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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that post-secondary education is key to a healthy and vibrant community and are pleased to partner with generous community donors to create and offer a variety of scholarship opportunities for local students.

Annual Scholarship Process Timeline

JANUARY	Visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/ for current information on available scholarships and timelines for the year
FEBRUARY	Applications available
MARCH 31	Application deadline <i>(note some scholarships may have a deadline that is sooner or later than the end of March)</i>
APRIL/MAY	Scholarship committees review applications, make recipient recommendations
MAY/JUNE	Recipients are notified of their awards
JUNE 30	Recipients return signed award letters with information about their planned college/university
AUGUST	Scholarship awards are sent directly to the students' college or university of choice

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In partnership with Traverse City Area Public Schools, the Community Foundation is home to a scholarship pool to benefit graduating seniors from TCAPS' high schools: Traverse City Central High School, Traverse City West Senior High, and Traverse City High School. The following scholarships are offered through this scholarship pool.

Central, West

Achievement of Excellence Award

Available to a graduating senior who has distinguished him/ herself through academic achievement, leadership, and proven skills in the adult roles of: Citizen, Healthy & Fit Individual, Family Life Member, Life-Long Learner, and Worker. To be considered, students must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and submit a portfolio.

One annual \$500 scholarship is awarded at each Central High School and West Senior High.

Central, West

Traverse City Administrators' Association Scholarship

Available to a worthy senior who is pursuing a career in education.

One annual \$500 scholarship is awarded at each Central High School and West Senior High.

Central

Ansorge Trojan Wrestling Scholarship

Established in 2012 and available to a TC Central graduating senior and member of the wrestling team. A player that demonstrates leadership and whose actions are intended to help the team above himself; that practices as hard as he plays and always gives his best effort; and that has a strong camaraderie with his teammates and helps his teammates do their best. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

Central

Brian Baker Memorial Music Scholarship

Established in 2014 to recognize a graduating senior from Traverse City Central High School, that intends to pursue a music related major (i.e. music teacher, music therapy, etc.) *One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually.*

West

Sylvester J Beaton Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2006 by the Beaton family to honor their father and grandfather Available to a Traverse City West Senior High graduating senior. Applicants will have a 2.5 GPA or higher and the scholarship is meant for a student who is on the rise academically and who has demonstrated financial need. *One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.*

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Central, West

The Les and Anne Biederman Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

In keeping with the visions and determinations that were held by the late Les Biederman, this scholarship is available to students who endeavor to pursue careers in nursing or business. *One \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High for a student pursuing a career in business and one \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High for a student pursuing a career in nursing.*

West

TC West Scholarship in Memory of Carol Bowman

Established in 2007 and awarded in memory of Carol Bowman, former West Senior High staff member. The Student Senate funds this memorial award to benefit a senator that has shown care and concern for community service and their school. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

TC High

Robert Bursian Memorial Scholarship

The Robert Bursian Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011 to recognize an outstanding graduating senior from Traverse City High School. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

TC High

Earl Chambers Scholarship

The Earl Chambers Scholarship was established in 2005 and is available to graduating seniors from Traverse City High School. Applicants must exhibit a high degree of humanitarianism through their behaviors, actions, and ideals. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

TC High

Pennie Egeler Memorial Scholarship

The Pennie Egeler Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 in honor of Pennie Egeler who retired after 20 years as a Registered Nurse at Munson. The scholarship is available to students graduating from Traverse City High School and that has an interest in working in the medical field (including nursing, dental assistant, x-ray technician, etc.). Preference will be given to student parents, though all graduating seniors are encouraged to apply. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

West

Chase Newton O'Black Titan Spirit Scholarship

The Chase Newton O'Black Titan Scholarship was established in 2010. *One \$250 scholarship is awarded annually each of the male and female Titan Spirit Hall of Fame winners.*

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Central

Coach Wayne Hintz Scholarship

The Coach Wayne Hintz Scholarship was established in 2007 and is awarded annually to a graduating senior of Traverse City Central High School. To qualify an applicant must have participated in athletics during their high school years.

One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.

