



## 2017 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 link, along with instructions for completing and submitting your application, is available in early January on our website: [www.ghacf.org](http://www.ghacf.org) beneath the scholarship tab. Completing one application means you will be considered for all the scholarships for which you may qualify.
- You must create a log in name and password to begin the application process.
- Once logged in, to begin the application process, click one of the available applications under "Opportunities" on the left side of your screen. You can then begin completing your application, using the Save icons at the top and bottom of your screen to save your progress. You can move through the application by clicking on the navigation buttons, "Next" or "Previous" on the top or the buttons on the left side bar. Be sure to save your work before moving on to a new page. EGrant will not automatically save your work. 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 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.**)
- Please print, complete and submit the Financial Information Form to the Financial Aid office of the college(s) you hope to attend in the fall.
- A completed application has the following elements:
  - ◇ All pages of the scholarship application.
  - ◇ Current high school or college transcript.
  - ◇ Page 1 of your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form.
  - ◇ One letter of recommendation if you are applying for the St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's Church Scholarship.

- **Your application must be postmarked no later than March 2, 2017. Do not send transcripts separately. Mail your completed application in ONE envelope, to the address below:**

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

Please note, awards are of varying amounts and some scholarships may not be awarded every year.

### **Jack Feldt Ambucs Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship will benefit Tri-Cities students who are in the field of Physical Therapy. First consideration will go to a College Junior in the program and then to a current tri-cities high school graduate planning on pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy. Financial need is a consideration.

### **Anonymous Scholarship Fund for Spring Lake High School**

This scholarship will be for a graduating senior of Spring Lake High School. Students must demonstrate potential for success in their chosen field. Financial need is a consideration.

### **Ray and Sue Barrett Scholarship**

This scholarship shall be awarded to a Tri-Cities High School Senior who will be studying law, criminal justice, mental health, social work or psychology. Students eligible for scholarship consideration shall have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Financial need is a consideration.

### **Charles (Charlie) A. Bassett Endowed Scholarship**

Available only 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.

### **George Bitner Scholarship**

Available only to Spring Lake High School graduating seniors who have played on the Girls' or Boys' Varsity Golf Team. Preference will be given to a student who has played golf for all four years at Spring Lake High School. Preference will also be given to a student who plans to play golf at the collegiate level.

### **Janet R. Briegel Scholarship**

Scholarship recipients must have attended Grand Haven or Spring Lake Public Schools and must have at least a 3.8 GPA. Applicants must be pursuing a career in education with teaching as their primary focus. Recipients 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.

### **James W. Junior and Jane T. Brown Scholarship**

Applicants must be adults over the age of 21 and residents of the Tri-Cities who desire to return to school. Awards are to be used for study at any public or private college, graduate, professional, vocational, art, or music school. Financial need is a priority.

### **Caesy LeMieux Central-Mary A. White Schools PTA Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Grand Haven High School graduating senior who was also a former Central and/or Mary A. White student. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in education with at least a 3.0 GPA. The recipient must show involvement in school and civic activities and have a well written essay that addresses their chosen career.

### **Careerline Tech Center Paraprofessional Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating Careerline Tech Center student. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA and financial need is a consideration.

### **Geri Coccodrilli Culinary Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities area graduating senior planning to enter a career in the Culinary Arts.

### **Craig Councilor and Valerie Guttowsky Scholarship**

Applicant must be a graduating senior with financial need from Spring Lake (first preference) or Grand Haven High School, with a 2.8 to 3.5 GPA, pursuing a career at a Michigan educational institution, in an electrical related field - may be engineering, Journeyman or electrical line worker. Recipient should have demonstrated community involvement and leadership during their high school career.

### **Alex Crum Scholarship**

Applicant must be 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.

### **Dake Community Manufacturing Scholarship**

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide encouragement and support to a student that wants to further their manufacturing education. This would include, but not be limited to industrial, vocational, and technical training that would contribute to the student's manufacturing career development. Applicants may apply from North West Ottawa County, Muskegon County and Oceana County. Applicants may be current High School graduates, current college students or adult returning students. A GED is acceptable and GPA need not be a consideration. Financial need is a consideration.

### **Ken and Barb DeWitt Scholarship**

This Scholarship is for a current college student or for someone returning to college. Applicants must have graduated from Grand Haven or Spring Lake Public Schools, must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must demonstrate financial need.

