

Annmarie Haendiges Memorial Scholarship

Annmarie Haendiges was a vivacious source of energy for everything that she was involved with, and she was involved with a lot. She was an expert, and mentor to hundreds, in retail clothing sales, merchandising and management, where she worked for eleven different brands. She spent countless hours helping women find exactly the right look for them to be their best and be confident about their appearance.

She had an uncanny memory for color and style, perfectly matching accessories with outfits. Her clients expressed numerous times both that she was honest with them, and that they always felt good about themselves when they left.

She volunteered extensively. With Dress for Success, she translated her skills and abilities to help women prepare for employment. For the town of Canton, she merchandised for the booster club, elevated fundraising, and started new traditions. She was PTA president, a soccer manager, and a home elder care provider.

She expected and encouraged the best in people, pushing them to stretch and grow and pursue their passions. She had a diverse circle of friends, whom she treated with the same devotion and attention as the family that she loved so much. She enjoyed bringing people together, independent of background. She was fond of the saying "We Lift Ourselves by Raising Others."

The scholarship in Annmarie's memory is given regardless of academic standing, financial need, or area of concentration of study.

The ideal candidate is a Canton student or resident planning to further their education, and who exhibits the following traits:

- *Passion, commitment, and intensity of focus in everything they do.*
- *An abiding connection to others, whether through a strong sense of community, volunteerism and selflessness, or helping others elevate themselves, not just when asked, but when they need it most.*
- *A sense of style, flair, fashion or creativity that expresses appreciation for the variety and vibrancy that constitute life.*
- *Determination and a fighting spirit that never gives up, and a sense of humor, especially under adversity, expressed by the belief that both joy and burdens can be shared.*
- *Being unsung, that is being driven by an intrinsic desire to do the right things, because they are right, rather than to attain recognition or appreciation.*

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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

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.

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.

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 based on 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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

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, who lived in Canton with his family for many years. He has served as a Director of the Canton Land Conservation Trust ever since he was appointed to the Board in 1976, where he advocated for the preservation of land. Dr. Feibel 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 or certification.

Canton Soccer Club Scholarships

Canton Soccer Club Scholarships are awarded to a senior girl and boy who are currently involved with Canton Soccer and have come up through the ranks of the Canton Soccer Club Program. The student athletes should demonstrate leadership on and off the field. The students should also demonstrate high academic achievement and a commitment to their community.

Canton Youth Services Bureau Scholarship

The successful candidate 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.

Canton Volunteer Fire Company Jack Scheidel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given by the Canton Volunteer Fire Company in memory of Jack Scheidel. The recipient should have an intent to pursue secondary education in the area of public service (police, fire, EMS, nursing, etc.) or a trade relative to public service.

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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

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.

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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

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 to give back to the community that has provided such loving support and generosity to Gordon and his family. 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.

Hannah Walsh Tomolonius Scholarship

This scholarship is for the student who most represents the qualities Hannah possessed: an interest in and love of the arts and design (including, but not limited to fashion, makeup, hairstyling, drawing, painting, writing, photography, etc.), a genuine interest in all people, and a love of animals. This award is given without regard to the student's academic performance; instead, it should be directed to a student who embodies Hannah's free-spirited nature and who is pursuing or interested in pursuing a career in the arts, design, or fashion.

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.

Lions Club of Canton

Awarded to a boy and a girl of the graduating class who has 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 and be a current member of the Leo club.

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, etc. This graduating senior should have strong leadership qualities as well as a passion for helping others in the school and community.

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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

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 with a focus in science, math or psychology.

North Canton Volunteer Fire Association Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to a student who is 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.

Rae B. Smith Cawasa Grange Scholarship

Presented to a member of the graduating class who plans to continue their education. The award is made based on active good citizenship in the school and community, scholastic promise, and potential for humanitarian service.

Rotary Club of Avon-Canton Scholarship

This award is presented to two Canton High School students who have displayed a pattern of service to their fellow students and community. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

Rotary Club of Avon-Canton Technical/Vocational Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a Canton resident who will pursue a technical or vocational career. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

Russell J. Richardson, Incorporated Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Russell John Richardson IV and is presented to a graduating student who attends Canton High school and plans on attending a trade school.

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.

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.

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.

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. Please note: All applicants must be in good academic and civic standing at the time the awards are given.

The Joseph Family/ShopRite of Canton Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Canton resident who plans to continue their education at a vocational or technical school or other specialized training program, as well as students enrolling at a traditional 2 or 4-year college. Preference is given to a ShopRite associate.