Central, West

Hospitalists of Northern Michigan Scholarship

The Hospitalists of Northern Michigan Scholarship was established in 2012 for graduating seniors from TC Central and TC West. Eligible recipients must plan on studying in the field of healthcare, and have volunteered or participated in some type of community service organization. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.*

West

Interlochen Women's Club Scholarship

The Interlochen Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2008 and is awarded to a female Interlochen-area resident who attends West Senior High.

The annual scholarship varies between \$500 and \$700.

Central

Kenneth M Koch Memorial Scholarship

The Kenneth M. Koch Memorial Scholarship was established in 1988 and will be awarded to a worthy senior of the Traverse City Central High graduating class. Eligible seniors must have a 3.0 GPA or better. *One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.*

Central

Menzel Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Menzel, in memory of his parents Irving and Emmaleen Menzel, who were both teachers in the Traverse City Public Schools District, established the scholarship in 1988. A 3.0 or better grade point average is required and the recipient must be pursuing a career in education and also demonstrate financial need. *One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.*

Central

Scott Miller Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2011 in memory of Scott Miller, this scholarship is available to a member of the TC Central hockey team that; practices as hard as he plays and always gives his best effort; has a strong camaraderie with his teammates and helps his teammates do their best; and that passes on to others his love of the sport and his love of his teammates.

One \$750 scholarship is awarded annually.

West

Gordon and Margaret Moores Memorial Scholarship

The Gordon and Margaret Moores Scholarship was established in 2000. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has excelled in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service. Special attention will be given to those who plan to pursue a career in education, medicine or other careers which serves others.

One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.

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Central, West

National Honors Society Scholarships

The National Honors Society supports scholarships from funds raised during the year at TC Central and TC West. Scholarships are awarded to worthy seniors on the basis of scholarship (3.5 or better), leadership, character, and service.

The scholarship award amount and number of awards vary annually.

Central, West

Walter L. Oberlin Scholarship

The Walter L. Oberlin Scholarship was established in 1988. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of interest in the subject areas of education or humanities and a grade point average at or above 3.0. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually and alternates each year between Central High School and West Senior High.*

Central, West

Old Mission Peninsula Scholarship

The Old Mission Peninsula Scholarship was established in 1995 to recognize an outstanding graduating senior who attended Old Mission Peninsula Elementary School. *One \$250 scholarship is awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High (if there is only one eligible recipient, they may receive the full \$500 available.)*

Central, West

Jim Ooley Scholarship

When Jim Ooley retired in 1993 after 39 years of teaching and coaching, it was his desire to establish a scholarship fund to recognize an outstanding senior student athlete whose dedication and leadership exemplifies the ideals for which Jim Ooley stood.

One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.

TC High

The Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Available to a graduating senior of Traverse City High School who has demonstrated the desire, will and ability to succeed in life. The scholarship is to be used by the recipient for further education and skill development in pursuit of the career of their choice. This scholarship is given in loving memory, gratitude and admiration for the donor's father. He was a tool-and-die maker who understood the value of post-secondary education as a foundation for building a successful career. *One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually and may be renewable for a maximum of three years, as recipients demonstrate successful progress.*

TC High

Susan Ruth Pavelka Memorial

The Susan Ruth Pavelka Scholarship was established in 2002 to award a scholarship primarily to students of the TC High School who will be attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution and have demonstrated financial need.

One \$1,200 scholarship is awarded annually.

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Central, West

Pioneer State Mutual Insurance Co. Merit Scholarship

This scholarship is available for a graduating senior who is pursuing a degree in business/management related field. The recipient must exhibit good citizenship, a good attendance record, excellent oral/written communication skills and meet all academic standards with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Priority will be given to students involved in community and/or extracurricular activities. Financial need will also be taken into consideration.

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.

Central, West

John W. Rennie Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of John W. Rennie who lived his own vision each and every day by contributing his energy, love, and commitment to his family, friends, and community. He lived a long, full and happy life because he gave infinitely more than he received. John believed that each person develops their own vision and purpose in life through education and experience. The award goes to a student who has excelled in academics and has had active participation in school or community activities.

