



Northampton

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49TH ANNUAL



Scholarship Awards 2023

FOR THE STUDENTS OF NORTHAMPTON, FLORENCE AND LEEDS

In Loving Memory Of



Maureen Mahar

This year the Northampton Dollars for Scholars Board would like to honor long time Board Member and friend, Maureen "Mo" Mahar. Mo passed away unexpectedly this past January and left a lasting impression on the DFS family. Her commitment to the students of Northampton was unmatched and she truly cared about providing them with as much financial support as possible. Mo served on the Board for more than 30 years, serving as president and chair of the awards committee during her long tenure. The Mahar family has had a long-standing award, the Cathy and Ned Mahar Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Mo's sister and brother.

Mo believed in volunteerism and our Dollars for Scholars chapter was not alone in benefitting from her time and talent. She had a passion for civic engagement and joined many organizations over the years in an effort to better serve her community. Mo's energy and commitment to DFS will be truly missed, but we know that the lasting impact she has had on this Board will continue through the dedication of our members.

“Dollars for Scholars builds a financial foundation for students graduating high school to reach their full potential with any educational path they set their mind to. The scholarship awards have allowed me to feel prepared and secure going into each year of college. Dollars for Scholars relieves stress of added expenses such as textbooks and course materials that are often difficult for students to fund. My experience in college has been nothing but positive and I believe Dollars for Scholars has had a strong impact on my education.”

Erin Diggins

Class of 2020 Kay Sheehan Memorial Scholarship Recipient
Dollars for Scholars Recipient 2021 and 2022

Dear Scholarship recipients, families, and supporters of Northampton Dollars for Scholars,

WELCOME BACK TO OUR IN-PERSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY AFTER THE THREE-YEAR HIATUS CAUSED BY COVID-19. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RESIDENTS OF NORTHAMPTON, FLORENCE, AND LEEDS GRADUATING FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS WHO WILL RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR.

The humble beginning of Northampton Dollars for Scholars owes its gratitude to the foresight of our founders Fred Ames, Ralph Levy, Frank Heston, Kay Sheehan, and Russ Cooper. They began the Dollars for Scholars chapter in Northampton in 1975, with the goal of each resident donating one dollar per year.

The mission of Northampton Dollars for Scholars is to award scholarships to qualifying high school graduate residents of Northampton, Florence, and Leeds to provide support for education beyond high school.

We can only live up to our pledge to be a *"community behind our students"* with your continued donations. Working with you, we can assure that the students of today will be prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow. Whether you are a faithful supporter or a new donor, we thank you for your generosity to the students of Northampton. This year we awarded a total of **\$134,250** scholarships to **171 students**; 100 high school seniors received \$81,000, and 71 college or post-high school vocational students received \$53,250.

Whether a one-time donation to a fund-raising event, an annual contribution, or a special bequest creating a memorial scholarship, there is a way for you to be a part of the future support of our students. If you would like to contribute by creating a memorial scholarship or volunteer your time as a Board member contact me at northamptondollarsforscholars@gmail.com.

Thank you, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, for choosing to support Northampton students by celebrating them at this award ceremony and by donating to Dollars for Scholars. Congratulations to this year's high school seniors and those currently continuing their education. It's a pleasure to be part of the *"community behind our students."*

Sincerely,

Tom Bassett, President, Northampton Dollars for Scholars

PROGRAM

Welcome from the Board of Directors Tom Bassett

Special Guest Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor

Special Guest Bill Wehrli, Principal, Northampton High School

Guest Speaker Erin Diggins, Dollars for Scholars Award Recipient, 2020-2022

Presentation of Scholarships Order of presentation on following pages

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Nicholas Abrams	Emma Cunningham
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AWARD RECIPIENTS - HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Reid Hartley	Seff Mansour
Rowan Hodgson	Ellia Masenior
Sandi Hoeckh	Rory Maurer
Alexander Hunkins	Aidan Metz
Tyler Janik	Ethan Metz
Audrey Jiggetts	Kaitlyn Nowak
Alexis Katz	Aidan O'Connor
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Katelyn Kozlakowski	Wesley Parent
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Taylor Lynch	Trey Rivera
Maddox MacElman	Brooke Rochon
Marek Malone Raivel	Giselle Rosa

