



# Rochester Community Schools Foundation Scholarship Program



## Scholarships

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## Scholarship Descriptions

Scholarships listed below are awarded based on the funds available and may not be awarded every year. Scholarships are awarded by identifying successful candidates who meet the criteria.

### Alice G. Horter Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to four Rochester High School seniors who have exhibited school spirit, perseverance, character and academic achievement, with a preference for those attending a four-year college and demonstrating financial need.
- Award** \$3,000 scholarship (4 scholarships)
- Background** This scholarship was established by a generous bequest to Rochester High School by Mrs. Alice G. Horter, a longtime Rochester resident.

### Amy Aplin Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a Rochester, Adams and Stoney Creek High School senior who plans on attending college or a vocational/technical school. Applicant shall be well rounded and active in their community.
- Award** \$2,000 scholarship
- Background** The Amy Aplin Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Aplin in memory of their daughter Amy Aplin, who was an English teacher at Rochester High School and Reuther Middle School.

### Blessings in a Backpack Scholarship

- Criteria** Available annually to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who has opted into, has benefited or has provided community service through the Blessings in a Backpack Program.
- Award** \$1,000 scholarship

### Gage Garmo Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating Rochester High School senior football player furthering his education. Recipient must display a tremendous positive attitude that is contagious to others and must possess the ability to take on adverse circumstances.
- Award** \$500 scholarship
- Background** Gage Garmo (1997-2015) graduated from Rochester High School in 2015 and was a member of the Falcon football team. During the 2014 season, Gage earned the team's "Unsung Hero" award. He inspired his teammates with his unwavering positive attitude and his relentless ability to tackle adversity. Gage's passion for his school and peers along with his toughness left the legacy of #GARMOSTRONG to all those he touched.



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### Gordon R. Case Memorial Golf Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to 2 graduating seniors, one male and one female, from either Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School. The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female that meet all the following conditions: (a) a member of the golf team, (b) have excelled in the area of golf, (c) demonstrated leadership and community involvement, and (d) have maintained a 2.75 grade point average.
- Award** \$5,000 scholarship to one male **and** one female (2 scholarships)
- Background** Gordon Case was an avid golfer and a long time Rochester Hills resident.

### Grace and Rick Drummer Scholarship

- Criteria** Available graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School or an RCS senior at International Academy pursuing a college education. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior that is a current active Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Award** \$500 scholarship
- Background** This scholarship was established by Elizabeth Witten in honor of the Drummers to benefit the students of our community.

### Hayes Family Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School with an active IEP or 504 pursuing post-secondary education (i.e.: trade school, community college or a 4-year university). A minimum GPA of 2.5, school and community involvement, and need will be considered.
- Award** \$500 scholarship (2 scholarships)
- Background** This scholarship was established by a donation from the Hayes Family to provide an academic scholarship to a graduating senior.

### Dr. John M. Schultz Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who have been active in athletics.
- Award** \$1,000 scholarship
- Background** This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. John M. Schultz, who retired in June, 2005 after serving for 22 years as Superintendent of Rochester Community Schools.



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### Judith Freund Scholarship

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| <b>Criteria</b>   | Available to a graduating senior from Adams High School pursuing special education degree or an Adams special education student attending a two or four year college.   |
| <b>Award</b>      | \$1,000 scholarship   |
| <b>Background</b> | The Judith Freund Scholarship was established in 2010 to honor her 23 years of service to the students, parents, and staff of the Rochester Community Schools and to celebrate her years of dedication to education and teaching students with special needs. |

### Laura Jermyn Scholarship

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| <b>Criteria</b>   | Available to a graduating senior from Adams High School graduating senior who embodies Laura's character – kind, generous, accepting, nonjudgmental, brave enough to be herself, and supportively encouraging others to do the same. Consideration will be given to those pursuing education and demonstrating a need for financial generosity.  |
| <b>Award</b>      | \$2,500 scholarship  |
| <b>Background</b> | In 2015, the friends and family of Laura Jermyn established a scholarship fund in her honor. Laura was a teacher and a mother perpetually supporting and encouraging her children to find and pursue their passions in school. She was compassionate, generous and fun-loving with a laugh that could brighten a room. She never judged, she never complained. She was genuine, she wasn't afraid to be herself. |

### Leslie Gouldey Memorial Scholarship

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| <b>Criteria</b>   | Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who has overcome adversity to demonstrate leadership, community service and academic achievement. |
| <b>Award</b>      | \$1,000 scholarship  |
| <b>Background</b> | This scholarship was established by the Gouldey family in memory of their wife and mother, Leslie Gouldey.   |

### Robert "Bob" Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

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| <b>Criteria</b>   | Available to a graduating senior from any Rochester Community High School who plans to pursue continuing education in the skilled trades. |
| <b>Award</b>      | \$500 scholarship (awarded if funds are available)  |
| <b>Background</b> | This scholarship was established in honor of Robert "Bob" Hernandez.  |

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| <b>Criteria</b>   | Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School. Student must meet the criteria for a Scholar of Achievement, Scholar of Distinction or Scholar of Great Distinction and must have demonstrated an understanding of and commitment to the spirit of giving and philanthropy. |
| <b>Award</b>      | \$1,000 scholarship   |
| <b>Background</b> | Established by a donation from Michigan School Business Officials.  |



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### Rochester High School (RHS) Athletic Boosters Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to four graduating Rochester High School seniors. Must be a letter winner of an MHSAA recognized sport and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must be applied to continuing education. The Application essay should include what participation in RHS athletics meant to the student.
- Award** \$1000 scholarship (4 scholarships)
- Background** This scholarship was established by the Rochester High School Athletic Boosters.

### Rochester PTA Council Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to four graduating seniors from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School. Eligible students must be members of the PTSA, maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, be college-bound and have participated in PTA/PTSA activities or have demonstrated leadership qualities that exemplify the mission of the PTA that advocates for the education of children.
- Award** \$500 scholarship (4 scholarships)
- Background** This scholarship was established to award a student from Adams, Rochester High, Stoney Creek and ACE.

### Susan Thomasson “Heart for Service” Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who have a genuine passion for serving others and who strive to make a difference within the Greater Rochester Community.
- Award** \$1,000 scholarship
- Background** The Susan Thomasson “Heart for Service” Scholarship was established by a donation from Beth and Tom Talbert in memory of Susan Thomasson who dedicated her life to serving her community.

### Trudy Karas Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating female senior from Rochester High School. The scholarship will be awarded to a female that meets all the following conditions: (a) attending Michigan State University (MSU), (b) displays a positive attitude that is contagious to others, (c) possesses the ability to handle adverse circumstances, and (d) should be a light that others can see with a strong moral compass.
- Award** \$1,000 scholarship to one female or \$500 scholarship for two females
- In loving memory of Trudy Karas.
- Background** Established by The Women’s Fund to illustrate “Women Helping Women.” The Women’s Fund seeks to improve the lives of women at all ages and stages of their lives.