

 Northampton
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Scholars.**
46TH ANNUAL



Scholarship Awards 2020

FOR THE STUDENTS OF NORTHAMPTON, FLORENCE AND LEEDS

New Memorial Scholarship Awards

CHARLES P. GLEASON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship in memory of Charles P. Gleason, Jr. , a 1945 graduate of Northampton High School who played football, basketball and baseball and was class president, has been set up by the Gleason family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that was involved in athletics, leadership, community involvement and noted for being kind and considerate.

EM SAMOLEWICZ MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship in memory of Em Samolewicz, a 2006 graduate of Northampton High School and recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, has been set up by the Samolewicz family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that plans to attend a postsecondary education and study art.

MADISON RUTH MEADE YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship in memory of Madison Young, a 2015 graduate of Northampton High School and recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, has been set up by Madison's family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that plans to attend a postsecondary education and plans to enter a career that prompts justice such as social work, community engagement, education, diversity studies and healthcare.

For the past four decades, Northampton Dollars for Scholars has loyally supported the education of our next generation by pledging to be the “community behind the students.” And, thanks to the collective acts of generosity from our many donors and volunteers, Northampton Dollars for Scholars has awarded more than 3,500 scholarships since 1975, totaling more than \$1.5 million.

Each year, the number of applications for scholarships increases, as does the financial burden of higher education. Last year, the average tuition for one year at an in-state public university totaled \$10,230 and private college tuition exceeded \$35,830. These totals exclude additional costs for books, course materials, room and board.

To meet this growing demand, we ask that you join us in our pledge and become the “community behind the students.” Making your gift today will not only support our annual appeal, it will support the legacy of those we honor, like Madison Young. Your gift, a generous act, will impact each student and show that their community is invested in their success.

Please make your generous act by donating to Northampton Dollars for Scholars online at **northampton.dollarsforscholars.org**.

Dear Supporters of Northampton Dollars for Scholars,

For over 46 years the businesses, individuals and families of Northampton have helped Northampton Dollars for Scholars raise money to fund scholarships.

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

With your support over these years the volunteer board has been able to provide over \$1.6 million in scholarships to over 3,700 Northampton residents to assist in their pursuit of 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 continued generosity to the students of Northampton.

The number of applications for scholarships increases every year. To meet this growing need we ask for your financial support. Whether it's a one-time donation to a fund raising event, an annual contribution, or a special bequest with a memorial scholarship, there is a way for you to be a part of the future.

Thank you, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, for choosing to support Northampton students by donating to Dollars for Scholars. Together we are the "community behind our students."

Sincerely,

Tom Bassett, President, Northampton Dollars for Scholars

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Stories of dedication to public education in Northampton

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FRED AMES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the family of Fred Ames. Fred was a board member and one of the founders of Dollars for Scholars and a longtime guidance counselor at Northampton High School. This scholarship is for a student who exemplifies Fred's passion for the community he lived in and helping others.

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 study of Irish history and literature and to writing. The scholarship also honors his granddaughter, Michaela Cahillane, a graduate of Smith College, a writer and musician who travelled the world sharing her love of literature and music. This is given to a student who has shown steady academic improvement, overcome adversity or demonstrates extraordinary need.

EDWARD R. COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Cooper family in memory of Edward, son of Russell and Evelyn Cooper and brother to Richard and Ronald Cooper, the latter the long-serving treasurer of Dollars for Scholars. Edward was a marathon runner, trustee of Look Park and corporator of Florence Bank. Awarded to a student who intends to major in business and has demonstrated a commitment to community service.

THE 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.

RONALD E. COOPER DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the board on the retirement of its past president and devoted treasurer.



Fred Ames



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Cahillane



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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 the store get first preference for the scholarships.

KATHLEEN FARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the family and 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.

JACK FITZGERALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the FitzGerald family and friends in memory of the former longtime city councilor and committed local citizen. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service.

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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 demonstrated financial need, above average scholastic ability and plan to pursue a degree in business, accounting or economics, or in education or guidance.

FLORENCE BANK EDWARD R. COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded to a student with a learning disability.

