

# **MGCF**

# **Scholarships**

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**Student Handbook 2023-24**

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# INTRODUCTION

Hello, Class of 2024! The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is thrilled to inform you about the college and career scholarship opportunities available to you through the Buchanan Promise. Research shows earning a degree or pursuing secondary education after high school greatly benefits your career and earning potential, so let's get started.

MGCF is home to more than 40 scholarships available to students across South Berrien and Cass County! This handbook will be an important toolkit to have handy as you navigate your senior year. Included you will find a timeline for the year, be sure to make note of these dates in your personal calendar.

Reaching the end of your high school career is an exciting time. However, it can also be stressful. It's important to think about what comes next: finding a career that pays a living wage. We understand the stress that goes along with the idea of applying for scholarships and would hate for you to miss out on scholarship money because of this. We hope this guide will make you feel more comfortable about completing the application. You can't earn scholarships if you don't apply. Be proactive, utilize your resources, and get started early!

You'll be able to reach out to us anytime for support—you're not alone! In addition to your school and community, MGCF is eager to support you and we look forward to celebrating the option you choose after high school!

Please check out our website for more information, [www.mgcf.org](http://www.mgcf.org)!

Yours Truly,

The Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Team!



Did You Know?!

**65%** of living-wage jobs require post-secondary education or training.

# TIMELINE

## OCTOBER

Information on 'How to Apply' for the Buchanan Promise and eligibility requirements will be available.

*\*\*Available only to Buchanan High School students who qualify. See [www.buchananpromise.com](http://www.buchananpromise.com) for more info.*

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Use this guide to research MGCF scholarships you qualify for. Begin to think about drafting your personal statement.

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Start requesting letters of recommendation – see appendix for tips.

## JANUARY

MGCF Scholarship Application opens.  
Buchanan Promise Application

## MARCH

MGCF Scholarship Application closes.  
Buchanan Promise Application closes.

## MAY

Awards announced!  
Online renewal applications open (*eligible scholarships and Buchanan Promise*).

## JUNE

Buchanan Promise Application Closes June 30th.

## JULY

Deadline mid-July for current year students and renewals to complete all paperwork to accept MGCF scholarship awards and/or Buchanan

More information can be found on the website:  
[www.mgcf.org](http://www.mgcf.org)

# Meet the Team!



**Michael Rowland**  
President and CEO



**Nicole Mireles**  
Program Officer  
*Scholarships & Buchanan Promise*



**Jennifer Popielski**  
Senior Program Officer  
*Kickstart To Career & YAC*



**Caitlyn Tucker**  
Administrative Intern

# HOW DO I APPLY?



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## Gather all the documents you will need:

- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- High School Transcript
- If applying to a needs-based scholarship, you will also need your Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA*

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## Application Opens January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

!!! Please note that our application portal and website is being updated for the 2023-24 year.

- STEP #1: Apply on our website [www.mgcf.org](http://www.mgcf.org)**  
This is the MOST important step! Be sure to reach out with any questions you may have.

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## Application Closes March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Late applications will NOT be accepted.

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## Recipients Selected in May

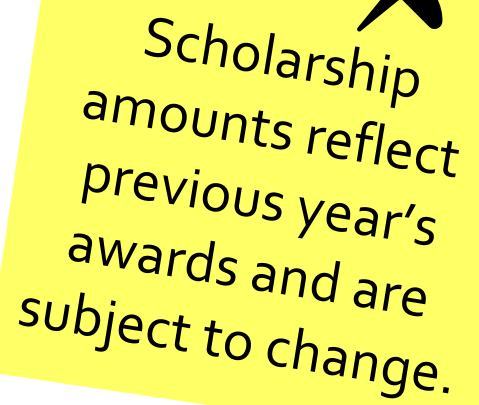
- Scholarship Committees meet to review and select recipients for each select scholarship
- Students are notified and awards are given

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## Scholarship Acceptance & Renewals: DUE July 15<sup>th</sup>

- Scholarship Recipients will receive information on how to complete their scholarship acceptance. Once this application is complete, a check will be mailed to your education institution.
- Previous year recipients who earned a renewal scholarship will need to renew at this time.

# Scholarship Opportunities



Scholarship amounts reflect previous year's awards and are subject to change.

Check your eligibility to see what scholarships you might qualify for!

(See table on next page)

- ☑ Details for each scholarship and who/what qualifies is included in the scholarship description.
- ☑ Cass Scholarships may include Dowagiac, Edwardsburg, Ross Beatty, or Marcellus schools.
- ☑ Students residing within the Galien School District boundaries may find applicable scholarships listed under Buchanan.



