

Dear Parents and Students,

Attached are the 2021 Canton Dollars for Scholars Student Scholarship descriptions. Our selection committee is composed of individuals who do not have any vested interest in the award process. Additionally, all applicants are evaluated anonymously, based on information provided by the student, and are matched to the criteria outlined in the scholarship description. Applicants must be high school seniors [this includes mid-year graduates] and residents of Canton or attending Canton High School. Canton residents who are seniors at public, private, or parochial schools may apply and are eligible for most of our scholarships. Applicants must anticipate enrolling full-time at a university, college, junior college, technical institute, trade/vocational school, school of nursing or other recognized training facility or certificate program which provides post-secondary education. Many local individuals and organizations fund scholarships through CDFS and we also offer general scholarships funded by money raised through our annual fund-raising efforts.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2021

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC AND CIVIC STANDING AT THE TIME THE AWARDS ARE GIVEN.

The Beverly Kibbe Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is given in memory of Beverly Kibbe who taught Kindergarten at Cherry Brook Primary School for 31 years. Mrs. Kibbe had a passion for literacy and early childhood education and was also dedicated to bettering and serving her community. The memorial scholarship recipient will honor Mrs. Kibbe's spirit by being hardworking, but not afraid to exhibit a playful spirit. In addition, the recipient must demonstrate kindness, possess a giving nature, and have dedicated themselves to the community through volunteerism. The awarded student must be a Canton High School graduating senior pursuing a career that will strengthen their community, for example (but not limited to); education, social work, health and human services.

The Gordon Keller Memorial Scholarship: This Scholarship is given in honor of Gordon Keller. Gordon was passionate about sports, learning and life. He played sports from a young age including youth soccer, tennis and crew in college. He was also a Boy Scout and was actively involved in the high school band and his church youth group as well as holding a job. Gordon's passion for living was wide ranging and included both sports skills and education. He always tried to help instill that passion in others, encouraging them to do their best and strive for excellence. As an Ironman competitor, a feat that requires both physical and mental strength, Gordon found a true challenge. He encouraged others to take up this challenge and would help teach train and prepare others for the races. He was always encouraging and delighted in the achievements of those he helped teach and train. His greatest joy lay in encouraging others to reach their goals and he inspired all of those who knew him. This scholarship will be given to a high school senior who is a Canton resident or is attending Canton High School. The recipient will be someone who embodies the highest ideals of volunteerism, character, sportsmanship, integrity and a commitment to excellence. In addition, the student shall have an excellent academic record and plan to attend a four-year college or university.

The Arthur D. Rhea Memorial Scholarship: Mr. Rhea used determination, positive thinking, and a sense of humor to make a difference in the world around him. The recipient of this scholarship inspires and encourages others through his or her perseverance, positive attitude, and ability to work with others, both in academic pursuits and community service projects.

The Ally Doyle Memorial Scholarship: This Scholarship is given in honor of Ally Doyle, an amazing young Canton student who had a passion for academic excellence, a love of athletics, and great determination to overcome life's challenges. Ally loved learning new things and always tried to improve herself. It is a great honor to present this scholarship to a graduating Canton resident that attends Canton High School as a way to remember Ally and to give back to the community that has provided such loving support and generosity to Ally and her family. The recipient should exemplify many of the qualities that Ally had and share her dream of continued academic success in college. The recipient of this award shall have an excellent academic record and be enrolling in a four-year college or University. In addition, the award shall be given to a student who plans to pursue a career in Physical Therapy, Education or Medicine as Ally had a desire to pursue these careers.

Nancy M. Petry, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Nancy Petry, a Canton resident and professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine from 1996 to 2018. Nancy was a renowned research psychologist who supported higher education in the sciences. The recipient of this award shall be a Canton resident with a strong academic record planning to enroll in a four-year college or university. This student should be interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or medicine.

Casey LeGeyt Memorial Scholarship: It is with honor that the Casey LeGeyt Memorial Scholarship be given to a Canton graduating senior. We are proud to present this scholarship and give back to a member of the community just as the community so generously gave their support and love to Casey and her family. This graduating senior exemplifies many of the qualities that Casey herself possessed, such as genuine compassion for others, love for her community, and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Kathy Westmoreland Scholarship: This scholarship is given to a high school senior who is a Canton resident and is currently an active Girl Scout with the rank of Ambassador who plans on attending any secondary education institution or trade school.

Kindness Matters Scholarship: This scholarship is given to a high school senior who is a Canton resident or is attending Canton High School. This scholarship is to be given to a student who shows behavior consistent with helping and caring for others and/or the environment. The recipient must be able to give examples of how they have a pattern of kind and compassionate behavior in the community by activity such as mentoring, volunteering, peer support, care for the elderly, or involvement in environmental causes.

The Geraldine Smith Memorial Scholarship: This award is presented to a Canton resident who is pursuing a career in one of the various fields of education such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Special Education, etc. The applicant must be pursuing a career working with children from grades PreK-6. This recipient must show dedication, concern and zeal for providing the best education to our youth.

Canton Land Conservation Trust Scholarship: This memorial scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Frederick Feibel, DVM and his wife, Miller. Dr. Feibel, a local veterinarian, lived in Canton with his family for many years. He was a founding Director of the Canton Land Conservation Trust where he advocated for the preservation of land. He was a man of integrity who demonstrated ethics, compassion, and respect for all things living. This scholarship shall be given to a Canton resident graduating senior who demonstrates these traits and who is interested in volunteerism and community involvement. Further, this scholarship may be used for academic support of a student in pursuit of veterinary medicine, horticulture, ecology, land conservation/forestry, animal life science, environmental sciences or any hands-on job which would support these categories, including occupational training and/or certification.

