

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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

Regional Scholarship 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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AAUW- TC Minnie Votruba Moore Scholarship Endowment

Available to assist area women who are seeking opportunities to enrich their educational credentials to enhance their personal and/or career opportunities. Eligible students will have completed two or more years of college following their high school education and are enrolled, or will be enrolling, in at least nine hours each term/semester in an accredited program, and who reside in the five county Grand Traverse Region.

Grand Traverse County

Jack Edward Allen Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from a Traverse City area high school and who have attained the Eagle Scout ranking from the Boy Scouts of America.

Antrim County

Owen James Anderson Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Elk Rapids School District, with preferences for students who are Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Members, students pursuing a career in Construction Management, or students whose hobbies/interests include hunting, fishing, snowboarding, or four-tracking.

Benzie County

Benzie Central Legacy Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Benzie County Central Schools planning to pursue post-secondary education including a certificate or degree program at an accredited school. Emphasis will be placed on character, citizenship, and service to the school and community. Financial need and academic achievement are considered but not primary factors.

Benzie County

Benzie Central Science Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating students from Benzie Central High School who plan to pursue higher education in the science field. Applicants must have shown an expressed interest in science, have excelled in the field, and demonstrate financial need.

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Katie Bigelow NP Memorial Scholarship

Available to support single mothers who are enrolled in a post-secondary degree program and reside in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County. Preference is given to those pursuing programs in the medical or health care field.

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Joe Brisson Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to a graduating senior from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County. Applicants must demonstrate adventurous spirit, a passion and zest for life, and will have played in a soccer league, whether school or community related.

Benzie County

Kalee Bruce Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Benzie or Frankfort High Schools who are planning to pursue post-secondary education.

Grand Traverse County

Buckley Schools Marie Guyton Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Buckley Community Schools. The Endowment supports three scholarships annually: the Marie Guyton Valedictorian Scholarship (no application), Eleanor Smith Salutatorian Scholarship (no application), and Marie Guyton Leadership Scholarship (competitive application process).

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Camp Roy-El Scholarship Endowment

Available to college-level juniors and seniors currently completing undergraduate degrees at Michigan-based colleges and universities. Applicants must be pursuing a profession dedicated to working with persons with disabilities and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Possible fields may include allied health, nursing, medicine, occupational therapy and physical therapy or students in social work and special education. Previous applicants are eligible to apply.

Antrim County

Central Lake School District Osborn Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Central Lake Public Schools that are in the top 20 percent of their class and demonstrate strong academic performance.

Antrim County

Suzanne Cline-Walthour Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Elk Rapids High School with preference for, but not limited to, students planning to pursue an elementary education degree and/or planning to attend Ferris State University.

Leelanau County

Helen and Dale Cropsey Scholarship Endowment

Available to residents of the Suttons Bay or the Bingham area, including graduating high school seniors and students currently attending an accredited post secondary educational institution in the state of Michigan. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and attend church in the Suttons Bay or Bingham area. Priority will be given to students attending/planning to attend Michigan State University and who attend Immanuel Lutheran Church or First Lutheran Church. Previous recipients are eligible to apply.

Kalkaska County

Scott Day Memorial Scholarship Fund

Available to a graduating senior from Kalkaska High School. Priority consideration will be given to students that plan to pursue a major and career within the field of education and a demonstration of financial need will be considered.

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Robert S. "Robbie" Detwiler Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available for enrolled college students from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County that are pursuing a degree in architecture.

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Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating high school seniors in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties who are planning to pursue electrical engineering. Preference will be given to students that are the son or daughter of a member of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local 498.

Antrim County

Drenth Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Ellsworth Community School, with priority for students who plan to pursue an occupation in nursing, education or a vocational (trade) career. Academic achievement, leadership, and character may also be considered.

Antrim County

Elk Rapids Industrial Development Corporation Scholarship Endowment

Available to Elk Rapids High School graduates and graduating seniors that demonstrate a minimum 2.5 GPA and that are planning to enter a vocational program in a college, trade school, or an apprentice training program.

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Elk Rapids Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Elk Rapids High School who have earned a minimum 3.75 GPA.

