

2008
SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS
AND APPLICATION FORM



Please make sure to read through the criteria of all scholarships very carefully and only apply for those that you qualify for. Changes have been made to the application since last year.

Applications are due Friday, February 29, 2008

***If you have questions, please contact Carol Soule at:
989-725-1093 or shiafdn@michonline.net***

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The Shiawassee Community Foundation's scholarship program enables donors to assist area students in pursuing their education beyond high school. Most foundation scholarships are awarded to current high school graduates. However, some scholarships are offered to graduates of Shiawassee County schools. Please be sure to read the criteria carefully and contact Carol Soule at (989) 725-1093 if you have any questions. All applicants are required to have graduated from a high school in Shiawassee County. Schools districts included are: Byron, Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, Morrice, New Lothrop, Owosso, and Perry.

THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The process begins January 7th when the foundation distributes this application to eligible high school counseling offices. Applications can be mailed to eligible students if requested by phone at 989-725-1093 or email at shiafdn@michonline.net. **All applications must be complete and turned in to the counseling offices by Friday, February 29th and must include the documentation required in order to be considered. Applications may also be dropped off at the Foundation office at 100 East Main Street, (2nd Floor of Chemical Bank), Owosso or mailed to Post Office Box 753, Owosso, Michigan, 48867, and must be postmarked by February 29, 2008.** The Shiawassee Community Foundation is not responsible for incomplete applications or those delayed or lost in the mail.

IMPORTANT: Please submit one copy of your application and required attachments for each scholarship being applied for – *For example: if you are applying for 5 scholarships, please submit 1 original and 4 copies of your application and attachments.*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DETERMINATION

Each scholarship fund has specific eligibility criteria that were defined by the donor when the fund was established. Please read through the specific criteria for each scholarship to see if you are eligible. Every applicant must have a grade point average that is adequate to predict completion of further education. Do not apply for those scholarships for which you do not qualify.

The foundation's board of directors will make their final approval of all scholarship recommendations made by scholarship advisory committees at their April meeting. The scholarship recipients will be notified the first week in May of their scholarship award. A representative from the foundation will present certificates to high school students at their respective honors ceremonies.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

The majority of scholarship funds administered by the foundation are endowed so that a portion of each fund's earned income is available annually for scholarship awards. The dollar amount and number of scholarships available varies from year to year.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Shiawassee Community Foundation?

The Shiawassee Community Foundation is a tax exempt, independent, publicly supported philanthropic organization established and operated as a permanent collection of endowment funds for the long-term benefit of Shiawassee County.

What if I have questions about the specific criteria or the application?

If you have questions, you may call Carol at the Foundation office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (989) 725-1093 or email at shiafdn@michonline.net.

What can scholarship awards be used for?

The scholarships are for educational expenses: specifically tuition, fees, and books. Unfortunately scholarships may not be used for expenses such as child care or transportation, although these expenses will be taken into consideration upon awarding scholarships that are based on financial need.

Do I need to pay scholarship money back?

No. These are charitable awards that do not need to be paid back.

Where can I go to school with these scholarships?

Most scholarships are for accredited schools anywhere in the United States unless otherwise noted under the scholarship description. Some scholarships are designated for students attending a particular institution. See the specific description of each scholarship fund.

Are the scholarship awards sufficient to pay the cost of my college education?

No. These scholarships are intended to provide only partial support. In addition to applying for scholarships through the Foundation, you should look into other financial aid resources such as federal grants, loans, work-study awards, and institutional scholarships with the college you will be attending. A good place to start is to submit a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form can be obtained from your high school counselor or your school's financial aid office. You can also log on to www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information. You may also find other scholarship opportunities at www.fastweb.com.

How does the Shiawassee Community Foundation make the decision about who is selected?

Each scholarship fund has its own advisory committee. The advisory committee recommends recipients to the Shiawassee Community Foundation Board of Directors for approval.

If I am selected, do I get a check?

Checks are sent directly to the academic institution that the recipient will be attending the last week of July. The student's name, social security number and/or student identification number are noted on the check so the money can be credited to the proper account.

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AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS AND CRITERIA

ALEXANDER WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School female senior students
- Intending to pursue a four year program of study
- Priority given to those who live on campus outside Owosso and first generation to attend college
- Financial need will be considered

NANCY RUTH PATENGE BEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School student
- Must attend Michigan State University
- Honor caliber student
- Preferably not receiving many other scholarships

DR. NARAYAN BHASKARAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Hard working **Owosso** High School student
- Pursuing education after graduation in the health field
- Financial need will be considered

ELSIE BLAIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Female senior attending a **Shiawassee County** High School
- Pursue further education as a business major
- Financial need will be considered.

