

RALPH AND MARGARET VOSBURGH FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SUMMARY

The purpose of the Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship Fund is to assist students attending Brandywine with financial need. One scholarship is awarded yearly to one student from Brandywine entering an accredited post-secondary educational institution the following year. A preference will be given to students who experience financial need. Award determinations are made with the assistance of the Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship materials are available online on the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Website at www.mgcf.org/mgcf-scholarships.

January 15th application opens. March 15th is the application deadline.

BACKGROUND

The Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Fund was established in memory of Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh. Ralph Vosburgh (8/4/1921-11/2/2007) and Margaret Eckhart (9/22/1923-2/21/2013), lived in South Bend, Indiana as children. Ralph graduated from South Bend Central High School in 1939 and became a journeyman precision machinist. Margaret graduated from the same high school in 1941, and went into secretarial work. They met when both worked at the Studebaker Corporation and married on 9/5/1943. Ralph enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Ralph Jr. was born in 1946, and the family moved to Bertrand area south of Niles, Michigan. A second son, Bruce, was born in 1951.

Ralph and Margaret were very supportive of the local schools, the consolidation of schools in the 1950's, and the eventual creation of Brandywine High School. Ralph was a charter member of the Niles Township Fire Department, founded in 1953, and served as a volunteer firefighter for fifty years. He worked at the Studebaker Corporation until it closed and then at the National Standard Company in Niles. Margaret was a homemaker and worked various part-time positions.

This scholarship fund was created to honor Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh's legacy and passion for their community by helping students reach their fullest potential and access a college or university of their choice.

WHO MAY APPLY?

To be eligible, an applicant must be a Brandywine High School student demonstrating financial need. Scholarship applicants must be entering their first year of college in the fall.

Employees of Michigan Gateway Community Foundation and their dependents, members of the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation Board of Trustees and their dependents, as well as members of the Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee, and their dependents are ineligible for scholarship consideration.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

- Preference towards students who demonstrate financial need.
 - Two letters of recommendation (see www.mgcf.org/scholarships for a tool)
 - Personal Statement
 - FAFSA (optional)
 - Academic performance may be considered during the selection process. However, no minimum GPA is required for consideration.
 - Application or acceptance as a full-time, first-year student at an accredited post-secondary educational certificate/degree program; e.g., a four-year or two-year public/private college.
-

WHAT ARE THE AWARD CONDITIONS?

- If an award recipient withdraws from the educational institution, the award will be canceled, and the unspent portion, if any, will be returned to the Foundation.
- If a recipient chooses to take a course or series of courses at an educational institution other than the one to which they were originally admitted, or if they wish to transfer to another educational institution, the Scholarship Award will not be forfeited if the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation is notified in advance of such transfer.

HOW WILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PAYMENTS BE MADE?

- Award payments will be made to the Financial Aid Office, or its equivalent, of the educational institution in the name of the educational institution. Payments may be applied toward tuition, or miscellaneous educational expenses as designated in the scholarship agreement. by the recipient.
- Award payments will be made as soon as (1) the recipient has completed the acceptance application including the following information, (2) fall verification, and (3) student ID number
- Awards are subject to state and federal income tax guidelines.

ARE AWARDS RENEWABLE?

- The Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship award is not renewable.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Apply by completing our general scholarship application at www.mgcf.org/scholarships
- Applications open January 15th
- The deadline to apply is March 15th

If you need additional information or materials, please contact the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation at (269) 695-3521 or nmireles@mgcf.org.

INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION TO THIS FUND?

Visit our website and click the Donate button or send a check indicating your gift to "Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship" in the memo:

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation
Attn: Ralph and Margaret Vosburgh Family Memorial Scholarship
111 Days Avenue
Buchanan, MI 49107