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## 2010 Scholarship Application Packet

### Included in this packet:

- A list of Scholarship Opportunities available through Funds of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
- Tips and suggestions for completing the Scholarship Application

### Instructions:

- Please read through this information carefully.
- The General Scholarship Application, along with instructions for completing and submitting your application, is available on our website:  
<http://www.ghacf.org/scholarships/application.htm>
- You must create a log in name and password to begin the application process.
- Use the "tab" key to move through the fields within the application.
- Be sure to save the file as you are working with it. You may return to work on your application at any time by "logging in."
- Only completed applications can be submitted. If you have not completed a section, you will be asked to "Fix It."
- After you have submitted your application online, you must print a paper copy of your application and mail it with all necessary attachments to the Scholarship Committee at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. (If the word "**Draft**" appears on any pages of the application after printing, go back to the "Finish Page" and "**Submit**" the application. **Applications will not be considered submitted if they are in Draft form.**) A completed application has the following elements:
  - ◇ All pages of the scholarship application.
  - ◇ Current high school or college transcript.
  - ◇ Page One of your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form, unless you are only applying for scholarships that do not consider financial need.
  - ◇ Please print and submit the Financial Information Form to the Financial Aid office of your **college/university**.
  - ◇ If a Letter of Recommendation is required for any of the scholarships for which you would like to be considered, please include it in your packet.
- **The deadline for submitting your completed application is 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2010.**

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***Scholarship Opportunities Available Through Funds of the  
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation***

*If you plan to pursue studies in the Arts, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:*

**Marvin R. and Pearl E. Patterson Family Fund**

This award was established in 2005 to assist a student who is graduating or has graduated from a Tri-Cities area public high school with at least a 3.0 GPA with plans to attend any two-year or four-year college or university to study graphic arts or fine arts. Important considerations for this award are leadership ability, community involvement, and academic achievement.

**Gerri Coccodrilli Culinary Scholarship Fund**

This award is created for any graduating high school senior from the Tri-Cities area and Fruitport High School who wishes to pursue studies in the Culinary Arts.

*If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Business, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:*

**Floto-Peel Family Fund**

This Scholarship will be awarded to a Tri-Cities area resident planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, or vocational school, with plans to pursue studies in the field of nursing or business. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required, and financial need must be demonstrated.

**Paul J. Laninga Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established to assist high school graduating seniors of northwest Ottawa County who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. Strong consideration will be given to those students pursuing education and long-term careers in the area of business and/or accounting and who plan to attend a public university.

**Rick and Beverly Lattin Education Fund**

Created to provide financial assistance to graduates of Spring Lake or Grand Haven High School who demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 to 3.0 grade point average and a desire to continue their education. Strong consideration will be given to those students who are pursuing skills in the area of business or technical training and plan to attend either Grand Valley State University or Western Michigan University.

**David and Sharon Seaver Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Timothy D. Seaver**

This Scholarship Fund, established by David and Sharon Seaver, to honor the life of their son, Tim, will assist a Grand Haven High School graduating senior who demonstrates financial need to pursue a career in Business.

**Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund Business Scholarship**

Students in the Foundation's service area who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards will be available to students planning to pursue a career in Business.

**Edward P. Suchecki Family Scholarship Fund**

Established in memory of former Grand Haven High School athlete and ardent fan, Edward P. Suchecki, this scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior athlete from Grand Haven High School preferably planning to pursue a career in business. Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need.

*If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Computer Science, you may be eligible for the following scholarship:*

**Henry D. and Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund**

This award will be presented to a graduating high school senior from Grand Haven High School, Spring Lake High School, Holland Christian High School or Western Michigan Christian High School residing in north Ottawa County. Strong consideration will be given to those students pursuing a career in engineering, computer science, pre law or medicine.

***If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Education, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:***

**Janet R. Briegel Scholarship**

Janet R. Briegel was an Elementary School Teacher at Ferry Elementary in Grand Haven for the majority of her career. It is her wish that the recipient of this Scholarship be an outstanding individual who not only excels academically, but has given back to their community in a way that demonstrates that they are civic minded and involved. Grand Haven or Spring Lake High School seniors who have at least a 3.8 GPA and plan to pursue a career in education may apply. Applicant must have demonstrated an expression of public service or have been involved with their school, community or local government. Financial need is not a consideration.

