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**MICHIGAN GATEWAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Dear Student,

Whether you are a graduating senior, a current college student, or an adult returning to school for a career change, whether you are an outstanding achiever or someone who has recently received a high school equivalency diploma, there may be a scholarship opportunity for you through the scholarship programs of Michigan Gateway Community Foundation. We encourage you to read this booklet to learn detailed information on the scholarships we provide to identify your eligibility for one of our scholarships.

We also recommend the following as you pursue support for higher education:

- **Fill out the forms: You cannot receive a scholarship if you do not apply for it.**
- **Due dates are firm. Scholarship programs will not consider late applications.**
- **Ask questions: Call us for more information about these scholarship programs. Discuss your own special needs with your counselors.**
- **Do your homework: Know when applications are due for Federal Student Aid, do a scholarship search for resource information, attend a financial aid night. Your school counselor will know many websites that search out information tailored to your own needs.**

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation administers the following scholarships. The criteria for each scholarship are listed on the following pages. You can use this single application to apply for any/every scholarships for which you believe you are qualified.

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- Applications for these scholarships are available from the Foundation or from high school counseling offices. All scholarship applications are due by March 15th of the current school year.
- Scholarships are announced at respective high school honors convocations or by mail by June 15 of each year. If awarded a scholarship, student must provide SSN before payment will be processed.

**MICHIGAN GATEWAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation awards scholarships on the basis of a competitive process that considers academic achievement, extracurricular activities, a statement of one's personal aspirations and educational goals, and, in some cases, financial need. Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Trustees based on advisory committee recommendations.

All awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin. Awards vary yearly depending upon the amount of income available in each particular fund. Some are renewable; some are one-time only. In addition to the scholarship programs listed here, MGCF makes awards through the Education Funds for Buchanan Community Schools and Niles Community Schools.

ROMA HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Buchanan High School.
- Criteria:** Enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution, Demonstration of financial need is high priority. Academic record indicative of success at higher level. Evidence of leadership and citizenship through school, community, work history or personal activities. Evidence of self help.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

BUCHANAN LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a Buchanan High School senior who lives in the Buchanan Lions service area. Preference will be given, but is not limited to, a student who demonstrates need within the service objectives of the Buchanan Lions Club, which traditionally provides aid to those challenged with sight, hearing, or speech impairments.
- Criteria:** A graduating senior who is a resident of the Buchanan Lions Club service area and shows academic achievement at a level indicative of success at an accredited institution with evidence of leadership and citizenship throughout the community through school and/or personal activities. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1,000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

JANET FUNK RACHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Buchanan High School.
- Criteria:** Candidates must have maintained a B average, or minimum equivalent of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 grade point average in high school. Other selection criteria include evidence of good citizenship and demonstrated leadership in school and community activities.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$500; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

WALTER E. SCHIRMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Buchanan High School. Mr. Schirmer wished to reward and motivate deserving young people in the Buchanan area by giving this scholarship to students with exceptional high school achievement in scholarship, citizenship, and extracurricular activities.
- Criteria:** A graduating senior who is a resident of the Buchanan Community School District with a 3.0 grade point average or above who has participated in school and/or community activities and who shows exemplary citizen and leadership experience. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; renewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

RUEDIGER AND KARIN KAPPE SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a Buchanan High School Senior who participated in the soccer program. To receive the scholarship award, the recipient will be enrolled as a student at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Criteria:** The following criteria and suggested weight of each will guide the Advisory Committee in their recommendation for awarding the Kappe Scholarship:
- a. Demonstration of financial need (25%)
 - b. Evidence of leadership through school, community, and/or personal activities (25%)
 - c. Community service and volunteerism (25%)
 - d. Participation in the Buchanan High School soccer program, with clear demonstration of team leadership, good sportsmanship, and unselfish team play (25%)
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable.
- Deadline:** March 15th

JANET L. MOTTL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a **female** Buchanan High School Senior. To receive the scholarship award, the recipient will be enrolled as a student at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Criteria:** Student must maintain a grade point of 2.5 or better on a scale of 4.0. Qualities of leadership, moral character, volunteerism, and community service will be evaluated by the selection committee. Financial need is not a determining factor, but can be considered when appropriate. May require interview.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$500; nonrenewable.
- Deadline:** March 15th

