

118 Scholarships Awarded in 2022



Twins, Cade and Connor McCarthy, Danbury High School, received multiple 2022 OCCF scholarships.

The Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) annually distributes scholarships to deserving students pursuing educational endeavors to further their career goals. In 2022, OCCF awarded **\$164,822 in scholarships to 118 young people**. A list of the scholarships and the 2022 recipients begins on page 3.

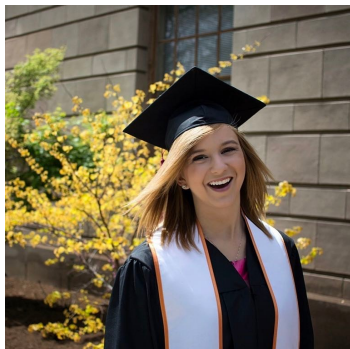
Thanks to generous donors, more than 46 endowed scholarship funds have been established, and the Foundation also holds several non-endowed scholarships that

are available for a limited number of years. Scholarships are given each year according to the specific requirements established by the fund donor.

“We rely on the guidance department staff to help connect students with the many scholarships that are available to those seeking further education,” said OCCF Scholarship Chair Dave Slosser, who partners with local guidance counselors at each of the county high schools. Slosser adds, “It’s important for high school seniors to work closely with their high school guidance department.”

It is anticipated that, this year, more than 125 individual scholarships will be awarded, with a value ranging from \$400 to \$3,500.

For more information about available OCCF scholarships, visit the website www.ottawaccf.org/scholarships.



Three Unique Scholarships

While the majority of OCCF scholarships are designated for graduating high school seniors, three unique scholarships are available to students fitting the specific criteria established by the donor.

- **Donald & Joan Loeffler Second Chance Scholarship** supports Ottawa County adults seeking to further their education to obtain or continue employment.
- **Ian Huffman Memorial Scholarship** assists with study abroad/international experiences for college students who graduated from high schools in Ottawa, Erie, Lucas, Sandusky or Wood Counties.
- **Stone Lab Scholarship** supports local teachers and high school students taking summer courses at The Ohio State University Stone Lab.

Requests for these scholarships are accepted throughout the year. Application details are available at www.ottawaccf.org/scholarships.

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Fond Farewell to Madison and Preston

The OCCF Board of Trustees wishes to recognize John Madison and Jan Preston, two long-time trustees who recently retired from the Board. Sincere appreciation is extended to John and Jan for their enthusiasm and commitment to the Foundation throughout their tenure on the Board.

John Madison, from Port Clinton, joined the Board in 2008 and served as the Treasurer from 2015-2022. During this time, John dedicated countless hours to tracking the financial records as the Foundation added numerous new funds and activities. His many community connections and consummate sense of humor will be missed.



Jan Preston, from Elmore, served two terms on the Board following her career in education. In 2018 she was elected as Vice President and took over the presidency following the sudden passing of long-time President, Joy Roth, in 2019. Jan's grace, leadership and foresight led to the hiring of OCCF's first executive director, Shea McGrew, in 2021.

Upcoming Grant Deadline

Now is the time for local organizations to prepare their request for funding for the 2023-24 OCCF grant cycle. Grant requests will be accepted until **March 1, 2023**.

Guidelines for Grant Seekers is available at www.ottawaccf.org/grants. Grant awards will be awarded on June 15.

Questions regarding the grant application process may be directed to Mary Coffee, Grants Chair, 419-341-7400.



Julene Market shows off a new exhibit at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center.

This publication shares news about the Ottawa County Community Foundation as we fulfill our mission of creating philanthropy and making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. The Ottawa County Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation affiliated with the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

DID YOU KNOW?