### **Erickson Education Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven or Spring Lake High Schools who have excelled not only academically but who have also demonstrated leadership qualities and an outstanding record of community involvement. Financial need is a consideration.

### **Kevin Ernst Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduate residing in the Foundation's service area of the Tri-Cities, who desires to continue their education in the field of mathematics (first choice) or accounting and who demonstrate financial need.

### **Bertha M. Fase Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be graduating seniors of Grand Haven High School, demonstrate financial need and academic excellence (GPA of 3.5 or better), and plan to pursue studies in the field of education at any public or private 4 yr. college. 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.

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

Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Grand Haven or Spring Lake Public School Districts, unless the recipient does not reside within these boundaries solely by reason of pursuing studies in the field of law enforcement or criminal justice, in which case the residency requirement must have been satisfied immediately preceding the recipient's pursuit of such studies. Applicant must not be disqualified from ever serving as a police or public safety officer, whether by reason of physical or mental limitations, because of a prior criminal record, or otherwise; must have an express interest in, and a present intent to pursue, a full-time professional career in law enforcement and/or criminal justice; and must demonstrate an aptitude for study in the field of law enforcement and/or criminal justice, by a satisfactory GPA, work experience or recommendations.

### **Floto-Peel Family Scholarships**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities area resident planning to attend a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational school, with plans to pursue studies in the field of nursing or business. Financial need is a priority.

**Kenneth and Janis Formsma ESL Scholarship**

This scholarship shall be awarded to graduating Grand Haven High School seniors who speak English as their second language (ESL). Financial need is a consideration. Students must have a 2.5 GPA. This scholarship may be renewable if the student is in good academic standing with the school and actively pursuing a degree program.

**John L. and Victory E. Frantz Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities resident desiring to pursue a college education.

**Fugazzotto Scholarship for Visual Arts Students**

Applicants must be Tri-Cities residents who are studying visual arts. This may include someone who is studying to be a teacher of art or plans to have a career in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts or graphic design. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Financial need is a consideration.

**Wilma Jean Fynewever Nursing Scholarship**

Applicants must be graduating seniors, or non-traditional students, from the Tri-Cities area, Muskegon County or Newaygo County. Applicants must be pursuing a career in nursing and financial need is a consideration.

**Gauthier Family Scholarship Fund**

Applicants must be a student from the Tri-Cities area pursuing studies in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering at Michigan Technological University.

**Tom Gifford Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduate or current graduate of Spring Lake High School and admitted to Amherst College or another top ten US News and World Report ranked school. Applicants must have been a SLHS student for three semesters immediately prior to graduation; this qualification is waived if severing in US military interferes with meeting this qualification. Applicants must begin classes at Amherst College within 30 months of HS graduation. This is waived if serving in US military. Applicants must begin classes at Amherst by age 24 and must not be or ever have been a degree candidate student at Amherst.

**Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Scholarship**

This Fund was established in 2003 by the Community Foundation as a means to assist local donors in their desire to support area students who wish to continue their education beyond high school. Each year the Scholarship Selection Committee selects exceptional students from the long list of applicants, to be the recipient of this community supported award.

**Grand Haven Offshore Challenge Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities student who wishes to pursue a career in natural resources, such as fisheries, wildlife, and environmental water quality at any public or private college or university.

**Barbara and Nicole Heacox Foreign Study & Travel Scholarship**

Applicants must be a northwest Ottawa County Tri-Cities Area high school student, or college student wanting to pursue educational or travel opportunities in foreign countries. Financial need is a primary consideration.

**Marjorie M. Hendricks Environmental Education Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities area resident or graduate of a Tri-Cities High School, attending a university and majoring in an environmental science course of study. First priority will be given to a student attending GVSU or Aquinas College. Financial need is a consideration.

**Michael Herman Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of any Tri-Cities High School pursuing a 2 or 4 yr degree at an accredited College or vocational 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. Students from middle income families are encouraged to apply. Academic achievement is not a determining factor.

**Mitz Hammond Hessmer Scholarship**

Applicants must be a current graduating senior of Spring Lake High School. Recipients will be selected based on their character and scholastic record.

### **Hierholzer-Fojtik Scholarship**

Applicants must be a high school graduate of Grand Haven Public Schools and considering Law as a career. Financial need is a priority.

