the legal system and do not have the resources available to speak out against any injustices they may have faced. I hope that I can give support to those in the area who eagerly need it.”*

**Wiktoría Potem**, Marianapolis Preparatory School  
Sacred Heart University, Health Sciences  
**\$3,000**

**Jacob Sirard**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Computer Engineering  
**\$3,000**

**Helene Weimbs**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Mount Holyoke College, Psychology  
**\$3,000**

Norma & Saul F. Feingold Scholarship

**Eneid Andoni**, Doherty Memorial High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

Patricia A. and Robert M. Bourke Memorial Scholarship

**Nicholas Gillette**, Auburn High School  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Computer Science  
**\$1,600**

**Sadie Kulma**, Auburn High School  
University of New Hampshire, Nursing  
**\$1,600**

Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship

**Katherine Przypek**, Wachusett Regional High School  
Assumption University, Biology  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

Paul E. Tarkiainen Art Award Scholarship

**Liberty Russell**, South High Community School  
Massachusetts Art of College, Media Arts  
**\$1,600**

Paul J. Westberg Memorial Scholarship

**I’Ryee Adjeman**, Bancroft School  
College of the Holy Cross, Pre-Law  
**\$350**

Paul M. Gervais Memorial Music Scholarship

**William Ryan**, Burncoat High School  
University of Miami, Music Theory and Composition  
**\$1,500**

Project Aspire Scholarship

**Kendra Anim**, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Biochemistry  
**\$600**

Reginald Washburn Scholarship

**Juliana Narh**, Bancroft School  
Johnson and Wales University, Culinary Science & Product Development  
**\$1,300 | Total award: \$5,200**

Richard and Jeanne Ahlquist Community Service Scholarship

**Casey Wong**, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School  
University of Toronto, Civil Engineering  
**\$500**

Richard W. Pierce Scholarship

**Alin Dola**, Doherty Memorial High School  
Worcester State University, Art  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

Robert P. Currie Scholarship

**Cayla Ehrlich**, Westborough High School  
Syracuse University, Business  
**\$950**

Robert P. Goulet Memorial Scholarship

**Emily Charlton**, Tahanto Regional High School  
University of Florida, Mathematics  
**\$550**

*“I am especially grateful to receive this award because it recognizes outstanding community service. Volunteering and contributing to my community have always been and will continue to be an important part of my life. I am dedicated to making the most of this opportunity and I plan to give back to the community in the future, just as you have supported me.”*

Robert T. Salem Educational Scholarship

**Daniel Daige**, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Aerospace Engineering  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

Robert Thomson Scholarship

**Jack Minahan**, Londonderry High School  
Plymouth State University, Digital Music Technology  
**\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000**

Santo J. and Ellen M. DiDonato Memorial Scholarship

**Nicholas Damelio**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Boston College, Finance  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

**Zachary Wennerberg**, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Electromechanical Engineering  
**\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000**

Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Scholarship

**Jasmine Conde**, University Park Campus School  
Worcester State University, Early Childhood Education and Spanish  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Nadia Eshun**, Worcester Technical High School  
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Political Science  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Ruby Ho**, Worcester Technical High School  
Columbia University, Biomedical Engineering  
**\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000**

**Treyvon Nugent**, North High School  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Fashion and Design  
**\$3,000**



Stephen G. and Jacqueline A. Economos Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Ava Askren, Clinton Senior High School  
Boston University, Biology  
\$1,000

Steve Drawbridge Memorial Scholarship

Alexander Bates, Wachusett Regional High School  
University of Arizona, Geosciences  
\$900

Summers Family Education Scholarship

Cheyenne Rosenberger, Milford High School  
University of Vermont, Psychology  
\$500

Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship

Angela Dhima, Doherty Memorial High School  
Tufts University, Biology  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Eftalia Economou, Bancroft School  
Williams College, Pre-Med  
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Fatima Foladi, South High Community School  
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Aerospace Engineering  
\$4,000 | Total award: \$16,000

Gauri Srivatsa, Worcester Academy  
New York University, Business Entrepreneurship  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Ai Vy Ngo, South High Community School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Computer Science  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Verena Welch, Wachusett Regional High School  
Brown University, Health and Human Biology  
\$3,000 | Total award: \$12,000

Joseph Yu, Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science  
Yale University, Computer Science  
\$2,000 | Total award: \$8,000