AWARD RECIPIENTS - HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Isaac Rounds	Miles Swanson-Ricksgers
Amelia Ruff	Aleena Tasneem
Eli Sanborn	Beatrice Tauer
Gabriel Selig	Kristofer Thibedau
John Senn-McNally	Schuyler Trapani
Riley Shea	Sophia Vanasse
Aquinnah Simon	Rebecca Wagenheim
Carolynn Skubiszewski	Ryan Weinsier
Katie Sledzieski	Gemma Weisenfreund
Benjamin Sledzieski	Paddington Wentworth
Abigail Smith	Yana Zaghloul
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Conor Stiles	Lily Zamer
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Jack Sullivan	
Kathleen Sullivan	
Kasimir Supinski	

2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS — POST-SECONDARY

Dominic Badorini	Angela Farrick
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2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS — POST-SECONDARY

James Mahoney	Amelia Rothenbach
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NEW SCHOLARSHIPS:

COOPER'S & STATE STREET STORE CUSTOMERS SCHOLARSHIPS: Since 2021, our fellow board member, Rich Cooper, and Michael Natale, new owner of Cooper's Corner and State St. Fruit Stores, have had donation cans by the cash registers. Customers have donated spare change, dollar bills, and the occasional \$5, \$10 or \$20 bill to Northampton Dollars for Scholars. These small (and not so small) anonymous donations have grown to a large enough amount to fund this new scholarship. This show of community support is exactly what the founder of Dollars for Scholars, Dr. Irving Fradkin, had envisioned in 1958 when he proposed that if everyone in his community of Fall River, MA donated \$1, there would be enough money to provide scholarships to every student in town. Northampton Dollars for Scholars appreciates the support of Cooper's Corner and State St. Fruit Stores to help meet our mission to be the community behind the students. Awarded to a graduating high school senior selected based on their completion of an essay of about 300 words on the subject: "How small gestures can make a significant impact."

THE NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS:

Stories of dedication to public education in Northampton:

APPLIED MORTGAGE SERVICES CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Established in 2004 by Company founder and co-president Todd J. Barron. The Company writes and services residential mortgages. Todd and his family believe strongly in public education and in charitable giving to education. Awarded to a student who exhibits an entrepreneurial spirit and a desire to help his or her community.

CAHILLANE IRISH-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Cahillane family in honor of the late James Cahillane, a first generation Irish-American who ran a filling station in town, established a car dealership, was elected mayor of the city, and, in his last years, devoted himself to the study of Irish history, literature, and writing. The scholarship also honors his granddaughter, Michaela Cahillane, a graduate of Smith College, a writer and musician who traveled the world sharing her love of literature and music. Awarded to a student who has shown steady academic achievement.

CAROLYN L. QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Quinn family, Carolyn worked as a nurse at Cooley Dickinson Hospital and served as a volunteer at the Leeds School. Awarded to a student who intends to pursue an education in healthcare.

CATHY AND NED MAHAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Established by the Mahar family in memory of Ned, a 1976 Northampton High School graduate, who died in 1992, and Cathy, who graduated from NHS in 1974, and died in 1994. They were both siblings of longtime Dollars for Scholars board member Maureen Mahar. Ned, an accounting major, worked as an accountant at Mt. Tom Ski Area, and



Michaela Cahillane



Cathy Mahar



Ned Mahar



Charles Gleason



Don Sullivan

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Cathy, a history major, was a buyer for Barnes and Noble in New York City. Awarded to a student intending to pursue a career in business.

CHARLES P. GLEASON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship created by the Gleason family in memory of Charles P. Gleason, Jr., a 1945 graduate of Northampton High School who played football, basketball and baseball and was class president. Awarded to a student who is involved in athletics, leadership, community involvement and noted for being kind and considerate.

CHRIS UMBACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Chris played football and lacrosse at Northampton High School, before graduating in 2000. He worked in the San Francisco Bay Area as a software engineer, most recently for Forge Global and Quartz, Inc. He had a sense of adventure that included sky diving, surfing and rock climbing, as well as traveling through Europe and South America, including Buenos Aires and Patagonia. Awarded to a member of Northampton High School or Smith Vocational varsity football team for at least two years.