UNITY HOSPITAL EDUCATION FUND HEALTH CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded annually to promising students enrolled in medical, dental, optometry, nursing, pharmacy, therapy, veterinary medicine or any and all educational programs that are designed to educate individuals for medical or other health care services. New, current, or re-entering students in a health related field are eligible for consideration.
- Criteria:** Permanent resident of Buchanan School District for 6 months: if currently a high school senior or a high school graduate, a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or equivalent employment or military experience; if currently a college student, a grade point average of 2.5; must provide the most current transcript of grades or credits earned. Current or anticipated enrollment in an accredited college with a health related major and participation in volunteer and/or community activities. May require interview.
- Award:** Up to \$1000; given at the discretion of the Unity Hospital Education Fund Advisory Committee. Some awards may be renewable.
- Deadline:** March 15th

ANN COULSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Brandywine High School. The Coulston Family honors their sister and daughter by giving this scholarship to students with exceptional high school achievement in scholarship, citizenship, and extracurricular activities.
- Criteria:** A graduating senior who is a resident of the Brandywine Community School District with a 3.0 grade point average or above who has participated in school and/or community activities and who shows exemplary citizen and leadership experience. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

CLASS OF 1973 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Brandywine High School.
- Criteria:** The award recipient must be accepted and enrolled as a full time student at any accredited institution of post secondary education in the United States. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with significant financial need, who has demonstrated uncommon intellectual curiosity. "Significant financial need" will be evaluated in terms of the ability of the student and his or her family to afford the particular school to which he or she has been accepted, without severe financial hardship or extreme levels of student loans. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

JAY AND CECILE MCCOMBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded each year to a graduating senior of Brandywine High School.
- Criteria:** The award recipient must be accepted and enrolled as a full time student at any accredited institution of post secondary education in the United States. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with significant financial need, who graduated in the top 30% of his or her high school class. Financial need will be at least a secondary consideration. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

CAROL THURSTON SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Provides a scholarship to a student who is a graduating member of Brandywine High School. The award recipient may be a full time student at a college, university, technical school, trade school, vocational school, or similar accredited advanced education institution.
- Criteria:** The student must have maintained a minimum 2.0 GPA (on a scale of 4.0) and must have participated for a minimum of two years as a varsity player or manager in the Brandywine High School Softball program. Also, a good record of citizenship and demonstration of financial need to further their education. To qualify for a second year, students must achieve a GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) their first year of college, and submit a renewal application. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$7,500; renewable for a second year if qualified
- Deadline:** March 15th

NILES BUCHANAN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a graduating senior at Niles, Brandywine and Buchanan High Schools
- Criteria:** The award recipient may be a full time student at either a two year or four year institution. Renewals are by re-application and are not automatic. Students must maintain good academic progress in college, and continue to demonstrate high personal character and citizenship. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1,000; renewable for three years
- Deadline:** March 15th

FAY FRAZEE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** An annual award initiated by the Pawating Auxiliary to memorialize a gift from a long-time Pawating Auxiliary volunteer to support nursing careers in the Niles-Buchanan area, with special consideration given, but not limited to volunteers at Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. New, current, or re-entering nursing students are eligible for consideration.
- Criteria:** A graduating high school senior or college health careers student from the Niles-Buchanan area including Niles, Brandywine and Buchanan high schools, who is planning a career in nursing. Consideration is given, but not limited, to volunteers of Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. Criteria for awards will include evidence of self-help, leadership, moral character, volunteer activity and capable academic performance. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000 nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

JANE S. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Jane S. Davis retired in 1977 after serving 31 years as the administrator of Pawating Hospital, now Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. This scholarship offers an award initiated by Ms. Davis for the Pawating Auxiliary to assist promising students in the Niles-Buchanan area who are pursuing a health-related career.
- Criteria:** Graduating high school seniors or high school graduates from the Niles-Buchanan area including Niles High School, Brandywine High School, or Buchanan High School, who are pursuing a health career (excepting areas such as dentistry, veterinary medicine, psychology and social work.) Consideration is given, but not limited to volunteers or employees of Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. Financial need is a consideration, but not a requirement. Other criteria include evidence of leadership & self help, academic performance, volunteer activity and character. Interview required.
- Award:** Scholarships in amounts from \$500 to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