FLORENCE BANK ERIC STAHLBERG JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: This is a \$2,000 scholarship given to a student who graduates in the top 25 percent of their class, has a record of community service and completes an essay on the importance of community service to them. 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 and Cooley Dickinson Hospital, and supported many local and regional causes.

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



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Tom Foley



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Charles Gleason

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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. The scholarship is awarded to a student who shares these qualities with Tom and who intends to pursue a career in the field of public service.

JOICE GARE SCHOLARSHIP: Created by the Northampton DFS, in honor of the long time serving, recently retired Board member. Joice epitomizes the volunteer spirit, with her perseverance on every task, and dedication to helping students that show determination to overcome adversity.

GARE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Established in memory of E. John Gare, husband of current 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 story was a landmark on Main Street. John's civic legacy includes the municipal parking garage named for him. This award goes to a student who might intend to pursue a career in business, a self-starter, or one who has shown improvement in spite of adversity, one who shows initiative and perseverance.

CHARLES P. GLEASON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship in memory of Charles P. Gleason, Jr. , a 1945 graduate of Northampton High School who played football, basketball and baseball and was class president, has been set up by the Gleason family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that was involved in athletics, leadership, community involvement and noted for being kind and considerate.

FRANK HESTON FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Named for Frank Heston, a co-founder and current board member of the local chapter of Dollars for Scholars, a retired teacher and tennis coach.

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.

PETER KOCOT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established in honor of former State Representative, Peter Vincent Kocot, a man of great kindness, intelligence



Heitor Heston



Dorothy Kocot



Peter Kocot



Mitchell Kowalski



Ralph Levy, Sr.

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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 Massachusetts's public records laws.

THE RALPH LEVY FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP: Established by Ralph Levy, a founding member of Dollars for Scholars, who 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 before retiring after 13 years as Senior Administrative Aide to House Majority Leader William P. Nagle, Jr. This scholarship is given to a Northampton High School graduate who plans to attend an institution of higher learning and shows an interest in theatre or the arts.

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

DR. CLAIRE CUTTEN MANWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Manwell family in memory of a beloved local physician who dedicated her life to others and to many causes in the world and in the local community, and who was a lifelong learner herself, actively participating in Learning in Retirement in her later years. Awarded to a young woman who intends to pursue a career in healthcare.

JAMES K. McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the McDonald family in memory of the longtime local educator who taught math at the former Hawley Junior High School, served as a principal at Hawley and then as a vice principal at the JFK Middle School. He also was known as a lover and supporter of youth athletics.



Ralph Levy, Jr.



Cathy Mahar



Ned Mahar



*Dr. Claire
Manwell*



Jim McDonald

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.

NORTHAMPTON ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Two scholarships, one each to a graduate of Northampton High School and the Smith Vocational Technical High School, who have maintained at least a "B" average and demonstrated a commitment to community service.

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

NORTHAMPTON LODGE OF ELKS #997 SCHOLARSHIP: The Elks support Dollars for Scholars and other youth organizations in the community in many different ways. This award goes to a student who has demonstrated civic awareness and responsibility.

NORTHAMPTON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: This service organization supports education and community service programs locally, nationally and internationally.

OLANDER FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Awarded in memory of Flora and Edwin Olander to a community-minded student with financial need 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. The annual \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding student pursuing a scientific or technical degree.

CAROLYN L. QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Quinn family. She 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.



Stan Moulton



Betty Nuttleman



Edwin Olander



Flora Olander



Patrick Phillips

BITTER 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. This scholarship is awarded to a Northampton student interested in the pursuit of a career in nursing, culinary arts or military affairs and who has worked hard to overcome obstacles in an effort to learn.

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.

EM SAMOLEWICZ MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP: A scholarship in memory of Em Samolewicz, a 2006 graduate of Northampton High School and recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, has been set up by the Samolewicz family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that plans to attend a postsecondary education and study art.

SHANNON FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Shannon and Sheehan families in memory of sisters, Anna Shannon Lawson and Helen Shannon Sheehan. Helen was mother of Dollars for Scholars director and retired Leeds School principal Kathleen Sheehan. Both sisters taught school in Northampton. Helen taught physical education at all the city elementary schools. Anna taught third grade and was a supervisor of practice teachers. The award is given to a student intending to study for a career in education.