\*\*Please note that scholarships amounts listed reflect previous year's awards and are subject to change. Some scholarships offer multiple awards or may be renewal. Details can be found under the scholarship descriptions on the following pages.

SCHOLARSHIPS	GPA	Amount	Notes	Brandywine	Buchanan	Cass County	Niles
ANN COULSTON MEMORIAL	3.0	\$1,000		✓			
BARBARA WALKDEN MEMORIAL		\$1-2,000	LMC Student, requires SAR* (see FAFSA section)		✓		
BILL WEAVER MEMORIAL		\$1,000	Awarded to 1 female athlete from Buchanan & 1 male athlete from Niles		✓		✓
BRANDYWINE CLASS OF 1967 MEMORIAL	2.5	\$500	Has financial need, requires SAR* (see FAFSA section)	✓			
BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB			Reside within Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Service Area		✓		
CARYL BECK-MILLER PETS ALIVE	3.0	\$1,000	500-word essay on why you wish to pursue a career helping animals			✓	
CAROL D. BAKER MEMORIAL	2.5	\$1-3,000			✓		
CAROL THURSTON	2.0	\$15,000	Female participant of a Brandywine Athletic Program *preference to softball	✓			
CASSOPOLIS SCHOOL FOUNDATION	2.5	\$500-1,250				✓	
CLASS OF 1973 ALUMNI		\$1,300	Has financial need, requires SAR* (see FAFSA section)	✓			
CONTOIS	3.0	\$1-4,000					✓
DICK CONRAD MEMORIAL	2.5	\$1,000	Softball or baseball player <u>must</u> play in college	✓	✓	✓	✓
ELLIS FAMILY MEMORIAL		\$500			✓		
EUGENE SMITH		\$200			✓		
FAY FRAZEE NURSING		\$900	Going into nursing	✓	✓		✓
GALIEN AMBULANCE		\$500	Reside within original Galien School District entering health profession		✓		
GALIEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	2.5	\$500	Reside within original Galien School District *see map in appendix		✓		
JEANNE GRIFFIN		\$14,000	Academic excellence				✓
HARRIET J. SCHWARTZ		\$250			✓		
HELEN & DALE CROPEY EDUCATIONAL	3.0	\$1,000	Attend Volina Church			✓	
HIKE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION	2.5	\$500			✓		
IDA HACKING		\$6,000	Available every 4 years – reopens 2026		✓		

<b>JANE DAVIS HEALTH CAREERS</b>		\$1,200-2,400	Pursuing medical or health sciences	✓	✓		✓
<b>JANET FUND RACHT MEMORIAL</b>	3.0	\$500			✓		
<b>JANET L. MOTTL</b>	2.5	\$500	Female student of high character		✓		
<b>JASON KUNTZ HISTORY CLUB</b>	3.0	\$1,000	Submit an essay about interest in history		✓		
<b>JAY &amp; CECILE MCCOMBS MEMORIAL</b>		\$1,400	Top 40% of class, has financial need	✓			
<b>JOSEPH NORTON SHETERON MEMORIAL</b>	3.25	\$1-4,000	Played softball/baseball, recommendation from coach, athletic director, or principal & essay illustrating 'love of the game'			✓	
<b>LEE F. AUBLE MEMORIAL</b>			Member of Lee F. Auble National Honors Society	** Must attend Berrien Springs			
<b>LLOYD BYWATERS MEMORIAL</b>	2.75	\$500	Played or cheered for Edwardsburg Rocket Football *requires photo			✓	
<b>MARABETH WRIGHT MEMORIAL</b>	3.0	\$1,000				✓	
<b>MARY ELLA POWELL MEMORIAL</b>		\$1-4,000	Pursuing teaching		✓		
<b>MUNRO MEMORIAL</b>	2.5	\$1,000	Pursuing health profession				✓
<b>NILES-BUCHANAN ROTARY</b>	3.0	\$1,500		✓	✓		✓
<b>NILES HISTORICAL</b>		\$500-1,500					✓
<b>RAY E. BABCOCK MEMORIAL</b>	3.0	\$1,000	Reside in original Galien School District		✓		
<b>RAYMOND R. RICORDATI, JR MEMORIAL LMC</b>		\$1,000	Attend LMC		✓		
<b>ROBERT ROTZIEN</b>		\$750	Pursuing trade or vocational program preferred		✓		
<b>ROMA HOLMES</b>		\$1,000	Has financial need		✓		
<b>SEMPER FI COMPANY/CPL. IAN STEWARD MEMORIAL</b>	3.0		**May deadline, must be a U.S Marine – active or reserved	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>STEPHEN TYLER</b>		\$1,000	NHS Junior				✓
<b>TERRILL POWELL MUSIC FUND</b>			Pursuing a music degree				✓
<b>TRULL FAMILY</b>	3.5	\$1,500	Pursuing degree in education field		✓		
<b>UNITY HOSPITAL EDUCATION</b>		\$500-1,000	Pursuing health related profession		✓		
<b>VOSBURGH FAMILY</b>	2.0	\$1,000	Has financial need	✓			
<b>WALTER E. SCHIRMER MEMORIAL</b>	3.0	\$1,000			✓		