Swedish National Federation Nylund Memorial Scholarship

Axel Soderquist, Algonquin Regional High School  
Harvard University, Computer Science  
\$1,000

Tahanto Regional High School Scholarship

Zoe Abdella, Tahanto Regional High School  
Boston College, Psychology  
\$1,400

Aidan Clisham, Tahanto Regional High School  
Stonehill College, Business Management  
\$1,400

Vaughn Kaprelian Scholarship

Nicole Nguyen, Westborough High School  
Boston University, Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

William Fitzgibbons, Westborough High School  
Purdue University, Mechanical Engineering  
\$1,500 | Total award: \$6,000

Walker Family Scholarship

Destiny Husson, Narraganset Regional High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Legal Studies  
\$5,000

Wallace D. and Dorothy M. Andrews Scholarship

Audric Adonteng, St. Bernard Central Catholic High School  
Harvard University, Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology  
\$1,000

Baffour Asare, St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior High School  
Virginia State University, Biology  
\$1,000

“Thanks to your generosity, I am able to pursue my studies ... without the overwhelming burden of financial stress. I am currently majoring in Biology with a focus on becoming a radiation therapist. This scholarship is a crucial step towards achieving my goals and making a meaningful impact in my field.”

Gerard Belhomme Jimenez, North High School  
Quinsigamond Community College, Electrical Engineering  
\$1,000

Athena Karas, Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Chemistry  
\$1,000

Webster Square Business Association Scholarship

Niragira Francine, South High Community School  
Depaul University, Neuroscience  
\$600

William J. Short Scholarship

Libby Fernald, Nipmuc Regional Middle/High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Management  
\$1,000

Sadaqat Khan, Worcester Technical High School  
Boston College, Business  
\$1,000

William P. and Carolyn C. Cannon Scholarship

Devin Capurso, Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Business  
\$5,000 | Total award: \$20,000

Basheera Hammond, Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Wentworth Institute of Technology, Architecture  
\$2,000

“William’s legacy in Millbury and Carolyn’s extensive volunteer work reflects the values I strive to embody in my own life, which is commitment, perseverance, and a passion

for helping others. Additionally, Carol C. Cannon’s thoughtful bequest to honor her parents’ memory through this scholarship demonstrates a profound belief in the power of education and community support.”

Worcester Latino Coalition Scholarship

Angeliz Maldonado, Worcester Technical High School  
Assumption University, Psychology/Biology  
\$1,000

Worcester Swedish Charitable Association Scholarship

Keira Fadden, Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School  
Merrimack College, Health Science  
\$1,300

Kaitlyn Podolski, Eagle Hill High School  
Westfield State University, Art  
\$1,300

Worcester Woman’s Club Fund

Racheal Wangri, Worcester Technical High School  
Roger Williams University, Marine Biology  
\$1,000 | Total award: \$4,000

“Roger Williams has been my dream school since my sophomore year of high school ... I come from a migrant single mother household and I learned to work hard for what I want. This scholarship has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders. It helped my mom not go into any more debt for my sake and for that I am so very grateful.”

Eftalia Economou

Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship

Effie wears many hats: she’s a portrait artist, a tennis player and former varsity captain, an alum of GWCF’s Youth for Community Improvement program, and a dedicated volunteer with Strive2Thrive Edu, an international nonprofit that supports underprivileged students around the world. Having grown up in a family that faced educational barriers in Albania, Effie is deeply passionate about the transformative power of education and is grateful to receive the financial support necessary to pursue her dream of a medical career.



# 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, Wheaton College | \$1,000  
Sean Tam, George Washington University | \$1,000

**Alexander G. Simonatis Scholarship**

Tiana Carelton, Southern New Hampshire University | \$2,000  
William Eisl, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$2,000  
Angel Squier, Salem State University | \$2,000  
Sydney Zeena, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

**Anita & Nathaniel A. Fiengold**

Shea Lindley, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$850

**Anthony E. Mickunas Memorial Scholarship**

Theresa Harrison-Attobrah, Northwestern University | \$1,000

**Arno & Robert E. Wagner Scholarship**

Kaylee Bolin, University of Connecticut | \$1,000  
Essined Colon, Bridgewater State University | \$5,000  
Julia Forget, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$5,000  
Kyle Gaskill, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000  
Mackenzie Gray, University of Massachusetts Boston | \$2,000