GEORGE AND MARGARET CONTOIS SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded annually to a Niles High School senior and renewable for up to three years in memory of Niles residents, George and Margaret Contois who had a great love for children and their community.
- Criteria:** Niles High School senior who expresses academic excellence, good character exhibited by good citizenship and excellent leadership, and a 3.0 grade point average. Financial need will also be considered in the selection process. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$2000; renewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

JEANNE GRIFFIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a graduating senior of Niles High School. Preference will be given, but is not limited to, a deserving student who indicates a career interest in teaching.
- Criteria:** A Niles High School graduating senior who excels academically and has shown exemplary citizenship and leadership through participation in school and/or community activities, planning to attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; academic excellence as demonstrated by class rank, SAT/ACT and GPA. Special circumstances may apply at the discretion of the Selection Committee. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$2000; renewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

CARYL BECK-MILLER PETS ALIVE SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a graduating senior of Ross Beatty High School in Cassopolis in memory of Caryl Beck-Miller, who founded and ran Pets Alive, a non profit organization dedicated to saving and caring for unwanted and discarded pets. The recipient must plan to enroll as a full or part time student at any school of higher education, and in a course of study designed to educate individuals for the provision of medical, health or life enhancing care of animals.
- Criteria:** To qualify for this scholarship, the student must demonstrate a financial need, and must have maintained a B average in high school. Other selection criteria should include evidence of self-help, and demonstrated leadership and volunteer activity. A hand-written essay must accompany the scholarship application. Interview Required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$500; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

JOSEPH NORTON SHETERON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a graduating senior at Ross Beatty High School in Cassopolis who participates in either baseball or softball, and who demonstrates a passion for the game. Must be recommended by the Athletic Director, Baseball or Softball Coach, Guidance Counselor and the Principal.
- Criteria:** The award recipient may be a full time student at either a two year or four year institution. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 on a scale of 4.0, have demonstrated high personal character & citizenship and show documented volunteer service to be considered. Preference will be given to members of the National Honor Society and financial need may be a consideration in the selection. Renewals are not automatic. Students must maintain good academic progress in college, and continue to demonstrate high personal character and citizenship. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; renewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

HELEN AND DALE CROUSEY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

- Description:** This scholarship is for a graduating senior from any area high school who attends Volinia Baptist Church, Volinia, Michigan.
- Criteria:** Area high school graduates/students with at least a B average who attends Volinia Baptist Church and who intends to be full-time students at an accredited college or university. Demonstration of financial need is required with consideration given for leadership, moral character, evidence of self-help and volunteer activities.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

GALIEN AMBULANCE SERVICE HEALTH CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded annually to a High School senior residing in the Galien School District, who is beginning a career path for a health-related profession in an effort to help provide health professionals in the Galien area.
- Criteria:** Graduates of any High School in Southwest lower Michigan who is currently a Galien Resident and enrolled in medical, dental, optometric, veterinary medicine, nursing, therapy, or any and all educational programs which are designed to educate individuals for the provision of medical or other health care services to humans or to animals. Consideration will be given to a full or part-time student at an accredited institute of higher learning with evidence of leadership and community service. Financial need will be at least a secondary consideration. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

LEE F. AUBLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded annually to a member of the Lee F. Auble National Honor Society at Berrien Springs High School since 1998 in memory of past Berrien Springs School Superintendent who initiated the hearing impaired program. He was an outstanding educator and an active community volunteer.
- Criteria:** Berrien Springs High School senior who is an Auble National Honor Society member; planning to attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; academic excellence as demonstrated by class rank, SAT/ACT and GPA; school and community activities. Financial need may be considered in the final step of the selection process, but it is not an eligibility requirement. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$1000; nonrenewable
- Deadline:** March 15th

NHS CLASS OF 1962 SCHOLARSHIP

- Description:** Awarded to a graduating senior of Niles High School.
- Criteria:** The award recipient must be accepted and enrolled as a full time student at any accredited institution of post secondary education in the United States. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with significant financial need, who has achieved a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, and demonstrated community service outside the structure of school programs and organizations. Interview required.
- Award:** Amounts up to \$2500; nonrenewable & awarded in 2012 only.
- Deadline:** March 15th