DON SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Don was a Northampton native and life-long resident and a standout athlete of the Northampton High School class of 1948. He earned his degree in commerce from the University of Notre Dame and was a third generation businessman of the general contracting firm, D. A Sullivan & Sons, Inc. Don was active in many civic and professional organizations. Awarded to a student who participated in Northampton High School athletics, is active in their community, and has plans to pursue a career in business or construction management.

DOROTHY AND EDWARD KOCOT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the family of Dorothy Kocot upon her passing. Dorothy Kocot graduated from Amherst High School in 1948 and attended Boston University, where she pursued a career in Medical Technology. She worked at Cooley Dickinson Hospital for 35 years until her retirement in 1996. She loved her work in the medical field but her dream was to attend medical school. This scholarship provides tribute to her love of the sciences. Awarded to a student planning to pursue a career in health care.

FLORENCE BANK EDWARD R. COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: In memory of Edward, son of Russell and Evelyn Cooper and brother of Richard and Ronald Cooper, the latter the long-serving treasurer of Dollars for Scholars. Edward was a marathon runner, trustee of Look Park and incorporator of Florence Bank.

FLORENCE BANK ERIC STAHLBERG JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student who graduates in the top 25 percent of their class and has a record of community service. Named for the former general manager of the Pro-Phy-Lac-Tic Co. in Florence and civic leader who served on many boards, including those of the United Way, Florence Bank and Cooley Dickinson Hospital, and supported many local and regional causes. Awarded to a student who has demonstrated a



Dorothy Kocot



Chris Umbach



Ed Cooper

commitment to community service.

FLORENCE BANK - NORTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL AND SMITH VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Two awards, one to a graduate of Northampton High School and the other to a graduate of Smith Vocational Technical High School, who have an above average scholastic ability and plan to pursue a degree in business, accounting, economics, or education.

FRANCIS P. RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Ryan family and friends in memory of "Pat" Ryan who for years served as the head of the Northampton Department of Public Works. Awarded to a student who plans to study science, technology, Engineering or mathematics (STEM).

FRANK HESTON FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Named for Frank Heston, a co-founder and current board member of the Northampton Dollars for Scholars. Frank is a retired teacher and tennis coach. Awarded to a student active in promoting student activities and community service.

FRED AMES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the family of Fred Ames. Fred was a long-time guidance counselor at Northampton High School and was a board member and one of the founders of Northampton Dollars for Scholars. Awarded to a student who exemplifies Fred's passion for the community he lived in and who exhibits a strong desire to help others.

FREDERICK O. AMES FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Northampton Dollars for Scholars board on the passing of one of its founding members, Fred Ames. Fred was a long-time guidance counselor at Northampton High School and was a Northampton Dollars for Scholars board member. Awarded to a student who is active in promoting student activities and community service.

GARE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Established in memory of E. John Gare, husband of long-time Dollars for Scholars board member Joice Gare, and of Alison Gare, their daughter. A second daughter, Tracey Polachek, also has served on the Dollars for Scholars board. For more than a century, the Gare jewelry store was a landmark on Main Street. John's civic legacy includes the municipal parking garage named for him. Awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career in business, a self-starter, and demonstrates initiative and perseverance.

GUS SERIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Gus opened Serio's Pharmacy in 1949, one of the oldest continuously operating businesses in Northampton. Gus served in the Navy during World War II as a Pharmacist's Mate First Class and later earned a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from The University of Rhode Island (URI). Awarded to a student planning to pursue a career in pharmacy, nursing, or the medical field.



Fred Ames



Gus Serio



Jesse Workman



Joan Sullivan

JESSE WORKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Named for the nephew of Dan Workman, former owner of Jake's Restaurant in Northampton and close friend of Robert Cahillane, former veterans services director in Northampton. Jesse lived with his uncle for several years before dying of a brain tumor in 2003. Jesse was a student at the University of Massachusetts majoring in international studies, and politics. Awarded to a student who shares Jesse's interest in international affairs and politics.

