

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TCAPS STUDENTS



The Community Foundation is home to a variety of scholarships designated to benefit a graduating senior from Traverse City Area Public Schools. This scholarship guide includes both permanent endowment and annually renewed scholarships. The complete and final list of available scholarships in a given year may vary. Visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/ for the most current information.

Local Scholarships for TCAPS Process Timeline

JANUARY	Visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/apply for current information on available scholarships and timelines for the year. Applications available <i>on January 15</i>
MARCH	Application deadline <i>on March 1</i> for most scholarships* <i>*please note that some scholarships have a later deadline</i>
APRIL	Scholarship committees review applications, make recipient recommendations
MAY/JUNE	Recipients are notified of their awards at honors convocation or graduation
JUNE 30	Recipients return post-acceptance information about their planned college/university
AUGUST	Scholarship awards are sent directly to the students' college or university of choice
DECEMBER 31	Deadline for students to communicate their post-acceptance information to the Community Foundation
SEPTEMBER 30	Unclaimed scholarships will be canceled if the Community Foundation doesn't receive information by September 30 of the following year the scholarship was awarded

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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 3.75 and submit a portfolio (in addition to their online application). *Scholarships are awarded annually at Central and West. The scholarship award amount and number of awards vary annually.*

Central, West, TC High

Traverse City Administrators' Association Scholarship

Available to a worthy senior who is pursuing a career in education. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually at each Central, West, and Traverse City High School.*

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.*

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 and West for a student pursuing a career in business and one \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually at each Central and West for a student pursuing a career in nursing.*

Central, West, TC High

Blair Bobcats Community Scholarship

Established in 2022, this scholarship recognizes students that attended Blair Elementary for a minimum of two years. *One scholarship of at least \$1,000 is awarded annually.*

TC High

Brighter Future Scholarship

Available to students at TC High. Recipients are selected based on heart and character with a priority for at-risk students with high financial need. Priority for students attending NMC pursuing a trade or medical career. *One \$500- \$1,000 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.*

West

Patrick J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship

The Patrick J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship exists to further Patrick's legacy of loving without reservation, courageously facing challenges without complaint, and appreciating the beauty of the present moment. The scholarship is available for graduating seniors pursuing music or multi-media arts education. *One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.*

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Central	<p><u>TC Central Senior Class Scholarship</u> 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. <i>\$500 scholarships awarded annually (number of recipients varies).</i></p>
TC High	<p><u>Earl Chambers Scholarship</u> 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. <i>One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.</i></p>
Central	<p><u>Abby Mahan Gartland Memorial Scholarship</u> The Abby Mahan Gartland Memorial Scholarship is available to a female graduating senior from Traverse City Central High School that has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA and plans to pursue a major related to Environmental Science. Preference will be given to applicants that have volunteer experience with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and that are student athletes. <i>One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually.</i></p>
Central	<p><u>Coach Wayne Hintz Scholarship</u> 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. <i>One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.</i></p>
West	<p><u>Interlochen Women's Club Scholarship</u> The Interlochen Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2008 and is awarded to a female Interlochen-area resident who attends West Senior High. <i>The annual scholarship varies between \$500 and \$700.</i></p>
Central	<p><u>Harold C. Johnson Scholarship</u> The Harold C. Johnson Scholarship was created to support scholarship awards for graduating seniors at Central High School. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on achievements in music, community service, and leadership. <i>One \$1,000 awarded annually.</i></p>
Central	<p><u>Kenneth M Koch Memorial Scholarship</u> 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. <i>One \$400 scholarship is awarded annually.</i></p>
Central	<p><u>Arthur F. Lederle Scholarship</u> The Arthur F. Lederle Scholarship supports a student from Traverse City Central High School who has demonstrated leadership skills and financial need. The award is intended for one student to be provided for all four years at an accredited educational institution, and then any post graduate work the student decides to pursue. <i>One \$1,500 scholarship is awarded.</i></p>

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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.*

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.*

West

Chase Newton O'Black Titan School Culture Scholarship

The Chase Newton O'Black Titan School Culture Scholarship was established in 2010 and is awarded annually to students who are most supportive in building a positive and inclusive school culture for all students at Traverse City West. *Two \$250 scholarships are awarded annually.*

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 and West. 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 and West.*

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 \$900- \$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. A separate application is required. *One \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually at either Central or West.*

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 \$200-\$250 scholarship awarded annually at each Central and West.*

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 \$200-\$250 scholarship awarded annually at each Central and West.*

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 \$500 scholarship awarded annually and alternates each year between Central and West.*

Central

Kyle Sonnemann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2009 in memory of Kyle Sonnemann. *One \$500 scholarship awarded annually.*

Central

Drake Tester Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to the students who pursue their goals with passion and determination while displaying encouragement and kindness towards their fellow students. *Five \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually at Central.*

Central

Courtney M. Tilley Memorial Scholarship

Available to a graduating senior that is a varsity athlete and plans to pursue a career in the trades (at a trade school or apprenticeship). *One \$500 scholarship awarded annually.*

Central, West, TC High

Tompkins Scholarship Endowment

The Tompkins Scholarship Endowment was established to provide scholarship awards to benefit graduates from Traverse City Area Public Schools. Awards will be based primarily on academic achievement without consideration of financial need. Individual scholarship awards are intended to be significant in nature and may be renewable for future years.

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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 \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually at each Central and West.*

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

TC West Academic Boosters Scholarship

The WSH Academic Boosters Scholarship was established in 2008. Recipients must earn a minimum 3.25 GPA. *The scholarship award amount and number of awards vary annually.*

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.*

West

TC West High Key Club Scholarship

The West Senior High Key Club Scholarship was established in 2011. This scholarship is given based on involvement in Key Club and an essay. *One scholarship awarded annually. The scholarship award amount varies.*

West

TC West Senior Class Scholarship

The Senior Class Scholarship is supported annually by the graduating class with the intent of recognizing achievements during school in a variety of programs and to encourage continuing education. *The scholarship award amount and number of awards vary annually.*

West

TC West Student Senate Scholarship

The WSH Student Senate Scholarship was established in 2008. This scholarship will 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 Scholarships

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 to their school. *The scholarship award amount and number of awards vary 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 awarded annually.*

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West

Mike Wilde Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a male and female student athlete from West Senior High who represent the ideals that Coach Wilde strove for in his players. *Two \$500 scholarships 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.*

Central

Lola M. Zaremba Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2014 and in memory of Lola M. Zaremba, a career public school teacher. Annual scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from Central High School that has demonstrated interest in teaching and history, with a preference for a student who indicates interest in a career in public education. *One \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually.*