### **J.R. Hilliard Memorial Scholarship**

Applicant must be a Grand Haven High School graduating senior who demonstrates financial need, has been in community volunteer service, and has participated in the varsity football program. Preference will be given to a student who plans to pursue a college education at a college or university in Michigan.

### **Vernon J. and Shirley M. Hipwell Family Music Scholarship**

First preference is to award this scholarship to a Grand Haven High School senior pursuing a musical career with a passion for nurturing the spiritual growth of children and youth through music. Musical ability and financial need are critical. Working with children and youth is secondary. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA. A Spring Lake High School Senior could be considered if no GHHS student applies.

### **Hoffman Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven, Spring Lake, or Fruitport High Schools who demonstrate financial need and have a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Preference will be given to a student planning to attend a public university, junior college, or community college in Michigan (not a private school). 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 college or community college.

### **Hofma Scholarship Fund**

Applicants must be any area high school graduate and a Tri-Cities resident with a strong motivation to continue their education at the college level.

### **Dale Janke Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating Grand Haven High Senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who demonstrates financial need and who have had challenging economic situations. Applicants must show that they have worked hard to make their own financial contribution through employment to further their education. This scholarship might be awarded to a student who has not participated in co-curricular activities because they have needed to be employed.

### **JARCS Fund**

Applicants must be a non-athlete and a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School pursuing a college degree at Michigan State University or Grand Valley State University with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Financial need is a consideration.

### **St. John's Lutheran Church and School Scholarship**

Applicant must be a graduating senior who attended St. John's Lutheran School in Grand Haven. Preference will be given to a student who was an 8th grade graduate of the school and attended for at least 5 years. Minimum GPA of 2.5 and financial need is a consideration.

### **Seth Koehler Central High School**

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Central High School wishing to attend any 2 or 4 year higher educational institution. Financial need is important. Strong consideration will be given to a student planning to pursue a career in science.

### **Paul J. Laninga Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior of northwest Ottawa County (Tri-Cities area) who demonstrates financial need and academic excellence. Strong consideration will be given to students pursuing studies in business and/or accounting and who plan to attend a public university.

### **Larson - Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship**

Applicant must be a Tri-Cities resident pursuing an educational outdoor experience at a licensed educational facility. This could include, but is not limited to, Wilderness Inquiry, National Outdoor Leadership School, or Outward Bound. This Scholarship is for anyone 12 years of age and older. Financial need is not a requirement for receiving this scholarship. Donors require a 2 page evaluation to be completed by recipient within 30 days of completion of experience describing experience and impact on life. Evaluation will be sent to the Foundation and shared with the donors. Scholarship may be awarded twice to the same applicant but preference is for first time applicants.

### **Rick and Beverly Lattin Education Scholarship**

Applicants must be current graduates of Spring Lake or Grand Haven High School who demonstrate financial need. Strong consideration will be given to those students who are pursuing skills in the areas of business or technical training. Preference will be given to a student who plans to attend Grand Valley State University or Western Michigan University.

### **Jack W. Leatherman Family Scholarship**

Applicant must be current a Grand Haven High School senior. Priority shall be given to at-risk students who have faced and overcome adversity in their lives and who are pursuing vocational or technology training and/or certification or plan to attend any 2 or 4 year accredited public college/university. Financial need is a consideration. Students who show a strong motivation and a desire to achieve should be considered in lieu of past academic performance.

### **Laughlin Family Scholarship**

This scholarship is for any Tri-Cities resident who is a graduating senior from Grand Haven Public High School or Spring Lake Public High School or their successors, not a Home School student. Athletic participation on either a boys' or girls' team is a requirement, with first priority given to a student on the Boys' Cross Country team. The ideal student must also demonstrate community involvement and leadership qualities. Minimum GPA is 2.5 and financial need is a consideration. Students must be planning to attend a Michigan two- or four-year accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.

### **Leitner Family Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to a graduate of Grand Haven High School showing financial need. A strong academic standing is not required; however, the recipient shall demonstrate a passionate desire to continue their education at a post-secondary level.

### **Friends of Loutit Library Scholarship**

Applicants must be planning to pursue an advanced degree in Library Science. Eligible students must reside or have previously resided in the Tri-Cities area of Northern Ottawa County, Michigan. The student must be enrolled in a graduate program in Library Science accredited by the American Library Association. Financial need is not a consideration for this award.