JOAN SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Sullivan family in memory of a devoted mother and nurse. Joan was a lifelong Northampton resident graduating from the former St. Michael's High School. She earned her nursing degree from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, MA and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Boston College. Joan taught nursing at the former Cooley Dickinson Hospital School of Nursing and at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School when it offered a licensed practical nursing program. Awarded to a student intending to study to become a nurse or planning to pursue a career in health care.

JOICE GARE SCHOLARSHIP: Created by the Northampton Dollars for Scholars Board in honor of the long-time serving board member, Joice Gare. Joice epitomized the volunteer spirit. She persevered at every task and was dedicated to helping students who showed determination. Awarded to a student who exemplifies community service and volunteerism.

JULIE HEYL-RUSHMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Julie, a 1993 graduate of Northampton High School, was a skilled dancer, performing annually with the Movement Ensemble at Look Park. She graduated with honors from Skidmore College in 1997, with a degree in cellular and molecular biology. Awarded to a student who excels in the performing arts.

KATHLEEN FARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the family from memorial donations, this scholarship honors Katie Farris who, as a mother of four, volunteered in the public school system. Katie was instrumental in the production of plays and theatrical activities for Leeds Elementary School students. Awarded to a student who has a demonstrated interest in drama studies.

THE KAY SHEEHAN FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Established by Kay's family and friends in memory of Dollars for Scholars founding member and retired Leeds School principal, Kathleen "Kay" Sheehan. Endowed with an irrepressible optimism and an eagerly-expressed confidence in everyone with whom she dealt (and Kay knew a lot of people), Kay brought a unique energy to any and all occasions. This special award is given to a student with an interest in community service.

MADISON RUTH MEADE YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship in memory of Madison Young, a 2015 graduate of Northampton High School and a recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, has been set up by Madison's family.



Joice Gare



Julie Heyl-Rushmer



Kay Sheehan



Madison Young

Awarded to a student planning to pursue a career that promotes equity in the fields of social work, community engagement, education, diversity studies or healthcare.

NORTHAMPTON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS GENERAL COMMUNITY

SCHOLARSHIP: The Board of Northampton Dollars Scholars created the General Community Scholarships to award scholarships to students that meet the qualifications of our application.

NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: This service organization is dedicated to supporting a variety of good causes in the community, including education. Awarded to a student who has dedicated their time to community service.

NORTHAMPTON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: This service organization supports education and community service programs locally, nationally and internationally. Awarded to a student who has dedicated their time to community service.

OLANDER FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established in memory of Flora and Edwin Olander. Awarded to a community-minded student who will be attending a four-year college and who is recognized as having succeeded academically through hard work.

PATRICK E. PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Phillips family in loving memory of their son and brother who was a graduate of Northampton High and UMass. Patrick played football for NHS and in 1985 earned a full scholarship to UMass to play varsity football. He graduated with a degree in Wood Technology and for the next 25 years, worked at the family's store display business, Phillips Enterprises, in Northampton as Chief Designer and Cost Estimator. He was President of the Northampton Rotary Club, a member of the Hampshire Lodge of Masons and the Melha Shrine. Patrick loved his family and many longtime friends; he especially enjoyed flying, motorcycling, hiking, politics and reading. Awarded to an outstanding student pursuing a scientific or technical degree.

PETER KOCOT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established in honor of former State Representative, Peter Vincent Kocot, a man of great kindness, intelligence and integrity, and dedicated to public service. He graduated from Northampton High School in 1974 and still holds the school's discus record. Peter attended Brown University, where he was a member of the 1976 Ivy League championship football team. He was elected as State Representative in 2002 and held the title of Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Finance at the time of his death. Peter had a number of accomplishments during his tenure, but the three that he believed were most significant were the following: While in his first full term as a representative, Peter proudly voted in favor of same sex marriage rights at the 2004 Constitutional Convention, shepherded a landmark ethics reform bill through the Legislature in 2009, and in 2015, he effectively led the charge to reform and modernize



Edwin Olander



Flora Olander



Patrick Phillips



Peter Kocot



Massachusetts's public records laws. Awarded to a student that is a member of the NHS football or boys lacrosse team, is active in community service and has achieved a 3.5 GPA.