### **ANN COULSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience.

**\*\*Amounts reflect previous year's awards and are subject to change.**

### **BARBARA WALKDEN MEMORIAL LMC SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$2,000 (1-2 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who will be attending Lake Michigan College and is enrolled in a program to achieve a trade certification or associates degree. This was established in her will (she was a BHS graduate).

### **BILL WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000 (2 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): (1) Buchanan, (1) Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to one female senior athlete from Buchanan and one senior male athlete from Niles. A preference is given to students who participate in the basketball program at their respective high schools. This was established in honor of Coach Weaver, Basketball Coach for Buchanan & Niles.

### **BRANDYWINE CLASS OF 1967 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine
- MIN. GPA: 2.5
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who has a minimum GPA of 2.5 and shows financial need.

### **BUCHANAN-GALIEN LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$3,000 (up to three awards)
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan, Galien
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Scholarship/Endowed - \$3,000 (usually provides three \$1,000 awards). This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to seniors who live within the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club service area who have volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience. The fund was established by the Lions Club.

### **CARYL BECK-MILLER PETS ALIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Cass – Ross Beatty High School
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \$1,000 award nonrenewable (qualifications: applicant must be pursuing a degree in a field related to caring for animals, volunteer/leadership experience, 3.0 GPA or higher).

### **CAROL D. BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000 - \$3,000 (1-3 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine
- MIN. GPA:

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 2.5 or higher GPA. Marie Kangas established the scholarship in memory of her daughter Carol.

#### **CAROL THURSTON SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$7,000 - \$14,000 (\$7,000 first year – renewable for 1 year)
- **DISTRICT(S):** Brandywine
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This is a renewable scholarship awarded to a female student who participates in a Brandywine High School Athletic Program with preference given to seniors in the softball program who have a 2.0 or high GPA and will be enrolled full-time.

#### **CASSOPOLIS SCHOOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$500 - \$1,250
- **DISTRICT(S):** Cass – Ross Beatty High School
- **MIN. GPA:** 2.5
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \$500 first year award, \$750 second year award for a total award of \$1,250. There are typically 2 – 3 seniors each year who receive awards (qualifications: applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, needs based preference).

#### **CLASS OF 1973 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,300
- **DISTRICT(S):** Brandywine
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience and shows financial need.

#### **CONTOIS SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$4,000 (\$1,000 first year – renewable for 3 years)
- **DISTRICT(S):** Niles
- **MIN. GPA:** 3.0
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This is a renewable scholarship awarded to a senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience.

#### **DICK CONRAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:**
- **DISTRICT(S):** Brandywine, Buchanan, Niles, Cass
- **MIN. GPA:** 2.5
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Applicants from our coverage area of southern Berrien and Cass County are considered with one non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who has a 2.5 or higher GPA who has participated in softball or baseball and is planning to continue to play at college.

#### **ELLIS FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$500
- **DISTRICT(S):** Buchanan
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior. Mr. & Mrs. Ellis left funds in memory of their three daughters who died in 1971 while students at BCS.

### **EUGENE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$200
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior. This fund was transferred to the foundation in 1996 from BCS to manage.

### **FAY FRAZEE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,200
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine, Buchanan, Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants from Brandywine, Buchanan & Niles are considered with one scholarship being awarded to an applicant going into the nursing program with preference given to applicants who are a Spectrum/Lakeland employee or volunteer.

### **GALIEN AMBULANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Galien Ambulance Scholarship/Endowed - \$500 award. This nonrenewable scholarship accepts applicants who currently live within the original Galien School District who are pursuing a course of study for a health-related profession. We reach out to River Valley High School for candidates along with BHS. This fund was established by the former Galien Volunteer Ambulance Service.

### **GALIEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA: 2.5
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Galien Township School District Scholarship/Endowed - \$500 award. This nonrenewable scholarship accepts applicants who currently live within the original Galien School District who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience along with a 2.5 or higher GPA. We reach out to River Valley High School for candidates as well. Berrien RESA brought this scholarship to the foundation.