Stepping Stones Education Center Scholarship: This scholarship is presented to a deserving Canton resident who is entering the field of education relating to young children in grades K-6.

Canton Youth Services Bureau Scholarship: The three successful candidates will have demonstrated a willingness to give back to the community, have been an active voice for prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and/or other social service issues, and will attend an institution of higher learning, either at a community college or four-year institution.

Safe & Together Institute Equity Scholarship: This scholarship is given to a high school senior who is a Canton resident or is attending Canton High School. The recipient of this award shall be a high school senior who has demonstrated leadership in the area of gender equity through activities that address issues like sexual harassment, dating violence, and gender role conformity.

Safe & Together Institute Diversity Scholarship: This scholarship is given to a high school senior who is a Canton resident or is attending Canton High School. The recipient of this award shall be a high school senior who has demonstrated leadership through activities that encourage acceptance of diversity including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation.

Rotary Club of Avon-Canton Scholarship: This award is presented to three Canton residents who have displayed a pattern of service to their fellow students and community.

Rotary Club of Avon-Canton Technical/Vocational Scholarship: This scholarship is presented to a Canton resident who will pursue a technical or vocational career.

Maureen Edlund Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is given in honor of Maureen Edlund, a longtime Canton resident and avid supporter of higher education. The recipient of this award shall be a Canton resident with a strong academic record who is enrolling in a four-year college or university. In addition, this student shall exemplify two of Mrs. Edlund's defining attributes: steadfast character and integrity in all situations, and a deep respect for family and community, as reflected in the student's strong history of service to others.

North Canton Volunteer Fire Association Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to four students who are interested in going into the field of public service, including, but not limited to teaching, healthcare, police, firefighter or another public servant field or program.

Caitlin Homan Memorial Scholarship: This award is given in memory of Caitlin Homan, a graduate of Canton High School. Caitie had a love for animals and the outdoors and was active in school activities. The recipient of this scholarship shall be a student enrolling in a four-year college or university, pursuing a field of study related to Wildlife Management, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Veterinary Studies, Zoology or similar science.

Lions Club of Canton: Awarded to two members of the graduating class who have displayed and demonstrated active participation in service to our community and has maintained high ethical standards and a good academic standing. The candidates shall have given good and effective participation in community service activities such as fraternal, religious or service organizations. The candidates shall have maintained a good academic standing and have been selected to a college, trade or occupational school. The candidates shall be of good moral character.

Viola and Albert E. Herdon Scholarship: This scholarship is given in memory of Viola and Albert E. Herdon, who graduated from Canton High School in 1921, by their daughter Margaret Stenberg of Chatham, Massachusetts. They were born in Collinsville in 1904 and had four children who graduated in 1956, 1958, 1959 and 1963. The candidate should have a strong academic record who is enrolling in a two or four-year college or university majoring in business, education or another academic field.

Mary-Louise Dorpalen Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is given in honor of Mary-Louise Dorpalen, a devoted special education professional and former Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Canton Board of Education. It will be presented to a graduating Canton resident who is planning to pursue a career in special education or related field such as Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, or similar. This graduating senior should have strong leadership qualities as well as a passion for helping others in the school and community.

Canton Girl Scout Troop 66581 Scholarship: The recipient will be a female Canton High School senior who plans to continue her education at a vocational or technical school, other specialized training programs, or a traditional two- or four-year college or university. The chosen student has demonstrated a commitment to the community and volunteered in work that has benefitted others.

Chief Roy Brucker Scholarship: Given in memory of Chief Brucker, the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department Inc. and the Canton Memorial Ambulance award a scholarship to a CHS senior who will graduate in the top half of his/her class and demonstrates a commitment to community leadership, be of high moral character, and intend to pursue his/her education.

Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mickey Barlow Memorial Scholarship: Awarded in memory of former Chief Mickey Barlow, the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. awards a scholarship to a CHS senior who displays great exuberance and enthusiasm for Canton as well as community service. The candidate must be thoughtful, kind, and have volunteered in the Canton community during high school. Candidates must possess a strong belief of giving back to their community and have plans to pursue a career in a public service field.

Canton League of Women Voters Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to either a female or a male graduating senior who best exhibits the qualities and ideals so important to the League. The recipient of this award plans to attend advanced schooling and has exhibited a positive attitude in their current school setting. The student should have demonstrated a community minded spirit, who is civically conscious and has been an active Community volunteer whenever possible.

Russell J. Richardson, Incorporated Scholarship: This scholarship is presented to a graduating student who attends Canton High school and plans on attending a trade school.

Sam Collins Day Scholarship: This scholarship is given to a deserving Canton High School student to advance their career in the Arts including, but not limited to music, theater, dance and visual arts.

The Joseph Family/ShopRite of Canton Scholarship: This scholarship is presented to Canton residents graduating from high school who plan to continue their education at vocational or technical schools and other specialized training programs, as well as students enrolling at traditional two- or four-year colleges or universities with a preference given to a ShopRite associate over other applicants. The recipient must be in good standing within the community.

Rae B. Smith Cawasa Grange Scholarship: Presented to a member of the graduating class who plans to continue their education. The award is made on the basis of active good citizenship in the school and community, scholastic promise, and potential for humanitarian service.

Cawasa Grange Memorial Scholarship: The Cawasa Grange Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has been accepted into an accredited college or university. The participant must have obtained a B average for the last four marking periods. The recipient must have participated in community service. Financial need will be considered.

Canton Dollars for Scholars General Scholarship: This scholarship is presented to Canton residents graduating from high school who plan to continue their education at vocational or technical schools and other specialized training programs, as well as students enrolling at traditional two- or four-year colleges or universities. Awards are made on the basis of academic performance, school and community activities and leadership qualities, as well as high ethical standards. The number of scholarships will vary depending upon community contributions.