New scholarship funds may be created at any time, or an existing scholarship fund may be transferred to the Foundation. The two scholarship options are described below.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Requires \$25,000 to establish
- Invested permanently and provides scholarships from annual earnings
- Donor establishes criteria for student eligibility, such as graduating from a specific high school, pursuing a degree in a particular field of study, attending a specific post-secondary institutions, and/or residing in a certain geographic area

NON-ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Suggested \$1,000 minimum donation
- Scholarship is given on a one-time basis, or over several years, until the gift is fully utilized
- Donor establishes criteria for student eligibility, similar to an endowed fund

For more information about setting up a scholarship fund to help deserving students, visit www.ottawaccf.org, or contact Executive Director, Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750, smcgrew.occf@gmail.com.

2022 Scholarship Summary—\$163,822

Recipient	Amount	School	College Attending	Scholarship Fund
Palmer, Madison	\$2,128.84	PC	University of Toledo	Ann Bolte Achievement
Schulte, Hannah	\$1,378.88	OH	Wheeling University	Arthur Van Rensselaer
McCarthy, Connor	\$876.37	D	The Ohio State University	Blair Scholarship
McCarthy, Cade	\$876.38	D	The Ohio State University	Blair Scholarship
Garner, Alessia	\$929.04	OH	Bowling Green State University	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Bowlick, Breanna	\$929.04	OH	University of Toledo	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Poiry, Sara Jean	\$2,000.00	-	Bluffton University	Catawba Is. Club Employee
Carpenter, Ethan	\$2,000.00	-	University of Maryland	Catawba Is. Club Employee
Kessler, Emily E.	\$2,000.00	-	Xavier University	Catawba Is. Club Employee
Nehls, Rebekah	\$1,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary
Hanson, Andrew	\$1,000.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary
Meggitt, Alexis	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary
Roguski, Tristian	\$1,932.00	OH	University of Akron	David B. and Virginia B. Martin
Boehler, Valeria	\$664.16	-	EHOVE Adult Education	Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance
McCarthy, Connor	\$1,054.62	D	The Ohio State University	Doris E. Stamm
McCarthy, Cade	\$1,054.63	D	The Ohio State University	Doris E. Stamm
Hoyt, Darik	\$1,298.96	PC	Bowling Green State University	Dorothy Jean (Armbruster) Gulau
Leeland, Nash	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	FOE #2295-Redskin Bowling
Huskey, Doris	\$1,500.00	PC	Terra State Community College	FOE #2295-Redskin Bowling
Porter, Gabrielle	\$895.36	PC	Ohio Northern University	George & Lois Svehla Fund
Spieldenner, Lily	\$895.36	PC	Ohio Northern University	George & Lois Svehla Fund
Mylander, Noah	\$434.30	OH	Defiance College	Hellwig-Clements Family
Rowe, Alivia	\$628.29	W	Bowling Green State University	Ian Huffman Memorial for Woodmore Grads
Overmyer, Sydney	\$2,100.00	OH	Wilmington College	Jack Schiller Family