**Arthur J. and Dorothy G. Smith Scholarship**

Tommy Nguyen, Bentley University | \$1,000

**Arthur J. Remillard, Jr. Scholarship**

Morgan Flodman, Assumption University | \$1,000  
Nana Okyere, Boston University | \$1,000  
Chantale Zuzi, Wellesley College | \$1,000

**Auburn Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

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

**Auburn Women’s Club Scholarship**

Terry Kwamo, Boston University| \$1,200

**Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship**

Nyia Gonzalez, Anna Maria College | \$1,500  
Kathryn James, Champlain College | \$1,500

**Carrick Foundation Scholarship**

Zophia Cherrier, Harvard University | \$5,000  
Jenna Elliot, Princeton University | \$5,000  
Caroline O’Brien, Brown University | \$5,000

**Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for Saint Spryidon’s Families**

Isabella Vangos, Bentley University| \$1,800

**Chris and Helena Liazos Scholarship for South High Students**

Jessica Cohen, Wellesley College | \$1,800

**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  
Angela Lajoie, Nichols College | \$1,000  
Ian Plourde, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$1,000

**Deborah A. Kaufman Scholarship**

Chantal Gonzalez, Worcester State University | \$1,000

**December 3rd Scholarship**

Cianna Aubin-Carville, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000  
Santiago Baez, Northeastern University | \$2,000  
Arianna Belsito, University of Massachusetts Boston | \$2,000  
Liam Bisnette, Assumption Univrsity | \$2,500  
Margaret Burton, Stonehill College | \$2,500  
Rayna Consiglio, Westfield State University | \$2,500  
Haley Ann Courtney, Assumption University |\$2,500  
Cole Delage, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | \$2,500  
Michael Giarusso, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,500  
Annalisa Hair, Endicott College | \$3,000  
Brendan Halloran, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,500  
Alyssa Johanson, Quinsigamond Community College | \$2,000  
Brenna Joinville, Lasell University | \$2,500  
Nathan Judge, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000  
Julia Mateychuk, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000  
Shannon Tuson, Bridgewater State University | \$2,000

**East Brookfield Scholarship**

Megan Elliot, University of New Hampshire | \$1,000  
Grace Haight, Suffolk University | \$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  
Cody Smith, Assumption University | \$2,500

**Finnish American Social Club Scholarship**

Alli Bray, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000  
Liam Johnson, College of the Holy Cross | \$1,000  
Gabrielle Pierce, Hofstra University | \$1,000

**General Scholarship**

Sofi Plotkin, Marymount University | \$1,000  
Minh Vu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | \$1,000  
Serenity Ward, Westfield State University | \$1,000

**Greg’s Grant**

Tycho Dickerson, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth | \$2,000  
Maksin Emelyanov, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$2,000  
MitHELL Poisson, Stonehill College | \$2,000

**Harold R. Jensen Memorial Scholarship**

Kiera Derrell, University of Rhode Island | \$4,000  
Emmilyn Fini, Assumption University | \$3,000  
Roy Karanja, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$3,000  
Victor Martinez, Worcester State University | \$3,000  
Malia Montalvo, Boston University | \$4,000  
Say Reh, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000  
Isabella Rodriguez, Stonehill College | \$3,000  
Oliana Tego, College of the Holy Cross | \$1,200  
Yanalissa Vazquez, Quinsigamond Community College | \$3,000

**Herbert Sherwin Memorial Scholarship**

Vivienne Charpentier, Fitchburg State University | \$10,000

**Howard W. Dunbar Scholarship**

Avery Derr, Worcester State University | \$2,500  
Patrick Mahlert, Wentworth Institute of Technology | \$2,500

**Janet Fraser Scholarship**

Sreenidhi Atluri, Baylor University | \$2,500  
Lily Erving, Stonehill College | \$2,500  
Zhiwen Liu, Boston University | \$2,500

**John N. Engelsted Scholarship**

Morgan Polinski, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000

**Joseph D. Early Scholarship**

Bernard Ymeri, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$800

**Joseph F. and Claire L. Halvey Scholarship**

Aili Byron, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000

**L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship**

Nicholas Karalus, University of Rhode Island | \$2,000  
Charles Simulis, Clemson University | \$2,000  
Olivia Simpson, Quinsigamond Community College | \$2,000  
Samual Zostant, Worcester State University | \$2,000