### **Pat and John MacTavish Scholarship**

First consideration will be given to high school or college women seeking to improve their knowledge of the physical science field through an enrichment program in any of the following areas of study: math, chemistry, geology, technical writing, physics, or computer science. Note: Studies in psychology and the social sciences will not be considered. Second consideration will be a college scholarship for women seeking to major in math, chemistry, geology, technical writing, physics, or computer science.

### **Ross Patrick McBride Scholarship**

The recipients of this scholarship are graduating students from Peach Plains and are chosen by a committee of educators at Peach Plains Elementary School. The award is not actually received until the students graduate from Grand Haven High School at which time the award is sent to their college of choice.

### **Kyle R. Moreland Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School 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 team (first choice) or tennis team (second choice), and is graduating with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Financial need is not a determining factor. If there are no qualified applicants from Grand Haven High School, then consideration will be given to current graduates of Spring Lake High School or Western Michigan Christian High School.

### **North Bank Communities Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior who resides in the North Bank Communities of Spring Lake Village, Spring Lake Township, City of Ferrysburg or Crockery Township. Students who are actively involved with initiatives associated with the environment, education, recreation and health (focus areas of North Bank Communities Fund) during their high school career are especially invited to apply. Financial need is a priority and a minimum 2.0 GPA.

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

Applicants must be at least a second-year college student from the Tri-Cities area that has been accepted into a health-care related program of study. Financial need, academic achievement, work history, educational goals, and aspirations are considerations.

**Roy and Joyce Overway Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be Grand Haven High School Senior going to Ferris to study Manufacturing in either a 2 or 4 year degree program. Acceptable manufacturing programs may include, but are not limited to; design, engineering, industrial technology and applied sciences. Applicant must have a minimum 2.8 GPA. Financial need shall not be a primary consideration. However, if there are several students who qualify for this scholarship, the one with the most need should receive the award.

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

Applicants can be a current female high school graduate or a non-traditional student who graduated from 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 will be given to a student planning to attend Cottey College, the college owned and supported by P.E.O. International. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA and financial need is a significant determining factor.

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

Applicants must be a high school graduate of any Tri-Cities area public school or a non-traditional older student with established residency in the Tri-Cities area. First consideration will be to students studying graphic or fine arts; however consideration may be given to studies in environment, forestry or related fields. Leadership, community involvement, and academic achievement are considerations. Financial need is not a requirement.

**Edward and Barbara Post Family Scholarship**

Applicant must be a Tri-Cities resident who is a graduating senior from Grand Haven Public High School or Spring Lake Public High School or their successors, not a Home School student. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Financial need is a consideration. Student must be attending a public College/University, vocational or trade school.

**Terry Linda Potter Scholarship**

Applicants must reside in the Northwest Ottawa County area (the Cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg, the Village of Spring Lake, and surrounding townships). Applicants must demonstrate scholastic ability and academic performance, interest in pursuing further education, preferably in a health-related field, financial need, and acceptance at an accredited two- or four-year college.

**David and Mary Race Vocational/Technical Scholarship**

Applications for this scholarship are available from the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. Please inquire there for requirements.

**Richard and Barbara Race Scholarship**

Applicants must be either a current graduate of Grand Haven High School or a non-traditional student under the age of 30 who is returning to school. There are no GPA requirements and it is intended to support a wide range of students including those with low GPA's. Financial need is a consideration.

**Reichardt Family Scholarship**

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

**Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School. Consideration will be given to a male student who participated in high school athletics specifically basketball or baseball, with a GPA of 3.0 or above and demonstrates hard work and motivation.

### **Daniel L. Reiss Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a Grand Haven High School graduating senior with a GPA of 3.8 or better, with financial need. Special consideration will be given to a student pursuing studies in Political Science at Grand Valley State University, or pursuing studies in Aeronautical Engineering at Western Michigan University.

### **Harold and Eleanor Ringelberg Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School with a GPA of 3.8 or higher who plans to attend 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.

### **Charles Robertson Scholarship Fund for Education**

Applicant must be a Tri-Cities resident who is a graduating senior from an area public High School, not a Home School. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and financial need is a consideration.

### **Charles and Eleanor Rycenga Education Scholarship**

Applicants must be current high school graduates from Grand Haven High School, West Michigan Christian High School and Spring Lake High School or their respective successors, with financial need who desire to continue their education at a college, trade school, apprenticeship or a similar post high school degree.