### **GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$2,500 - \$10,000 (\$2,500 first year – renewable for 3 years)
- DISTRICT(S): Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who is in the top of their class and has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience, preference is given to a student going into teaching and has financial need.

### **HARRIET J. SCHWARTZ SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$250
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior. Ms. Schwartz was a teacher at BCS and left funds to the foundation when she died in 1972.

### **HELEN & DALE CROSEY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Cass

- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \$1,000 award typically nonrenewable (qualifications: only for seniors who attend Volina Church, must have volunteer/leadership experience, 3.0 GPA or higher)

#### HIKE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hike for Higher Education/Endowed \$500 award. This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience and has a 2.5 or higher GPA. In 2000 Scott Carlin & Jeremy Miller, two BHS graduates, hiked the Appalachian Trail & raised funds for this scholarship.

#### IDA HACKING SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$6,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ida Hacking Scholarship/Endowed - \$6,000 renewable award. This renewable award is only given every four-years to an exemplary student and is chosen by BHS staff. We do not have a lot of information about Mrs. Hacking. According to board member, Dick Swem, Mrs. Hacking worked at Clarke Equipment and did not have any children. **Reopens 2026 – available every 4 years.**

#### JANE DAVIS HEALTH CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$1,200 - \$2,400 (1 – 2 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan, Brandywine, & Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants from Brandywine, Buchanan & Niles are considered with one or two scholarships being awarded to an applicant pursuing a course of student in the medical or health science field with preference given to applicants who are Spectrum/Lakeland employee or volunteer.

#### JANET FUNK RACHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Janet FunK Racht Memorial Scholarship/Endowed - \$500 award. This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 3.0 or higher GPA. This funds was established by Janet’s friend and family after her death. She was a BHS graduate where she taught English and served on the Board of Education for 12 years.

#### JANET L. MOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA: 2.5
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a female senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 2.5 or higher GPA. Janet was a teacher at BHS for 33 years before retiring. Her family established this fund in her name.

#### JASON KUNTZ HISTORY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This nonrenewable scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 3.0 GPA or higher. Requires the applicant write an essay outlining their interest in history and preference is given to students involved in history club. This fund was established by his family shortly after Jason's death.

#### **JAY & CECILE MCCOMBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,400
- **DISTRICT(S):** Brandywine
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who is in the top 40% of their class and shows financial need.

#### **JOSEPH NORTON SHETERON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$4,000
- **DISTRICT(S):** Cass – Dowagiac, Marcellus, Edwardsburg, Ross Beatty High School
- **MIN. GPA:** 3.25
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \$1,000 first year renewable for three years for a total award of \$4,000 (qualifications: applicant must have participated in baseball or softball, must be recommended by a coach, athletic director or principal, must be enrolled full-time, must have a 3.25 GPA or higher)  
***Additional requirements: Essay illustrating "Love of the Game"***

#### **LEE F. AUBLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$
- **DISTRICT(S):** Berrien Springs
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Applicant must have volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience. Applicant must also be a member of the Lee F. Auble National Honors Society.

#### **LLOYD BYWATERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$500
- **DISTRICT(S):** Cass – Edwardsburg
- **MIN. GPA:** 2.75
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \$500 award nonrenewable (qualifications: applicant must have played or cheered for Edwardsburg Rocket football and have a 2.75 or higher GPA)

#### **MARABETH WRIGHT MEMORIAL**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,000
- **DISTRICT(S):** Cass – Ross Beatty High School
- **MIN. GPA:** 3.0
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \$1,000 award nonrenewable (qualifications: applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or higher)

#### **MARY ELLA POWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- **AMOUNT:** \$1,000 - \$4,000
- **DISTRICT(S):** Buchanan
- **MIN. GPA:**
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience going into the teaching profession. This fund was established under Ms. Powell's will.

### **MUNRO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Niles
- MIN. GPA: 2.5
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 with preference given to students who intend to pursue a career in dentistry, dental hygiene, or a patient care related dental occupation.

### **NILES-BUCHANAN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,500 (1 – 2 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan, Brandywine, & Niles
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants from Brandywine, Buchanan & Niles are considered with one scholarship being awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 3.0 or higher GPA.

### **NILES HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$500 - \$1,500 (1 – 3 scholarships)
- DISTRICT(S): Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Includes funding from the O.W. Coolidge, Baxter Memorial, Mary Swan, James & Hannah and J.W. & Virginia Sarley Scholarships for one non-renewable award, no specific preferences)

### **RAY E. BABCOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ray E. Babcock Memorial Scholarship/Endowed \$1,000 award. This nonrenewable scholarship accepts applicants who currently live within the original Galien School District who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience along with a 3.0 or higher GPA. We reach out to River Valley High School for candidates as well. This fund was transferred to us when Galien Schools closed.