**Laurie C. Tinsley Scholarship**

Akosua Adu, University of Hartford | \$1,000  
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  
Meghan Griggs, Northeastern University | \$1,500

**Leicester Savings Bank Scholarship**

Tyler Herron, Northeastern University | \$1,000  
Abigail McDaniel, University of New Haven | \$1,000  
Jacob Stolberg, Salve Regina University | \$1,000

**Leonard F. Leamy Scholarship**

Lois Divoll, Drexel University | \$2,000  
Cody Gosselin, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University | \$4,000  
Toyesh Jayaswal, California Institute of Technology | \$2,500  
Yasmin Lee, University of Chicago | \$2,500  
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Troy Spencer, University of Connecticut | \$2,000  
Daniel Twohig-Mann, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000

**Leroy Weiner Scholarship**

Makenna Eisenstock, Tulane University | \$1,000

**Lieutenant James F. “Jay” Lyons III Memorial Scholarship**

Sophia Chandler, Worcester State University | \$2,000  
Demetrios Kennedy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

**Lincoln Village Scholarship**

Trisha Fynn, Providence College | \$1,000

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

Klejvi Sulaj, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,500  
Shan Tang, Duke University | \$1,500

**Lunenberg Opportunity Fund**

Sarah Costich, Nichols College | \$2,500  
Kate Marinchev, San Diego State University | \$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  
Amelie Morrissey, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,500

**Margaret G. Wolcott Scholarship**

Giovana Bonatelli, Assumption University | \$1,000  
Colin Gordon, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000  
Daniel Hoover, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor | \$1,000  
Sofia Menyalkin, University of New Hampshire | \$1,000  
Cayman Warburton, Southern Maine Community College | \$2,500

**Mark MacPherson Lightbown Memorial Scholarship**

Hannah Direnzo, Florida Atlantic University | \$1,000  
Mikayla Gallerani, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,500



**Mary Falby Logan and Francis Logan Jr. Scholarship**  
Cecilia Knowles, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$900

**Mary Olive Wood Scholarship**  
Payton Banfill, University of New Haven | \$3,000  
Genevieve Bartlett, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000  
Tyler Constantine, University of Massachusetts Lowell | \$3,000  
Carly Cornacchioli, Springfield College | \$3,000  
Ashleigh McGown, University of the Arts | \$3,000  
Farreen Qadus, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000  
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**Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship**  
Annabelle Joyce, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000  
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Mattison Albano, College of the Holy Cross | \$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  
Mark Tran, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science | \$1,000

**Melvin S. Cutler SCHolarship**  
Cameron Courtney, Quinsigamond Community College | \$1,800  
Madeline O’Connell, University of Rochester | \$1,800

**Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship**  
Alison Chouinard, Endicott College | \$1,000  
Jillian Stone, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000  
Ava Towle, Brandeis University | \$1,000

**Richard and Carol Dymek Scholarship**  
Jamie Goodall, Westfield State University | \$1,000

**Richard W. Pierce Scholarship**  
Isabella Bible, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | \$1,400  
Elizabeth Chambers, Southern New Hampshire University | \$1,000  
Phoebe Clowes, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,400  
Meg Courtney, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | \$1,000  
Christine Lam, Fashion Institute of Technology | \$1,400  
Isabella Livoti, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$2,000  
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  
Joseline Vazquez, Quinsigamond Community College | \$3,000  
Madeline Zafon-Whalen, College of the Holy Cross | \$2,500

**Robert T. Salem Educational Scholarship**  
Sophia Hearnlaye, Worcester State University | \$1,000

**Robert Thomson Scholarship**  
Brooke Nydam, University of New Hampshire | \$1,500

**Santo J. and Ellen M. DiDonato Memorial Scholarship**  
Simon Agyemang, Brandeis University | \$1,000  
Tayla Binienda, Eckerd College | \$1,000  
Kathryn James, Champlain College | \$1,000  
Bridget McGonagle, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$1,000  
Colin O’Brein, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000

**Sarah Daniels Pettit and William O. Pettit Jr. Scholarship**  
Ajoa Adu, Georgia State University | \$2,000  
Ashley Gonzalez, Suffolk University | \$2,000  
Muzzamil Malik, Boston University | \$2,000  
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Jusuf Spahiu, Worcester State University | \$2,000  
Sarai Vargas, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

**Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship**  
XadiaCherrie, Tuskegee University | \$2,500  
Keziah Danso, Boston University | \$1,500  
Luz Diaz-Ticas, Boston College | \$2,000  
OrnelDjomo, Howard University | \$2,500  
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Tess Fuller, Boston College | \$2,000  
Jennifer Ha, Brown University | \$2,500  
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  
Georgios Konstantinou, Fordham University | \$2,500  
Isabella LeBlanc, Boston University | \$2,000  
Andy Lee, Boston University | \$2,500  
David Lee, Boston University | \$2,500  
Laura Lee, Carnegie Mellon University | \$1,500  
Alijandro Mendoza, Columbia University | \$2,000  
Aurelien Ngamo, Boston University | \$1,500  
Cindy Nguyen, Yale University | \$1,500  
Kelly Nguyen, Northeastern University | \$2,500  
Amber Rose Castriotta, Boston University | \$2,500  
NellieRushton, Stanford University | \$2,000  
Loren Stillman, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | \$1,500  
Tia Tomco, Brandeis University | \$1,500  
Ava Towle, Brandeis University | \$1,500  
Jenny Wu, Cornell University | \$2,000

**Tobin Family Scholarship**  
Mariadny Santana, Quinsigamond Community College | \$600

**William P. and Carolyn C. Cannon Scholarship**  
Samantha Kelly, University of Connecticut | \$5,000  
Grace Mueller, University of Massachusetts Boston | \$5,000  
Nina Romeo, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$5,000

**Worcester Women’s Club**  
Tomas Pinzon Espinosa, Worcester State University | \$1,000

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The Foundation extends its gratitude to the volunteers who reviewed scholarship applications for 2024.

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# Get Involved

## JOIN US

**VOLUNTEER** by participating in future scholarship or grant review committees.

**DONATE** any amount to our Community Leadership Fund to support the Foundation’s strategic initiatives.

**JOIN OUR ACORN SOCIETY** by making a planned gift to the Foundation in your will or trust.

**CREATE A FUND** and support the issues or organizations you care about, forever.

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# Scholarship Facts & Figures

## High School Graduation Rates

Source: [worcestercountyinsights.org](https://www.worcestercountyinsights.org)

**88%** Worcester School District  
**91%** Worcester County  
**90%** Massachusetts

## The Cost of Post-Secondary Education

Source: [EducationData.org](https://www.educationdata.org)

**\$38,270**  
The average cost of college per student per year (including books, supplies, daily living expenses).  
**\$37,850**  
The average federal student loan debt.  
**20**  
The number of years the average student borrow spends paying off their loans.

## ABOUT FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Many states, colleges and other scholarship providers use FAFSA data to determine federal aid eligibility and award their own aid. Significant last-minute changes to the FAFSA program this year brought stress to students, colleges and scholarship providers. We waived the FAFSA Student Aid Report as a requirement on our application, choosing to evaluate financial need through other meaningful measures such as household income, use of federal benefit programs, and the number of household members in college.

## ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT

Scholarship displacement happens when a college or university reduces the amount of aid it commits to a student once the student receives an outside or private scholarship.

We are seeing an increase in students reporting displacement after receiving a scholarship award from the Foundation. We remain committed to ensuring our scholarships are meaningful for students and help lower their financial costs, and have been able to implement creative solutions to ensure the students are able to receive aid without losing it elsewhere.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

In order to map our program timeline more closely to when students make decisions and colleges bill tuition, we have decided to shift the timeline of our program. The 2025 application will open December 1, 2024.

Visit [greaterworcester.org/scholarships](https://greaterworcester.org/scholarships) for the latest updates.

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# Celebrating a New Partnership

In 2024, Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced a new partnership with Assumption University. Students who are admitted to the University and receive a scholarship from us will receive a matched scholarship of up to \$5,000 from Assumption. The total scholarship will be renewable for four years as long as the student continues their enrollment at Assumption, resulting in up to \$20,000 in per-student aid.

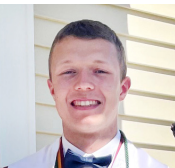
Our congratulations go out to the eight scholarship students attending Assumption University this fall!



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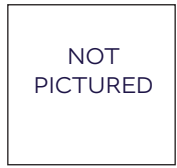
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