OLIVE BLANNER SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School graduates
- Admission to an accredited post secondary educational institution
- Grade point 3.3 or better during the 5th, 6th, and 7th semesters
- Good citizenship

BYRON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

(INCLUDING BANK ONE AND DUNCANSON SCHOLARSHIPS)

- **Byron** High School or College students
- Community service
- Grade point average
- One page essay
- Financial need will be considered

EMILY CHAPMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Durand** High School graduates
- Pursuing a career in the medical or nursing field

ROBERT J. COLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Byron** Area Schools students

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KAREN K. DASEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Corunna** High School female senior students
- Demonstrates civic responsibility
- Compassion and concern for others
- Good character and value system
- Financial need not essential, but considered

NORMAN L. AND MARCELLA C. DES JARDINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School senior
- Attending four year college of their choice
- Financial need will be considered

SHANA LYNNE DUMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School graduates
- Preference given to those who are organ donors, have a healthy lifestyle and are artistic

DURAND ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- **Durand** High School students
- “Late Bloomer” as described by improved academic performance in later years of high school
- Recognizes students who have extra time demands from family/job

DURAND ST. MARY’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7955 SCHOLARSHIP

- Student of **Durand St. Mary’s Church (high school or college)**
- Student’s family must be a member in good standing of Durand St. Mary’s Church
- Leadership in the parish and community

DURAND ST. MARY’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7955 - PETER SLOAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Student of **Durand St. Mary’s Church (high school or college)**
- Student’s family must be a member in good standing of Durand St. Mary’s Church
- Leadership in the parish and community

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ALFORD AND ALICE EMMERT SCHOLARSHIP

- **Students** of any state accredited **public or private high school** in **Shiawassee County** who have spent the majority of their secondary school years in the County
- This scholarship shall be awarded only to students attending a four year accredited college or university
- The following list of studies, in order of priority, may be funded by this scholarship:
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Hard Sciences (Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, etc)
 - Natural Sciences
 - Biology
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Economics
 - International Studies/History
 - Computer Sciences
 - Accounting
 - Teaching
 - Other studies not specifically excluded
- Excluded from consideration for this scholarship:
 - Pre-Law/Law, Pre-Medicine/Medicine, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Athletics/Sports
- Financial need will be considered

CYRIL C. AND ELLA M. GREGORICKA SCHOLARSHIP

- Available to a deserving senior student from one of the eight **Shiawassee County** High Schools
- One scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to study Environmental Engineering
- One scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to study Agriculture
- Must show civic responsibility
- Compassion and concern for others
- Good character and value system
- Good grade average
- Going to a Michigan college or university
- Financial need will be considered

HAROLD J. HAAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Senior
- Planning to attend Michigan State University
- Participated in any high school athletics (not necessarily excelled in athletics, but shows qualities of true sportsmanship and is a team player)
- Financial need not essential, but may be given consideration

C.S. HOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Must be Education Majors - particularly those aspiring to be History/Social Studies Teachers on the secondary level of public schools**
- High School students in **Shiawassee County** (Juniors and Seniors) and college students who graduated from a Shiawassee County high school and have completed a minimum of two years at an accredited college or university.
- Preference will be given to Owosso High students and alumni
- Average to below average student “late bloomer” with a strong interest in social studies/history
- Financial need will be considered.

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CHERYL L. HRCKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School Religious Education Seniors
- Planning on furthering their education at a college, trade school or religious education program
- Must be a member in good standing of a Shiawassee County Catholic Church
- Be a good citizen with high moral character

HAROLD V. AND IMA JOHNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Senior
- Pursuing education in the field of Christian Ministry or Christian Missionary work or other Christian work.

KRIS MARIE KULHANEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School Graduates
- Preference given to candidates studying Agriscience and 4-H members.