RALPH LEVY FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Established by Ralph Levy, a founding member of Dollars for Scholars. Ralph ran the family business, Daniel's Clothing store in Northampton for 20 years, taught theatre, speech and television courses at Duquesne University, Greenfield Community College and Northampton High School. After retiring Ralph served as Administrative Aide to House Majority Leader William P. Nagle, Jr., as head of constituent services for the district. Awarded to a student who participates in community service and shows an interest in theatre or the arts.

RITTER FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by Patricia Shaughnessy in memory of her parents and brother. As life-long residents of the city they were each affiliated as volunteers in various community, church and military organizations. Awarded to a student interested in the pursuit of a career in nursing, culinary arts or military affairs and who has persevered in their pursuit of learning.

RONALD E. COOPER DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the board on the retirement of its past president and devoted treasurer. Awarded to a student planning to pursue a career in business, marketing, advertising, or accounting.

RONALD E. COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Established by scores of gifts made to Dollars for Scholars in memory of the organization's late past president and treasurer, Ronald E. Cooper. Ron was totally devoted and indefatigable in his service to the organization. He also served as a president of the Lions Club. For more than 30 years he worked in the family business, Cooper's Dairyland, started by his father Russ, and together with his brothers operated Cooper's Corner in Florence and the State Street Fruit Store in Northampton for many years. Awarded to a student planning to pursue a career in business, marketing, advertising, or accounting.

RUSS AND EVELYN COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: When serving as President of the Kiwanis Club, Russ was instrumental in founding this local chapter of Dollars for Scholars. He operated Coopers Dairy in Florence, and then, on the site of the dairy, Cooper's Dairyland (now Cooper's Corner convenience store) starting in 1966. He later bought the State Street Fruit Store. Evelyn, a navy veteran and a nurse before raising a family, was active in the D.A.R., Florence Congregational Church, and other community groups. Students who are employees of Cooper's Dairyland or State Street Fruit Store receive first preference for the scholarships.



Ralph Levy, Jr.



Ron Cooper



Russ and Evelyn
Cooper

SEAN MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by his family, friends and co-workers, a longtime Deli Manager at Coopers Corner in Florence, who passed away in 2019. Awarded to a student who has demonstrated concern about food insecurity, an interest in culinary arts, or has volunteered with organizations that aid youths in our community.

STAN MOULTON SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the board in 2004 in honor of the Webmaster for the Gazette Online Edition who served on the Dollars for Scholars board for 21 years, 12 years as president. Awarded to a student who is interested in pursuing a career in journalism.

THOMAS FOLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the friends and family of the late Chief of Probation, and longtime Northampton District Court employee, Tom Foley. A life-long resident of Northampton, Tom graduated from the former St. Michael's High School in Northampton and St. Anselm College. He is remembered for his faithful dedication to his work as well as the friend, neighbor and family member who was always willing to lend a helping hand to a person in need. Awarded to a student who shares these qualities with Tom and who intends to pursue a career in the field of public service.

WEST FARMS CHAPEL HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP AND WEST FARMS CHAPEL/ BETTY NUTTELMAN - MINISTRY /HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP: Two scholarships have been established with the proceeds of the sale of West Farms Chapel. One of these has been named for Elizabeth Nuttelman who worked for years with her husband Justin Nuttelman at the family flower shop in Northampton. Justin was instrumental in distributing proceeds from the sale of the chapel to various charities. The Nuttelman scholarship is intended preferably to a student intending to study horticulture. The Ministry/healthcare scholarship is intended preferably for a student who intends to study for the ministry, or nursing, and has shown consistent academic success.

WILLIAM C. AMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Bill Ames taught at Amherst Regional High School in the social studies department for 31 years, was a passionate teacher to his students, and also found time to serve the community in a multitude of ways. He was on the Northampton City Council for several years, volunteered at several local organizations before and after his retirement, and he held the ideals of social justice, peace and equality dear to his heart. This award comes from memorial donations for Bill after his death in 2016 from his family, friends, colleagues and community members touched and affected by his lifelong community service. Awarded to a student who participates in community service.



