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

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Our cover features five 2024 scholarship recipients:

- Sanai Lewis, Judge and Mrs. William Garbose Scholarship
- Arayah Powell, Mary Connolly Memorial Scholarship
- Katherine Przypek, Patricia Proko Memorial Scholarship
- Erin Dailida, L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship
- Serena Rodriguez, Love Your Neighbor Award

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.

2 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.

**Pete Dunn**

President & CEO  
Greater Worcester  
Community Foundation

# 2024

by the

# Numbers

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

**\$ 1,636,700**

Total amount paid in 2024  
\$742,450 + \$894,250 =

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

## College Geography

46

in Worcester County

121

in state

89  
out of state

1

International

## Student Demographics

36

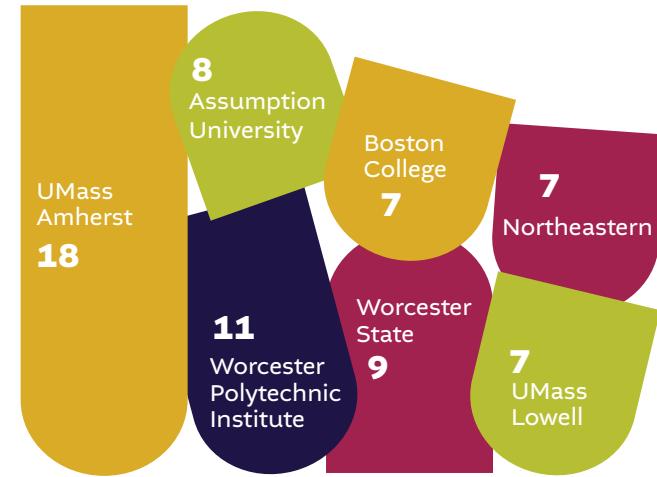
are the first in their family to attend college

67

are the child/grandchild of refugees or immigrants

40

are first-generation Americans



## 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

## Awards by Region

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

- 1-3
- 4-9
- 10+

**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.



**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**

*"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"*

## 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**, Narragansett 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**

## 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.

### 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**, Narragansett 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

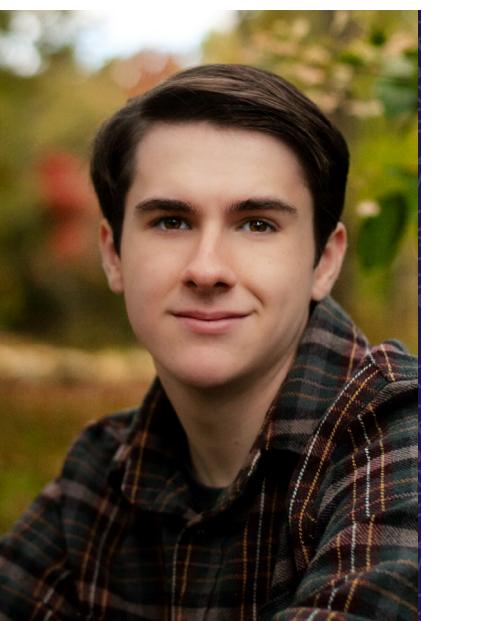
**Yara Alomar**, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Worcester State University, Nursing  
**\$2,000** | Total award: **\$8,000**

### 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 receive 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

**Sofieila 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 School  
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**

### 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 Management
- **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 Khatri**, University 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."*

**Wiktoria 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

## **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.

### **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**, Narragansett 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

*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."*



*"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*

# 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 Institute of Technology | \$1,000

## Auburn Women's Club Scholarship

Terry Kwamo, Boston University | \$1,200

## Bradford J. Kemp Scholarship

Nya 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 Spyridon'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 University | \$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  
Michell 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  
Samuel 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  
Lauren Ober, Boston College | \$3,000  
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 Flynn, 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  
Megan Raymond, Franklin Pierce University | \$3,000  
Molly Raymond, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$3,000

**Mary R. Fedeli Memorial Scholarship**  
Annabelle Joyce, University of Massachusetts Amherst | \$1,000  
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Megan McDowell-Arnold, Worcester State University | \$1,000

**Max H. & Eloise A. Kuhner Scholarship**  
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'Brien, 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  
Phong Nguyen, University of Pennsylvania | \$2,000  
Rena Nurhussian, Boston University | \$2,000  
Jusuf Spahiu, Worcester State University | \$2,000  
Sarai Vargas, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | \$2,000

**Sumner B. Tilton Memorial Scholarship**  
Xadia Cherrie, Tuskegee University | \$2,500  
Keziah Danso, Boston University | \$1,500  
Luz Diaz-Ticas, Boston College | \$2,000  
Ornel Djomo, Howard University | \$2,500  
Phuc Duong, Yale University | \$1,500  
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  
Ajandro 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  
Nellie Rushton, 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

# Volunteers

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

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## 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](http://worcestercountyinsights.org)

**88%** Worcester School District

**91%** Worcester County

**90%** Massachusetts

## The Cost of Post-Secondary Education

Source: [EducationData.org](http://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 borrows 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](http://greaterworcester.org/scholarships) for the latest updates.

# 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!



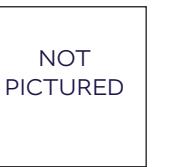
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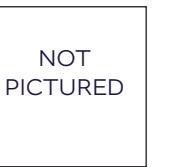
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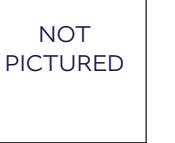
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