One scholarship (\$200-\$250) awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.

Central, West

Laura Ann Rennie Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a female graduate in memory of Laura Rennie, daughter of John and Harriet Rennie. The John Rennie family has established a scholarship in 1994 in memory of Laura, who would have been a member of the Class of 1992. She died December 18, 1986 when she was 12 years old. The selection will be based on scholastic achievement and active participation in school or community activities.

One scholarship (\$200-\$250) awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.

Central, West

Brock Safronoff Scholarship

The Safronoff Scholarship was established in 2001 and is awarded to a worthy Athlete/Scholar in memory of Brock Safronoff. Baseball players will have priority.

One \$400 scholarship awarded annually and alternates each year between Central High School and West Senior High.

Central

Kyle Sonnemann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2009 in memory of Kyle Sonneman.

One \$500 scholarship awarded annually.

Central, West

TCHS Classes of 1944 and 1945 Scholarship

The TCHS Classes of 1944/ 1945 Scholarship Endowment was established by the Traverse City High School graduating classes of 1944 and 1945.

One \$500 scholarship awarded annually at each Central High School and West Senior High.

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Central, West, TC High

TCAPS Transportation Association Scholarship

The Transportation Association Scholarship was established in 2006. It is to be awarded by the Transportation Association to a student who has improved his/ her GPA during the school year to a 2.0 or better, has exhibited an improved social attitude, and improved attendance. The student should also demonstrate financial need.

One \$500 scholarship awarded annually at each Central High School, West Senior High and Traverse City High School.

West

Dave Walker Memorial Scholarship

The Dave Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 in memory of Dave Walker. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from West Senior High that demonstrates excellent citizenship, is involved in school activities, demonstrates they serve others and is interested in a career that serves others, and that is contributing monetarily to their own education. *One \$500 scholarship awarded annually.*

West

Joe Welburn Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Joe Welburn, to recognize an outstanding graduating senior that is a member of the marching band drumline.

One \$500 scholarship awarded annually.

West

Westwoods Community Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2014 to support a Traverse City West Senior High graduating senior that attended at least one year of elementary school at Westwoods Elementary and that has achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher.

One \$500 scholarship is planned to be awarded annually.

West

Owen P Williamson Musical Theater Scholarship

Established in 2013, in memory of Owen Williamson, this scholarship will support a Traverse City West Senior High graduating senior each year. Eligible students will demonstrate participation in music theater activities during their high school career, as well as a continuing interest in music theater involvement.

One \$400 scholarship awarded annually.

**NOTE: For the 2014 graduating class only, one \$400 scholarship will be awarded at each Central High School and West Senior High*

Central

TC Central Senior Class Scholarship

The Central Senior Class scholarship was established in 2006 and is based upon funds donated by each Senior Class. It recognizes achievements during school in a variety of programs and encourages continuing education.

\$500 scholarships awarded annually (number of recipients varies).

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Central

TC Central Senior Class Scholarship

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West

TC West Academic Boosters Scholarship

The WSH Academic Boosters Scholarship was established in 2008. Recipients must earn a minimum 3.25 GPA. *Five \$500 scholarship awarded annually.*

West

TC West Key Club Scholarship

The WSH Key Club Scholarship was established in 2011. This scholarship will be given based on involvement in Key Club and an essay. *One \$400 scholarship awarded annually.*

West

TC West Senior Class Scholarship

The Class of 2008 has established a scholarship fund with the intent of recognizing achievements during school in a variety of programs and to encourage continuing education. *\$250- \$500 scholarships awarded annually (number of recipients varies).*

West

TC West Student Senate Scholarship

The WSH Student Senate Scholarship was established in 2008. This scholarship will be to recognize a senior in Student Senate who has excelled in student government for at least two years. *Two \$500 scholarships awarded annually.*

West

TC West High Staff Scholarship

The Traverse City West High Staff Scholarship was established in 2006. The WSH staff raises funds to honor students who have shown academic diligence and service in to their school. *One or two \$500 scholarships awarded annually.*

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