

Dear Parents and Students,

Attached are the 2017 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. 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 2017**

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

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**Rotary Club of Avon-Canton Scholarship:** This award is presented to two 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.

**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.

**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 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.