### **St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's Church Scholarship**

Applicants must be high school seniors within the Parish. The student must be a participating member, or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are registered parishioners in good standing at Saint Patrick or Saint Anthony's churches in Grand Haven, Michigan. The competitive application process considers educational and personal goals, extracurricular activities, financial need, academic achievement, and one letter of recommendation that addresses a student's strengths and attributes. Two scholarships will be awarded per calendar year. One will be awarded to a student attending any university, four-year or two-year college. The second scholarship will be awarded exclusively to a student attending any Catholic affiliated university, four-year or two-year college.

### **Millicent Mary Schaffner Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be a female current graduate of Grand Haven or Spring Lake High School enrolled in any 4 year undergrad program leading to a degree. Candidates must demonstrate financial need and the motivation to succeed.

### **David and Jinny Schultz Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be a local resident wishing to continue their education in a college, university, vocational or technical setting. Financial need is a consideration but academic excellence is not.

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

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School planning to pursue a degree in business.

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

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven High School who demonstrates civic responsibility and plans to be involved in improving his or her community in the future. Financial need is not a priority. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA.

### **Susan Shattuck Scholarship for Future Nurses**

Applicants must be a Tri-Cities area High School Senior who will be attending a four year public or private college or university in the State of Michigan. Applicant must be planning to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree and a career in Nursing. It is desired that the ideal recipient have a demonstrated passion for nursing and helping the underserved. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.5. Financial need shall not be a primary consideration. This Scholarship is intended to support students from middle income families.

### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Business Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Tri-Cities High School pursuing a degree in Business. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.

### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Current College Scholarship**

Applicants must be Tri-Cities residents who are current college students. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.



#### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Education Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Tri-Cities High School pursuing a degree in Education. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.

#### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Engineering Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Tri-Cities High School pursuing a degree in Engineering. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.

#### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Michigan Colleges Alliance Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Tri-Cities High School pursuing a degree from a college in the Michigan Colleges Alliance (Adrian, Albion, Alma, Andrews, Aquinas, Calvin, Hillsdale, Hope, Kalamazoo, Madonna, Marygrove, Olivet, Siena Heights, Spring Hill or University of Detroit Mercy.) Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.

#### **Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Medicine Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior of a Tri-Cities High School pursuing a degree in Medicine. Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA and financial need are considerations.

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

Applicants must be a graduating senior of Grand Haven or Spring Lake High School pursuing studies in the area of environment or social services. Financial need is a consideration along with motivation. Academic excellence is not necessary.

#### **Maryadele Sparks Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior attending Spring Lake High School. Recipients must be pursuing a career that will contribute to the welfare and development of young children – early childhood education, elementary education, child care work, etc. Although there is no minimum GPA required – the student must have demonstrated the ability to successfully complete a post-secondary educational experience. Financial need will be considered.

#### **Spring Lake High School Social Studies Prize**

Applicant must be a graduating senior who has excelled in his/her studies in the social sciences while a student at Spring Lake High School. Please contact the Social Science Department at the high school for an application for this scholarship.

#### **Frank Such Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be at least Junior status at any Michigan Public or Private College with a declared major in teaching/Education. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Financial need is a consideration.

#### **Edward P. Suchecki Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior athlete (football/golfer) preferably from Grand Haven High School, planning to pursue a career in business. Financial need is a consideration.

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

Applicants must be a graduating 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-Tri-Cities Area. Strong consideration will be given to those students pursuing a career in engineering, computer science, pre-law or medicine.

#### **Grace Thatcher Scholarship**

This Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Grand Haven High School senior who plans to pursue a career in Science. This could include Nursing, Medicine, Physician's Assistant, Teacher/Professor, etc. The recipient will demonstrate that co-curricular activities were a part of their High School experience. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.5. Financial need is a consideration for this Scholarship.

#### **H. Wayne VanAgtmael Cosmetology Scholarship**

Applicants must be a high school graduate and resident of the Tri-Cities area pursuing a degree in Cosmetology. Scholarships may be granted for studies in any public or private certified cosmetology program, such as, Aveda Institute, CHIC University of Cosmetology, French Academy of Cosmetology, or Booker Institute of Cosmetology.

### **Lorraine VanBeukering Scholarship Fund**

Applicant must be a graduating senior at Spring Lake High School who has demonstrated four years of high academic performance in English, is an excellent writer, taken college bound classes, and is pursuing a degree which includes writing.