**Bertha M. Fase Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in memory of a beloved teacher, this award is available to a Grand Haven High School graduating senior demonstrating financial need and academic excellence (GPA of 3.5 or better), with plans to pursue studies in the field of education. Special consideration will be given to a student who has demonstrated an interest in youth through volunteer mentoring. In addition, a student who is a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be given special consideration.

**Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund Education Scholarship**

Students in the Foundation's service area who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards will be available to students planning to pursue a career in the field of Education.

**Louise Wachter Wickham Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established to assist local graduating high school seniors interested in obtaining a college degree in elementary education. Students must have a good (but not necessarily perfect) academic record and demonstrate financial need.

***If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Engineering, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:***

**Gauthier Family Fund**

Created for graduating high school students from the Tri-Cities area who wish to pursue studies in mechanical or electrical engineering at Michigan Technical Institute. This award may be renewable however, recipients must reapply.

**Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund Engineering Scholarship**

Students in the Foundation's service area who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards will be available to students planning to pursue a career in the field of Engineering.

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***If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Mathematics/Accounting, you may be eligible for the following scholarship:***

**Kevin Ernst Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Available to students residing in the Foundation's service area who desire to continue their education in the field of mathematics and who demonstrate financial need.

**Leo Zupin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship, which was established as a memorial to Leo Zupin in recognition of his life-long dedication to educating the youth of this community, will be awarded to a Tri-Cities area student planning to attend any Michigan 2 or 4 year accredited public college or university or vocational or technology training and/or certification. Priority shall be given to at-risk students who have faced and overcome adversity in their lives. Special consideration shall be given to students wishing to pursue a degree in mathematics. Strong motivation and desire to achieve will be considered in lieu of past academic performance.

***If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Medicine, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:***

**Floto-Peel Family Fund**

This Scholarship will be awarded to a Tri-Cities area resident planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, or vocational school, with plans to pursue studies in the field of nursing or business. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required, and financial need must be demonstrated.

### **North Ottawa Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund**

Available to currently enrolled college students from the Tri-Cities area who have taken their core requirements and have been accepted into their health-care related program of study. Applications consider financial need, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, work history, educational goals, and personal aspirations. High School applicants are not accepted. The Marjorie Blohm Nursing Scholarship, a specific award given only for nursing students, also includes applicants living in the Shelby/Hart area.

### **Terry Linda Potter Fund**

This award is offered to graduating high school seniors planning to major in a health-related field at an accredited two-year or four-year college. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and scholastic ability.

### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund**

Students in the Foundation's service area who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards will be available to students planning to pursue a career in medical science.

### **Henry D. and Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund**

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*If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Law Enforcement or Pre-Law, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:*

### **Scott A. Flahive Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in memory of a young Grand Haven police officer, this Fund offers educational assistance to local students pursuing careers in the fields of law enforcement and/or criminal justice.

### **Hierholzer-Fojtik Scholarship Fund**

This award will be presented to a Grand Haven High School graduate planning to pursue Law as a career. Financial need is a priority.

### **Henry D. and Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund**

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*If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Manufacturing, you may be eligible for this scholarship:*

### **Dake Community Manufacturing Scholarship**

This award is to provide encouragement and support to a student who wants to further his/her manufacturing education. This would include, but not be limited to industrial, vocational, and technical training. Applicants from Northwest Ottawa County, Muskegon County and Oceana County may apply. Students may be current high school graduating seniors, current college students or adult students. A GED is acceptable and GPA need not be a consideration. Financial need is a consideration.

*If you plan to pursue studies in the field of Natural Resources, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:*

### **Grand Haven Offshore Challenge Scholarship Fund**

This award will be presented to a graduating high school senior from the Tri-Cities who plans to pursue a career in natural resources, such as fisheries, wildlife, and environmental water quality at any public or private college or university.

### **Marjorie M. Hendricks Environmental Education Fund**

This award was created to assist an upperclassman or graduate school student majoring in an environmental science field. Priority will be given to a student who plans to attend Aquinas College or Grand Valley State University and demonstrates financial need.

### **Miller G. Sherwood Family Scholarship Fund**

Graduating seniors of Grand Haven or Spring Lake High School who demonstrate financial need and strong motivation, but do not necessarily possess academic grade point excellence, are encouraged to apply. Priority consideration will be given to those students pursuing an education in the areas of environment or social services.