Stan Moulton



Tom Foley



Betty Nuttelman



Bill Ames



Sean McGuire



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HISTORY OF THE NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER OF DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The founder of Dollars for Scholars, Fall River optometrist Irving Fradkin, a second generation American, had a very simple and quintessentially democratic notion — to challenge every person in his community to donate one dollar to establish a scholarship fund that would enable needy local youngsters to meet the cost of attending college. This idea of everyone contributing a little bit to create what became known as the “Citizens Scholarship Foundation” proved to have great appeal. Fradkin’s flair for publicity helped spread the word about his cause. He arranged for Eleanor Roosevelt to contribute the first dollar. The Fall River chapter of Dollars for Scholars, which began in 1958, would become the template for a nationwide movement. The national organization, originally known as the Citizens Scholarship Foundation, is now Scholarship America comprises more than 1,100 local Dollars for Scholars chapters. Scholarship America provides technical support to local Dollars for Scholars chapters like Northampton. Over one million students have been assisted with over \$1 billion in grassroots scholarship aid over the past 65 years.

The Northampton chapter, now celebrating its 49th year, was founded by the Northampton Kiwanis Club. Fred Ames, a guidance counselor at Northampton High School, approached Ralph Levy, Kiwanis Secretary, to request that he speak to the club about Dollars for Scholars. He was aware of chapters in Easthampton and Westfield, and was urged by the organization to start a chapter in Northampton. Fred made his presentation, and received a very positive response. The Northampton Kiwanis Club, with the enthusiastic support of President Russ Cooper, decided to take on the challenge of forming a chapter of Dollars for Scholars.

The local chapter of Citizens Scholarship Foundation was established at a meeting in the kitchen of Russ and Evelyn Cooper’s home in Florence. Frank Heston, treasurer of the Kiwanis Club, was elected President. Russ Cooper became vice president of the newly formed organization and the following year was elected president. The original Board of Directors consisted of 20 members, including 2 student members. Three of the founders, Fred Ames, who had conceived the idea, Kathleen Sheehan, a teacher and later principal of Leeds School, and Ralph Levy, a local businessman, later to become a Northampton High School teacher, were high school classmates and served on the Board for more than thirty years. .

After raising \$1,100 including a generous contribution from the New England District of Kiwanis International, the newly formed chapter held its first awards ceremony at the Hotel Northampton on June 30, 1975. Four Northampton High School students were the recipients of the funds. In the 49 years since its founding, Northampton Dollars for Scholars has awarded over 4,000 scholarships, with total payments of over \$2 million. These scholarships are possible thanks to the businesses, individuals and families of our community that have donated to Northampton Dollars for Scholars.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Northampton Dollars for Scholars is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Directors of volunteers from our community. We maintain at least 15 members on our Board. Its mission has not changed. According to the program for the Awards Ceremony in 1975, "We hope to raise significant amounts of money through a community-wide effort. We realize that the soaring cost of higher education strains the majority of families, not just the few; and we believe that all students, not just those of outstanding talent, should have the opportunity to further their studies. We hope to distribute aid to a broad spectrum of local high school graduates currently studying or accepted for study in colleges and technical schools."

Northampton Dollars for Scholars receives its revenues from individual donations, annual fundraising events, and the interest from a well-managed endowment fund. The generous bequest of \$460,000 received in 2005 by Fred Ames, one of the founders of the Northampton Chapter, expanded our ability to award scholarships. Many individuals, organizations and businesses have established scholarships in their names or in memory of those whom they wish to honor. These comprise a long list of "named" scholarships. Besides these scholarships, many more are awarded from the proceeds of our annual appeal.

Dollars for Scholars is pleased to be able to raise the number of total scholarships, as well as the amount awarded to individual recipients, due to the generous endowment of \$460,000 left by Fred Ames, one of the founders of the Northampton Chapter. This legacy will help provide educational support for local students for many years to come.

In 1975, we awarded \$1,100 for four students. **This year we will award \$134,250 to 171 students!** Over the past 49 years, Northampton Dollars for Scholars has awarded scholarships to Northampton, Florence, and Leeds residents determined to further their education beyond high school. We encourage all students residing in the communities of Northampton, Florence and Leeds to apply each year that they are eligible. Some high school graduates receive scholarships each year for four years. We count on the community to contribute to Dollars for Scholars so that we may continue to award each qualifying student that applies with a scholarship this year and many years into the future. Thank you for helping us to be a ***"community behind our students."***



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