Benzie County

John Rowland Gehring Science Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Benzie Central High School that are planning to pursue a degree in the science field.

Grand Traverse County

Gene's Auto Parts for the GT Academy Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Grand Traverse Academy and/or children of Gene's Auto Parts employees that are planning to pursue a post-secondary education (including trade and vocational schools) and that demonstrate financial need.

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Giving JAR Scholarship Fund

Available to graduating seniors from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau Counties that are planning to attend college with a goal of becoming teachers, coaches or other vocations ultimately giving back to youth within the communities they choose to live in. Financial need, academic performance, and community service involvement will be considered.

*Antrim County and
Caro, MI*

Peter James Gorno Scholarship Endowment

Available to one graduating senior from Elk Rapids High School and one graduating senior from Caro High School who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

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Home Builders' Association of the GT Area Scholarship Endowment

Available to residents from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau Counties who are pursuing continuing education related to the home building industry.

Benzie County

John S.E. Dieckman Husky Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Benzie County Central Schools planning to pursue post-secondary education including a certificate or degree program at an accredited school. Emphasis is placed on character, citizenship, and service to the school and community. Financial need is also a consideration.

Grand Traverse County

Jerry and Carol Inman Scholarship Endowment

Available to students graduating from Kingsley High School. Academic performance, character, leadership, and participation beyond the classroom will be considered.

*Grand Traverse,
Kalkaska and
Leelanau Counties*

Ernest B. Isaacsen Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties who are planning to attend Northwestern Michigan College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan or Wayne State University. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need. Academic performance will be considered.

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Joan Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Available to benefit young conservative women that wish to pursue activities in politics and public service.

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Antrim County

Bennie M. Kline Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Elk Rapids High School and residents of the Elk Rapids Area. Applicants must be pursuing or planning to pursue a trade or technical career. Individuals who have been out of school for a period of time and are going back to school are encouraged to apply. Previous recipients are eligible to apply.

Leelanau County, Regional

Ed and Nessa Laing Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors that are planning to pursue a post-secondary education (including trade school, certification program, college, or university) with a focus on preparation for a trade, technical or vocational profession. Preference is given first for students from Suttons Bay Public Schools; second for students from Leelanau County, and third for students from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska Counties. Financial need, demonstrated community involvement, volunteerism/ leadership activities will be considered.

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Judith Lang Journalism Scholarship Endowment

Supports scholarship awards for area students that demonstrate excellence in nonfiction writing. Winners are determined annually in cooperation with the Community Foundation/ National Writers Series competitive process.

Antrim County

Kathy Larkin Alba Scholarship Fund

Available to graduating seniors from Alba Public School who have demonstrated academic excellence and have expressed interest in entering a public service field (including but not limited to teaching, social work, firefighting, law enforcement, or the military).

Regional

Leslie Lee Nonfiction Scholarship Endowment

Available to public, parochial, or home school students that reside in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau Counties. Students must be a junior or a senior during the award year. To apply, students must complete an online application and submit a non-fiction manuscript as part of the Community Foundation Traverse City National Writers Series Scholarship competitive process.

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LGBTQ Pride Scholarship Fund

Available to LGBTQ+ students and students who see themselves as LGBTQ+ allies that are pursuing post-secondary education. Graduating seniors from a public high school within Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties are eligible to apply.

Antrim County

Mancelona Rotary Club Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating seniors from Mancelona High School who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education.

Antrim County

Otho Mathias Scholarship Endowment

Available to a Mancelona High School graduating senior, or a previous recipient of this scholarship, who is pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in education.

Regional/Other

Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council Scholarship Endowment

Available to Michigan-based college students that are employees, or the spouse or child of employees, of an MCMCFC member facility and that are in a health and human services field of study.

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Antrim County

Miss Elk Rapids Scholarship Endowment

Supports educational scholarships for the Miss Elk Rapids Scholarship Pageant winners. Information about participation in the Miss Elk Rapids Scholarship Program and Pageant, contact co-directors, Marcia Price at (231) 357-4668 or Charlotte Ball at (231) 633-5595. *No application required*

Antrim County

Marjory Veliquette Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available to participants in the Miss Elk Rapids Scholarship Pageant. Scholarship selection will be based on demonstration of a servant's heart, display of a spirit of giving, and a commitment to community service. *No application required*

Benzie County

Fred Muller Scholarship Endowment

Available to Crystal Downs Country Club employees or their children, Crystal Downs Country Club golf professionals, and Golf Shop staff.