*If you have a grade point average at or above a 3.8 on a 4.0 scale, you may be eligible for the following scholarships:*

**E.V. Erickson Field of Interest Education Fund**

This scholarship is awarded to one or more graduating high school seniors who have excelled not only academically, but also who demonstrate leadership qualities and an outstanding record of community involvement. Financial need is not a consideration for this award.

**Daniel L. Reiss Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2004 by the family of Daniel L. Reiss, a Grand Haven High School graduate and freshman at Grand Valley State University, who lost his life in a tragic drowning accident, this scholarship will be awarded to a graduating GHHS student who has at least a 3.8 GPA and plans to pursue studies at Grand Valley State University or Western Michigan University.

**Harold and Eleanor Ringelberg Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship award will be presented to a Grand Haven High School graduating senior with a minimum of a 3.8 GPA who plans to pursue a college degree at Michigan State University. Special consideration will be given to students who have attended Grand Haven Christian schools prior to high school. Financial need is not a consideration for this award.

***Scholarships with specific eligibility requirements:***

**Charles (Charlie) A. Bassett Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This Fund will provide scholarship assistance to Spring Lake High School graduating seniors, male or female, who have played on the tennis team. Students must reflect Charlie's values of positive thought, strong personal conviction and outstanding character. Financial need is not a priority.

**James W. Jr. and Jane T. Brown Fund**

This scholarship will assist men and women in the Tri-Cities seeking to return to school to further their education after a period of working. Recipients are to be adults over the age of 21. Financial need is a priority for this award.

**Alex Crum Scholarship**

This Scholarship will be awarded annually to a female senior graduating from Grand Haven High School who will be attending a 2 or 4 year educational institution. The recipient will demonstrate that extra-curricular sports were a part of their High School experience. No GPA minimum is required for this Scholarship. Financial need is not a consideration for this Scholarship.

**Friends of Loutit District Library Fund**

This Fund will provide educational assistance to a student planning to pursue an advanced degree in Library Science. Eligible students must currently reside in or have previously resided in the Tri-Cities area of Northern Ottawa County. The student must be enrolled in a graduate program in Library Science accredited by the American Library Association. This scholarship is awarded through a competitive process that considers academic achievements, extracurricular activities, educational goals, and personal aspirations. Financial need is not a consideration for this award. This award may be renewable pending a review of the student's academic progress and continuation in the area of study for which the scholarship was given.

**Tom Gifford Scholarship Fund**

Available to graduates of Spring Lake High School – must have been a SLHS student for three semesters immediately prior to graduation and must have attended SLHS for at least 3 years – who are planning to attend Amherst College within 30 months of high school graduation.

**Barbara and Nicole Heacox Foreign Travel and Study Fund**

Available to junior high, high school and college students wanting to pursue educational opportunities in foreign countries. In awarding scholarships, financial need is a primary consideration.

**Michael Herman Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This Fund was established in fall of 2005 after the tragic death of Michael Herman, a GHHS soccer player and coach of younger students who were interested in learning soccer. The recipient can be a current high school graduate of any Tri-Cities area public or private high school intending to pursue a degree or certification at any two- or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. First consideration shall be given to a student who played on a soccer team and wishes to continue playing in college on an intramural, club or college team. Financial need is not a significant

requirement but will be considered. Students from middle-income families are encouraged to apply. Academic achievement is not a determining factor.

#### **Seth Koehler Central High School Scholarship Fund**

This Fund will provide educational assistance to a graduating senior from Central High School. Strong consideration will be given to a student who demonstrates financial need and plans to attend any two or four-year College, university, or vocational/technical school.

#### **Pat and John MacTavish Fund**

This Educational Enrichment Fund shall award a scholarship to a high school or college student seeking to improve his/her knowledge of the physical science field in any of the following areas of study: math, chemistry, geology, technical writing, physics, or computer science. First consideration will be given to a female student.

#### **Kyle Moreland Memorial Endowment Fund**

Established by family and friends to honor the life of Kyle Moreland who died in his freshman year of high school, this Fund will provide scholarship assistance to a Grand Haven High School graduating senior planning to attend a two or four-year college. Consideration will be given to a student who has been active in his/her Christian faith community, participated on the high school golf or tennis team, and is graduating with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Financial need is not a determining factor. If there are no qualified Grand Haven High School applicants, this scholarship will be open to current graduates of Spring Lake High School and/or Western Michigan Christian High School.