### **Marv VandenBosch Scholarship**

Applicants may be a Tri-Cities High School Senior, current college student or someone in their career who is returning to school for advanced certification who is pursuing a career in criminal justice or law enforcement. Consideration may also be given to Canine Units and their continuing training needs. Minimum GPA of 2.5 and financial need is a priority.

### **VFW Post 2326 Ward-Goff Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be the children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren (including step-children, step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren) of any member in good standing of VFW Post 2326, including all Auxiliary members. Recipients will be high school seniors at any high school in the United States with at least a 3.0 GPA and financial need is a top priority.

### **Waters' Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduating senior from Grand Haven High School or Grand Haven Central Alternative High School. Students must be pursuing a career in Fine Arts or Medicine and planning to attend Central Michigan University. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA from Grand Haven High School or a 2.0 from Central Alternative High School. Financial need is not a consideration. The ideal candidate would have one or more of the following characteristics: Leadership ability, community engagement, athletic/sports/choir/band/theater involvement and Christian values.

### **Louise Wachter Wickham Scholarship**

Applicants must be a local graduating high school senior interested in obtaining a college degree in elementary education that will permit them to teach in a public school. Students must have a good (but not perfect) academic record and financial need is a consideration. If there are no high school applicants, consideration may be given to current college students pursuing an Elementary Education degree.

### **Mary E. Wilsberg Scholarship**

Applicants must be a graduate of either Grand Haven or Spring Lake High Schools. This award will be given to a student planning to attend: University of Michigan, a top tier university or college, Alma College, or Grand Valley State University. Applicant must be an outstanding student with at least a 3.75 GPA and demonstrate that he/she is an active member of their school and community, with an emphasis on well-rounded community participation and service to others. Financial need is not a consideration.

As the fund permits, graduate scholarship will be offered. At that time, applicants must be a graduate of either Grand Haven or Spring Lake High Schools or currently live in the Tri-Cities area attending a graduate/professional school and pursuing a PhD or a PhD level professional program, such as law or medicine. The student must demonstrate that they are an active member of their school and community, with an emphasis on well-rounded community participation and service to others. Financial need is not a consideration. Applicant must have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA for all previous college/university coursework.

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

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled college student planning to pursue a horticulture or green industry career at a two-year or four-year college or university. Eligible students must reside in Ottawa, Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon or Allegan Counties.

### **Paul Wolbrink Scholarship**

Applicant must be a graduating senior at Spring Lake High School. This award will pay tribute to a wonderful educator and inspire young people to pursue their dreams in college. Please contact Spring Lake High School for application information.

### **Women's Club of Grand Haven Scholarship**

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.

### **Zenko Family Scholarship**

Applicants must be a local graduate of Spring Lake, Grand Haven or Fruitport High School 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.

### **Leo Zupin Memorial Scholarship**

Available to Tri-Cities students who have faced and overcome adversity in their lives and who are pursuing vocational or technology training / certification or plan to attend any Michigan 2 or 4 year accredited public college/university. Special consideration shall be given to students wishing to pursue a degree in mathematics. Strong motivation and desire to achieve should be considered in lieu of past academic performance.

## **Tips and Suggestions for Completing the Scholarship Application**

- Apply only if you are eligible. With very few exceptions, only those students residing in the Tri-Cities Areas and townships of Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg may apply. Please call if you have questions about your eligibility.
- Neatness counts! Complete your application online at the link located on the [www.ghacf.org](http://www.ghacf.org) website
- 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.
- 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.

### **Responding to the Scholarship Narrative Question:**

The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Please include your reasons for your choice of college, your chosen course of study, your personal goals, and /or information about how your past activities have shaped you. The scholarship selection committee has hundreds of essays to review so include details so they can get to know who "you" are. **Remember: The essays of students receiving a scholarship will be shared with the donor or donor families, so make sure your spelling and punctuation is correct and the content is appropriate. Keep in mind that donors want to know that the "perfect" applicant received their award.**

### **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 also 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 as early as possible (the application opened October 1<sup>st</sup>) in order to have this information by the Scholarship Application Deadline of early March.
  - **For assistance with completing your FAFSA**, talk with your high school counselor, the TCAN college advisor in your high school, or the college/university financial aid office.
- **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.

**Your complete application must be in ONE envelope and postmarked no later than March 2, 2017.**