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William Montgomery Fiction Scholarship Endowment

Supports scholarship awards for area students that demonstrate excellence in fiction writing. Winners are determined annually in cooperation with the Community Foundation/ National Writers Series competitive process.

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National Writers Series Scholarship Fund

Available to public, parochial, or home school students with permanent residential addresses in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau Counties. Students must be a junior or a senior during the award year. To apply, students must complete an online application and submit a poetry, fiction, or non-fiction manuscript.

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Northwest Michigan Osteopathic Scholarship Endowment

Available to MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students that are in good standing and that have a connection to rural, Northern Michigan.

Grand Traverse County

Jim Ooley Scholarship Fund

Available to graduating seniors from Traverse City Central, Traverse City West and Traverse City St. Francis High School that demonstrate success as a student-athlete.

*Antrim and Kalkaska
Counties*

Ragland Bloem Scholarship Fund

Available to graduating seniors from Antrim or Kalkaska Counties who are planning to pursue education in environmental or related studies.

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Recovery Road Scholarship Fund

Available to students from the Region who have a parent that has lost their battle with drug addiction.

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Riopelle/Dowden Technical Scholarship Endowment

Available to students from the five county area that are enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an associate's degree, certificate, or apprenticeship program.

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Stan and Martha Scarborough Scholarship Endowment

Available to individuals, up to age 24, from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau County and who have aged out of foster care.

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Northwest Education Services Career Tech Scholarship Endowment

Available to students from the five county area that are enrolled at the Career Tech Center. Students may apply for two types of scholarships: Academic Award or Tools of the Trade Award.

*Benzie and Grand Traverse
Counties*

Traverse City Tourism Hospitality Scholarship Fund

Available to graduating high school seniors from Benzie or Grand Traverse Counties, or current NMC students pursuing degrees, industry certifications, or careers in hospitality or tourism-related studies. Preference given to those who are active in school and extracurricular activities, who have demonstrated community responsibility through volunteer efforts, and who have held jobs in the hospitality industry and are excited to continue. Financial need will be considered.

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Traverse City Track Club Scholarship Endowment

Available to graduating high school seniors or current college students from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau County. Eligible students will have demonstrated involvement with running, as a high school or college athlete or through participation in organized running events.

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University Center Scholarship Endowment

The Marvin and Luella Rorick Scholarship and the Richard and Clarine Olson Scholarship are available for students enrolled at the NMC University Center who are pursuing a degree in the human services field, including social work, nursing, family life, etc.

Regional/Other

USS Indianapolis/Gwinn “Angel” Scholarship Endowment

Available to descendants (includes stepchildren) of USS Indianapolis CA-35 crew members involved in the tragedy— its survivors, lost at sea (LAS), rescue and recovery crew, and those who have merited honorary survivor status by the Survivors Organization.

Leelanau County

Ida Palmer Weigand Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Awarded to the male and female with the highest SAT score from the Suttons Bay High School graduating class.

Benzie County

Dr. Roy Vomastek Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Available for Crystal Downs Country Club caddies and bagroom employees.

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Michele Vozza More Than Robots Scholarship Fund

Available to high school juniors and/or seniors in the five-county region that have participated in FIRST Robotics during their high school career.

Benzie County

Women’s Auxiliary of Crystal Downs Country Club Scholarship Endowment

Available to Crystal Downs Country Club employees or their children, Crystal Downs Country Club golf professionals, and Golf Shop staff.

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Zonta–Ann Mapes Scholarship Endowment

Available for women pursuing a degree in business, science, maritime, aviation, culinary or nursing, leading to career employment. Eligible students will be enrolled at a minimum as a junior in any state accredited college, or a NMC Baccalaureate program, with at least a 3.0 GPA, and be a resident of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Kalkaska, or Antrim Counties.

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