#### **P.E.O. Chapter DS Scholarship Fund**

The recipient of this award will be a current female high school graduate or a non-traditional student who graduated from any Tri-Cities area public or private high school and plans to pursue a degree or certification at any two or four year accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. First priority will be given to a student planning to attend Cottey College, the college owned and supported by P.E.O. International.

#### **Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This Fund, created to honor the life of 14-year old Jacob Reinecke who died unexpectedly in 2004, will provide scholarship assistance to a Grand Haven High School graduating senior planning to attend a two- or four-year college, university or trade school. Consideration will be given to a male student who participated in high school athletics, specifically basketball or baseball, and is graduating with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Students interested in applying for this award must demonstrate a hard-working attitude and strong motivation to succeed.

#### **Saint Patrick's & Saint Anthony's Church Scholarship Fund**

Created for any graduating high school senior who is a participating member, or whose parent(s) or legal Guardian(s) are registered parishioners in good standing at Saint Patrick's or Saint Anthony's churches.  
**Important Note:** A letter of recommendation that addresses the student's strengths and attributes is required, as well as a statement of personal and educational goals, extracurricular activities, financial need and academic achievement.

#### **Ken and Sandy Sharkey Family Scholarship Fund**

This award will be given to a graduating senior from Grand Haven High School who demonstrates civic responsibility and plans to be involved in improving his or her community in the future.

#### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund**

Students in the Foundation's service area who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need are encouraged to apply.

- **Michigan Colleges Foundation** – Created to assist graduating high school students planning to attend one of the 14 member colleges or universities of the Michigan Colleges Foundation. (Adrian College, Albion College, Alma College, Andrews University, Aquinas College, Calvin College, Hillsdale College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Madonna University, Marygrove College, Olivet College, Siena Heights University, and Spring Arbor University.)
- **For Current College Students** – This scholarship will assist students currently enrolled in college who demonstrate financial need.

#### **Grace Thatcher Scholarship-FIRST AWARD TO BE GIVEN IN 2016**

For a graduating Grand Haven High School senior who plans to pursue a career in Science which could include Nursing, Medicine, PA, Teacher/Professor. Students must demonstrate that co-curricular activities are part of their High School experience. Minimum GPA is 3.50 and financial need is a consideration

**H. Wayne Van Agtmael Cosmetology Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship will support Tri-Cities area students planning to attend a Cosmetology School.

**West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association Scholarship Fund**

This award was created to assist graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students planning to pursue a horticulture or green industry career at a two- or four-year college or university. Eligible students must reside in Ottawa, Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon, or Allegan Counties.

***Scholarships with more general eligibility requirements:***

**John & Victory E. Frantz Scholarship Fund**

This Fund was established by Victory Frantz to assist high school graduating seniors of northwest Ottawa County to pursue a college education.

**Hoffman Family Fund**

Created for graduating high school seniors at Grand Haven, Spring Lake or Fruitport high schools who demonstrate financial need and have a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Special consideration will be given to an individual who is a member of the first generation in their family to attend an accredited four-year college, junior or community college.

**Hofma Trust Fund**

This award will be presented to students demonstrating financial need and a strong motivation to continue their education at the college level.

**Jack W. Leatherman Family Fund**

Established to honor the life of Jack Leatherman, this scholarship is available to any Grand Haven Area Public School graduate who demonstrates financial need. Priority shall be given to an at-risk student who has faced or overcome adversity in his/her life. Strong motivation and desire to achieve will be considered in lieu of past academic performance.

**Charles and Eleanor Rycenga Education Fund**

Graduating seniors of Grand Haven, Spring Lake, or Western Michigan Christian High School may apply. This award is given to those students who demonstrate financial need and a strong desire to continue their education at an accredited four-year college, junior college, trade school or apprenticeship, preferably in Michigan.

**Millicent M. Schaffner Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

This award will be presented to female students demonstrating financial need and a strong motivation to continue their education at an accredited four-year college.

**David and Ginny Schultz Family Scholarship Fund**

Available to local graduating seniors who desire to continue their education at a four-year college, junior college, trade school or apprenticeship. Applicant need not have strong academic records but must show financial need.