LAJOYE-SHENK SCHOLARSHIP

- **Durand** High School Seniors
- Deserving student planning to attend any college

JILL MALZAHN HEALTH FUND

- **Shiawassee County** High School and College Nursing Program students
- Must be studying health education

JOANN (BUTCHER) NELSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High and **Corunna** High School Seniors
- Planning on furthering their education in any accredited college of his/her choice
- Participated in any high school athletics (not necessarily excelled in athletics, but shows qualities of true sportsmanship and is a team player)
- Civic responsibility, compassion and concern for others
- Good character and good value system to live life to its fullest potential
- Financial need will be considered

NATHAN NOVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School and College students
- Pursuing further education in accounting or medical field
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Minimum of one extracurricular activity

NOVER OHS SPARKPLUG AWARD

- **Owosso** High School Senior Male Athlete with excellent athletic skills, team spirit, leadership and courage
- Athletics from football, cross-country and track will be given first consideration
- Some type of community service and good citizenship
- Exemplary scholarship is not criteria for this award

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MARTIN AND LEONA O'BRIEN SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School students
- Applicants shall attend a 2-4 year accredited program in the field of Agriculture, Agribusiness, Agricultural Science, Farm Management, Soil Conservation or other farm related field of study or veterinary medicine.
- 500 word essay regarding the student's school/farm related activities, personal interests, goals, why the applicant has chosen a career in the field of agriculture.

OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Students
- Applicants must have demonstrated outstanding leadership in student organizations and scholarship.

PAUL PENJASKA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- **High School students** from any of the eight school districts in **Shiawassee County** to attend an accredited Michigan private or public college or trade school.
- **College students** who graduated from a Shiawassee County high school and have completed a minimum of two years at an accredited Michigan private or public college or trade school.
- Primary, but not exclusive, focus on the trades, physical sciences and engineering
- Financial need will be considered

MICHAEL ANTHONY RANDOLPH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Senior Band Percussionist
- Applicant should display qualities of civic responsibility, compassion and concern for others
- Good character and value system to live life to its fullest potential
- Letter of recommendation from OHS band director is required.

DAVID A. REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School Seniors
- Pursuing further education at an accredited institution in the field of agriculture

EVAN JAMES REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County High School and College students**
- Pursuing further education at an accredited institution in the field of special education to aid the mentally or physically challenged/impaired.
- May reapply in conjunction with an interview

OWEN A. AND D. ARLENE ROOD JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

- **Durand** High School or College students
- Must intend to pursue the study of journalism as a major in their college degree program.
- Applicant should have a well-rounded high school curriculum, primarily based in college prep. courses.
- An enthusiasm for journalism is more important than grade point

ERWIN RYCKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** students seeking educational opportunities beyond high school
- Financial need will be considered

BILL AND KAY SCARLETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Senior
- Candidates should demonstrate a grade average that would predict success in the completion of a degree program
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university
- Financial need will be considered

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RONALD K. SEELHOFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School or College students
- Priority given to students who live in the Henderson area
- Candidates should wish to study finance, accounting or mathematics (listed in order of priority)

JOSEPH T. SIERZENGA, III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Shiawassee County** High School students pursuing further education after high school.
- Financial need will be considered

DEVIN ALLEN SWATMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School or College student who has been accepted at an accredited institution which may include 2 and 4 year colleges as well as technical and/or vocational schools to further their education in the field of technology.
- The field of technology consists of one of the following overall programs:
 - Automotive
 - Construction
 - Electrical/Electronics
 - Graphic Arts
 - Industrial
 - Mechanical

IRIS (TURK) LOTT CMU LIBRARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

- **Durand or Byron** High School graduates (high school or college student)
- Must have at least a B average
- Specializing in Library Science at Central Michigan University
- Financial need will be considered

IRENE TURK MSU ART SCHOLARSHIP

- **Corunna or New Lothrop** High School graduates (high school or college student)
- Must have at least a B average
- Must be an Art major at Michigan State University
- Financial need will be considered

BRAD VAN PELT SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School graduate (high school or college student)
- Recipient may attend any accredited college or university

TROY A VINCKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **New Lothrop** High School or College students seeking educational opportunities beyond high school
- Well-rounded, deserving “good” student

MARY BEA DEBOOM WASPER SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School Senior pursuing a career in business
- Must have a satisfactory school attendance record

MERIJO WIEBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School students or graduates
- Recipient must intend to pursue special education with the goal of becoming a teacher
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university

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CARL R. WOODBURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **Owosso** High School seniors
- Pursuing further education at an accredited college or trade school of his/her choice
- Area of study: mechanical engineering and/or metallurgy
- Applicant should display qualities of civic responsibility, compassion and concern for others
- Good character and value system

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APPLICANT WORK HISTORY

Using only the space below, please list your paid work experience, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Hours/Week

FAMILY INFORMATION

Fill out this section only if your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

Father's Employment: _____
Occupation Employer

Mother's Employment: _____
Occupation Employer

Number of brothers and sisters: Older than you _____ Younger than you _____

Number of family members (including parents) in college: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Fill out this section only if you have dependent children or are married and file a joint tax return.