THE KAY SHEEHAN COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AND 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.

DON SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Don was a lifelong Northampton native 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. This scholarship is 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.



Em Samolewicz



Kay Sheehan



*Anna Shannon
Lawson*



*Helen Shannon
Sheehan*



Don Sullivan

JOAN SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Sullivan family in memory of a devoted mother and a nurse at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Awarded to a student intending to study to become a nurse.

WEST FARMS CHAPEL HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP AND WEST FARMS CHAPEL/ BETTY NUTTLEMAN - MINISTRY /HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP:

Two scholarships have been established on 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 goes preferably to a student intending to study horticulture. The other chapel scholarship is intended preferably for a student who intends to study for the ministry, or nursing, and/or a student who has shown steady academic improvement, overcome adversity or has extraordinary need.

DENISE WOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: A graduate of Northampton High School, Denise Wood dedicated her life to the education of children. She taught generations of Northampton residents to believe in their dreams all their life and for the last 20 years had taught at Leeds School. An active member in the American Quilters Network, her passion for creativity is expressed in her quilts.

JESSE WORKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Named for the nephew of Dan Workman, owner of Jake's Restaurant 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, keenly interested in politics at all levels. He traveled to Russia with Robert Cahillane, former veterans services director in Northampton, where they met up with state Sen. Stanley Rosenberg. The scholarship is partly supported by funds raised in the annual "Iron Teams Relay" sponsored by Nantucket Nectars, the drink company, on that island.

WORLD WAR II VETERANS ASSOCIATION/ROBERT WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Bobby White was the former president of the World War II Veterans Association. He was a meter reader for the Mass Electric Company. He and his wife, Willette, raised and judged Shetland collie dogs for many years, traveling all over the country to shows and occasionally returning with trophies of their own. The first preference for the award is that it go to a student who will study veterinary science or animal husbandry.



Joan Sullivan



Bob White



Denise Wood



Jesse Workman

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MADISON RUTH MEADE YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP : A scholarship in memory of Madison Young, a 2015 graduate of Northampton High School and recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship, has been set up by Madison's family and Northampton Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior and Northampton resident that plans to attend a postsecondary education and plans to enter a career that prompts justice such as social work, community engagement, education, diversity studies and healthcare.

PETER ZEBROWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Zebrowski family and friends in memory of the former longtime industrial arts teacher at Hawley Junior High School and then JFK Middle School, fondly known by generations of students as "Mr. Z." Awarded to a student who intends to study to become a teacher, especially one who intends to teach industrial arts or technology, and who also has worked hard, overcome adversity, shown caring and consideration towards others, and a willingness to serve his or her community.



Fred Ames

THE FREDERICK O. AMES FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP:

Established by the board on the passing of one of its founding members. Fred was a board member and one of the founders of Dollars for Scholars and a longtime guidance counselor at Northampton High School. This scholarship is for a student who exemplifies Fred's passion for the community he lived in and helping others.



Bill Ames

THE WILLIAM C. AMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

William C. Ames was raised in a large family not far from the High School and was younger brother to Fred Ames, a founder of Dollars for Scholars. Bill 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.



Madison Young



Peter Zebrowski



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 parent organization, originally known as the Citizens Scholarship Foundation, comprises more than 1,100 local Dollars for Scholars chapters. Over one million students have been assisted with over \$1 billion in grassroots scholarship aid over the past 60 years.

The Northampton chapter, now celebrating its 46th 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.

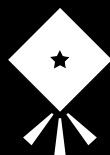
In the years since its founding, Northampton Dollars for Scholars has provided over 3,500 scholarship awards, with total payments of over \$1.6 million.

Northampton Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit corporation and all members are volunteers. 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. 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 raised \$1,100 for four students. This year we will **present \$141,250 to 183 students, a record number!** During the past 46 years, Northampton Dollars for Scholars, a program of Scholarship America, 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 also encourage people to make contributions to Dollars for Scholars so that we may continue to help many more students for the next 46 years and beyond.



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