

Westfield 350 Committee Scholarship



The Westfield 350 Committee is thrilled to have established a Westfield student scholarship through CSF Westfield Dollars for Scholars. The committee recognizes the importance of investing in the young people of the city by helping to financially support their higher educational goals.

In 2019, the City of Westfield celebrated its 350th anniversary of the founding of the city in 1669. A yearlong celebration was planned and achieved by hundreds of city volunteers, overseen by the Westfield 350 Board of



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1. Make it fun
2. Make it memorable
3. Promote civic pride for the city
4. Make it educational

It was an important priority that the yearlong celebration help the children, teens, adults and seniors to learn about the history, heritage and legacy of Westfield to gain an appreciation of

where we came from, to appreciate where we currently are, allowing us to develop an inspired vision of our future and where we are headed. The committee accomplished this by publishing an extensive book on the history of Westfield, as well as creating and acting out a musical play with supporting workshops to each of the elementary schools in the city written by Kathleen Palmer. The Westfield Theater Group, under the joint leadership of director and playwright, Kathleen Palmer and musical director Marion Dunk, performed a weeklong sellout of their musical "Time in Westfield."

The intention of the establishment of this scholarship is to continue the priority of education by encouraging and supporting the higher educational goals of the students of Westfield. It is the hope of the Westfield 350 Committee that students will display their appreciation for the scholarship and their love of Westfield by volunteering in 2069 to help plan the 400th anniversary of Westfield!

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