**Paul Wolbrink Scholarship**

This scholarship has been established by a former Spring Lake High School student to honor an influential educator in his life, Paul Wolbrink. The award will be presented to recognize and encourage a graduating Spring Lake High School senior. *Please contact Spring Lake High School for more information.*

**Woman's Club of Grand Haven Fund**

This scholarship each year will be awarded to a **non-traditional student**, a Tri-Cities adult resident seeking to gain additional education or career training at a college, university, technical or vocational school. Preference will be given to a female, age 21 or older, with demonstrated financial need. Note: This award is intended for a student whose post-secondary education has been delayed or interrupted.

**Zenko Family Fund**

For graduates of Spring Lake, Grand Haven, or Fruitport High Schools who demonstrate financial need and show that they have made their own financial contribution through employment to further their education at an accredited four-year college, junior college, trade school or apprenticeship.

*The following scholarships will also consider current college students and individuals planning to pursue a college education after a period of employment:*

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### **Reichardt Family Endowment**

This scholarship will support a current college student or graduate student from the Tri-Cities area who will be studying in an international program. First preference to a student studying in a developing country. "Developing" will be defined as a country meeting the World Bank criteria. However, this scholarship could support any student studying internationally. Financial need is a consideration.

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This award is for a non-traditional student living in the Tri-Cities. "Non-traditional" is an adult who is seeking to gain additional education or career training at a college, university, technical or vocational school or whose post-secondary education was delayed or interrupted for any reason. Preference will be given to female applicants who are 21 years of age or older. Financial need is a consideration.

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**Applications are available on our website: [www.ghacf.org](http://www.ghacf.org)  
Scholarship Deadline: March 5, 2010, 5:00 p.m.  
*Tips and Suggestions for Completing the  
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Scholarship Application***

- Apply only if you are eligible. With very few exceptions, only those students residing in the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation's service area of northwest Ottawa County Michigan may apply. Please call if you have questions about your eligibility.
- Remember - Your scholarship application represents YOU!
- Give your application the time, attention, and preparation that it deserves. Complete all sections.
- Read and follow the instructions carefully.
- Neatness counts! Complete your application online at <http://www.ghacf.org/scholarships/application.htm>.
- Proofread your work - especially your responses to the narrative questions. Check the spelling and grammar. Ask a parent, friend, or teacher to proofread your completed application.
- Be honest and be yourself.
- Don't be afraid to highlight your strengths and talk about yourself.
- Watch Deadlines - financial aid offices and scholarship personnel adhere to them!
- You are responsible for making sure that ALL parts of the application arrive on time, including your transcript, Student Aid Report, etc. Be sure to allow those providing this information enough time to respond as well.
- Print a copy of the application for your file.
- Ask for help if you need it.

Responding to the Scholarship Narrative Question: This question may be the hardest part of your application to complete. But, it is also, where you can stand out from the crowd. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include details about yourself so the reader can get to know who "you" are and what you stand for. Be truthful and honest. The scholarship selection committee has hundreds of essays to review. It is YOUR job to get their attention. Here are tips that may help you:

- **Think before you write.** Brainstorm to generate some good ideas, and then create an outline to help you get going. Make sure to address specific questions clearly.
- **Be original and be creative in your answers.** Show, don't tell. Use examples to individualize your responses. Demonstrate the point you want to make. Avoid vagueness to make a strong impression.
- **Create a portrait of a winner.** By doing this on paper, you create a vivid portrait that will depict the person behind the grades, activities and awards. If a judge feels like he or she knows you, you have done your job and created a powerful emotional connection that elevates your application, makes it stand out from others.

### How are Scholarship Applications Judged?

The scholarship selection committee pays special attention to the following:

- **Academics** - It may be important to have a competitive GPA; however, they may consider how challenging your course load and school is. They will also check to see if you are taking the right courses to reach your goals and how well you did in those courses.
- **Leadership** - If this is part of the criteria for an award, committee members may examine your activities in this area and they may look for a range of leadership roles you have played.
- **Service** - Community and volunteer service is a key component in many awards and committee members will be interested in what service you have provided to your school, community or church. They may look at activities that go above and beyond the required service job.
- **Creativity** - You can show your creative side, if you play an instrument, write stories, paint, act, etc. Demonstrate your ability by highlighting awards you may have won.

- **Financial Need** – The SAR (Student Aid Report) of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form provides this important information. Please be sure to file your FAFSA by February 15 in order to have this information by the **Scholarship Application Deadline of March 5.**
- **Special Circumstance** – If you have overcome an obstacle to achieve your goals, or are facing a special circumstance, the selection committee wants to know about it.

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