### **RAYMOND R. RICORDATI, JR MEMORIAL LMC SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a non-renewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who will be enrolled full time and attends Lake Michigan College. Rays' family established this award in his name. He was attending LMC when he passed.

### **ROBERT ROTZIEN SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$750
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior with preference given to students going into a trade or vocational program. Mr. Rotzien was a BHS grad who had a machine tool shop in Buchanan. Lynne from Milano's pizza is related to Mr. Rotzien.

### **ROMA HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan



- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who shows financial need. Mrs. Holmes taught for 30 years, mostly at Stark Elementary School. She established this fund at her retirement (still living in 2022).

#### **SEMPER FI COMPANY/CPL. IAN STEWART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine, Buchanan, Niles, Cass
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **\*\*May Deadline**, applicant must be a U.S Marine – active or reserved.

#### **STEPHEN TYLER SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This non-renewable scholarship is given to the outstanding junior male & female as decided by NHS staff and is presented to them in their senior year.

#### **TERRILL POWELL MUSIC FUND**

- AMOUNT:
- DISTRICT(S): Niles
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Terrill Powell Music Fund which is an award for Niles Community Schools which will be given as a scholarship in any year where the music director is aware of a student pursuing a degree in music. In years where there is no eligible senior, then the funds will be used for the NCS music program.

#### **TRULL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,500
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA: 3.5
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This nonrenewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience, has a minimum GPA of 3.5 and going into a course of student leading to a degree in education with preference to someone intending to teach science. Don & Kay Trull, longtime teachers, counselors, educators & administrators at BHS established this fund (Kay still alive in 2022).

#### **UNITY HOSPITAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$500 - \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA:
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Unity Hospital Education Scholarship/Endowed - \$500 to \$1,000 renewable award. This renewable scholarship accepts applicants from BHS seniors AND residents of Buchanan who are pursuing a course of study for a health-related profession. This fund was established by the proceeds of the sale of Unity Hospital in 1988. The goal of the fund is to make healthcare available in the Buchanan area.

#### **VOSBURGH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Brandywine
- MIN. GPA: 2.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a non-renewable scholarship awarded to a senior who lives within the Brandywine Community School district with a minimum GPA of 2.0 who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience and show financial need.

### **WALTER E. SCHIRMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- AMOUNT: \$1,000
- DISTRICT(S): Buchanan
- MIN. GPA: 3.0
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Walter E. Schirmer Memorial Scholarship/Endowed - \$1,000 renewable award. This renewable scholarship is awarded to a senior who has volunteer, leadership and/or community service experience who has a 3.0 or higher GPA. Mr. Schirmer established this scholarship in 1993 for his beloved City of Buchanan.

# APPENDIX

Letter of Recommendation Request

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# Letter of Recommendation Request

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## How do I ask?

Make an appointment with the adult to ask to write a letter of recommendation. Be gracious and grateful, let the writer know you appreciate the time and effort such a letter takes to prepare.

## Who should I ask to write a letter?

Teachers, employers, coaches, or other adults in the community who know you well and agree to write strong positive letters. Do not ask a relative. Ask people who represent different aspects of your life. The person should know you well enough to write about your strengths & changes they have observed in your personal growth.

## Can I use the same letter more than once?

YES, definitely! Ask for a couple of printed signed copies to have accessible.

## What kind of information does the writer of your letter of recommendation need?

The information that you list on the next page. You may wish to refresh the writer's memory with samples of class work, pictures, and/or your resume. Prepare your resume ONCE and make copies of it.

## How much time do teachers need to write letters?

At least TWO weeks. More time is preferred; the earlier, the better.

## What do I do after the letter is written and submitted?

Write a thank you note! If you get admitted to the college or receive a scholarship, be sure to tell the letter writer!

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Here is a sample form you may use when requesting a letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are a great opportunity for someone to share firsthand what a student's character is like in a variety of settings within the classroom and/or community. This form can prove useful for someone writing you a letter of recommendation.

Hello, I'd like to request a letter of recommendation. Please read the following information about me to refresh your memory and learn more about the scholarship(s) I am applying for.

## ABOUT ME

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goal (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards, honors, and leadership skills I have earned: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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My Activities (volunteer, school clubs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Information about my life (anything you feel is important for the reader to know): \_\_\_\_\_

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It would mean a lot to me if you would mention specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The letter of recommendation is due by: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions for delivering this letter (email, mail, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking the time and consideration!