Name of Spouse (if applicable): _____

Spouse's Employment: _____
Occupation Employer

Child's Name	Age

Number of family members in college: _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please complete this section only if you are applying for any one of the following scholarships:

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| <p>Alexander Women's Scholarship
 Elsie Blair Memorial Scholarship
 Karen Dasen Memorial Scholarship
 Alford & Alice Emmert Memorial Scholarship
 Harold Haas Memorial Scholarship
 JoAnn Nelson Memorial Scholarship
 Erwin Ryckman Memorial Scholarship
 Joseph Sierzenga III Memorial Scholarship
 Irene Turk MSU Art Scholarship</p> | <p>Dr. Narayan Bhaskaran Memorial Scholarship
 Byron Community Scholarship Funds
 Norman & Marcella DesJardins Memorial Scholarship
 Cyril & Ella Gregoricka Scholarship
 C.S. Hood Memorial Scholarship
 Paul Penjaska Family Scholarship
 Bill & Kay Scarlett Memorial Scholarship
 Iris Lott CMU Library Science Scholarship</p> |
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The following information reflects your parent's/legal guardian's income:

- Total adjusted gross income from the most recent Federal Income Tax Form:
 - Tax Year _____
 - Adjusted Gross Income \$ _____
- From the same form, state the total number of dependents claimed: _____
- How many members of your family (including yourself) will be attending college next term/semester?
 - Full Time? _____
 - Part Time? _____

Estimated yearly cost of college attendance:

Tuition/Fees	\$ _____
Books/Supplies	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____

Please describe any extraordinary financial circumstances in your household:

CERTIFICATION:

I acknowledge that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the Shiawassee Community Foundation scholarships may be used only at an accredited educational institution. I also understand that the awards will be announced the first week of May 2008. I understand that the information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and/or scholarship sponsor. I also understand that if an award is given to me, it is for the purpose of post-high school education. In the event that I do not enter a post-high school program, terminate the program prior to using the award, or receive other financial assistance (pell grants, scholarships, tuition grants, etc.) that cover, in its entirety, any tuition, room and board, or class material costs, I will relinquish claim to the award in order that it might be given to another student.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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CHECK TO BE SURE YOU HAVE INCLUDED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION.

Application Form

All applications must be completed in full and signed (incomplete applications will not be considered). Please make sure your application is neat and legible.

Personal Essay

A one page personal essay is required. This essay should be typed (font size no larger than 12) and double spaced. Your personal essay may be the hardest part of your application to complete. But, it is also where you can stand out from the crowd. The key to writing a strong personal essay is to be personal and specific. Include details about yourself so the reader can get to know who “you” are and what you stand for. Be truthful and honest. Scholarship selection committees may have hundreds of essays to review. It is your job to get their attention. Here are some tips that may help you:

- Think before you write
- Brainstorm to generate some good ideas
- Create an outline to help you get going
- Address specific questions clearly

Two Letters of Recommendation

Ask two adults to each write a letter in support of your application for scholarships. Teachers, counselors, ministers and employers are good choices as they can usually comment on overall character, achievement, and promise. Please do not submit letters written by relatives. Letters must have been written within the last year, must contain your full name and must be signed. If you have applied for scholarships in the past, you cannot send the same letters of recommendation you previously submitted. Some scholarships require letters of recommendation from specific sources. Please read the criteria for each scholarship carefully.

Most Recent Transcript of Grades

Send a copy of your most recent transcript, high school or college, whichever applies to you. **Please give the school at least one week to process your transcript request.** Your application will not be considered without your transcript.

Number of Copies

Please submit one completed application package for each scholarship you are applying for. (For example, if you are applying for 5 scholarships, please submit 1 original and 4 copies of your application and attachments.) Keep a copy for your records in case your application is lost or damaged in transit.

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COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND NECESSARY COPIES CAN EITHER BE:

- ✓ **Turned in at your high school counselor's office by February 29, 2008**
- ✓ **Dropped off at the Shiawassee Community Foundation office at 100 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan, by February 29, 2008**
- ✓ **Mailed to the Shiawassee Community Foundation, Post Office Box 753, Owosso, MI, 48867 and postmarked February 29, 2008.**

***ALL CRITERIA MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEES. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL
NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

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