Recipient	Amount	School	College Attending	Scholarship Fund
Jackson, DaNasia	\$750.00	PC	Johnson & Wales University	James Jacob Lee "Jake" Hefflinger Memorial
Manning, Zavier	\$3,500.00	PC	Ohio University	James W. Longe
Chapman, Faith	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Fillmore, Andrew	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Webb, Averie	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Koehl, Rebekah	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Heilmann, Grace	\$3,500.00	PC	Kent State	James W. Longe
Phillips, Kaylee	\$3,500.00	PC	Northern Michigan University	James W. Longe
Brenner, Maxwell	\$3,500.00	PC	Miami University	James W. Longe
Maringer, Gabrielle	\$796.42	D	John Carroll University	Jane M. Krynock
Clark, Grayson	\$796.42	D	Miami University	Jane M. Krynock
Jackson, DaNasia	\$1,030.74	PC	Johnson & Wales University	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Staib, Landon	\$1,030.74	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Martin, Lauren	\$2,362.41	G	University of Toledo	Jennifer K. Martin
Spears, Alexis	\$2,000.00	PC	Kent State	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Nehls, Rebekah	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Hurst, Josh	\$2,000.00	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Roberts, Ella	\$2,000.00	PC	University of Dayton	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Tilson, Cooper	\$1,000.00	PC	Johnson & Wales University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Leow, Paeja	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Luma, Ethan	\$2,000.00	PC	Rochester University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Reineck, Paige	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Brough, Cassidy	\$1,858.18	OH	Bowling Green State University	Jo Ann Hablitzel Memorial
Carter, Arianna	\$754.55	PC	Bowling Green State University	Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education
Garner, Alessia	\$1,153.06	OH	Bowling Green State University	John and Carolyn Miller
King, Jacob	\$820.70	PIB	Terra State Community College	John W. Blatt, Mayor of Put-in-Bay
Jackson, DaNasia	\$1,383.11	PC	Johnson & Wales University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Vollmer, Samantha	\$1,383.12	PC	North Central State College	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Caskey, Wyatt	\$832.14	D	University of Toledo	Joseph J. Kristenak Memorial
Swartzlander, Andrew	\$657.77	OH	Bowling Green State University	Joshua D. Priddy
Meggitt, Alexis	\$1,533.05	PC	University of Cincinnati	Julia A. Quayle Educational
Spencer, Brayden	\$750.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Kelley, Teagan	\$750.00	PC	Kent State	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Spears, Alexis	\$750.00	PC	Kent State	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Eickert, Olivia	\$750.00	PC	Kent State	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Dewitz, Noah	\$1,858.79	OH	Ohio Northern University	Les and Barb Sprouse
Recker, Alyssa	\$625.27	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lester J. Klenk
Morris, Macie	\$2,610.59	OH	Owens Community College	Linda Kaiser Carsten
Vollmer, Samantha	\$1,000.00	PC	North Central State College	Marlene Gulas and Family
Mahaney, Dylan	\$1,623.53	OH	Owens Community College	Marvin and Alice D. Rohloff
Youngless, Rachel	\$1,157.22	W	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Byrnes, Kathryn	\$1,157.21	PIB	DePaul University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Brickner, Eliza	\$1,157.21	D	Notre Dame College	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Fisher, Ashton	\$1,157.21	PC	Catholic University of America	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Dewitz, Nicholas	\$1,157.21	OH	University of Toledo	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Stolz, Trevor	\$1,157.21	G	University of Toledo	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS

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Roguski, Tristian	\$1,000.00	OH	University of Akron	Oak Harbor Rotary
Overmyer, Sydney	\$1,000.00	OH	Wilmington College	Oak Harbor Rotary
Steinbrick, Ryann	\$500.00	OH	Owens Community College	Oak Harbor Rotary
Steinbrick, Riley	\$500.00	OH	Owens Community College	Oak Harbor Rotary
Lindsay, Parker	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Schling, Haley	\$2,500.00	W	Heidelberg University	Pamela Graver-Koenig Memorial
Sheppard, Sarah	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Palmer, Madison	\$2,000.00	PC	University of Toledo	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Nehls, Rebekah	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Hanson, Andrew	\$500.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Manning, Zavier	\$500.00	PC	Ohio University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Chapman, Faith	\$644.78	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Vollmer, Samantha	\$1,000.00	PC	North Central State College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Adkins, Kennedy	\$3,000.00	PC	Kent State	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Halsey, Luke	\$3,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Blaesing, Carter	\$3,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Auckerman, Anthony	\$3,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Avis, David	\$2,000.00	PC	Miami University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Hurst, Josh	\$2,000.00	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Brenner, Marcella	\$2,000.00	PC	Miami University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Roberts, Ella	\$2,000.00	PC	University of Dayton	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Tilson, Cooper	\$1,000.00	PC	Johnson & Wales University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Lukac, Nathen	\$1,000.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Leow, Paeja	\$1,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Luma, Ethan	\$1,000.00	PC	Rochester University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Porter, Gabrielle	\$1,000.00	PC	Ohio Northern University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Zibert, Paige	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Fillmore, Katerina	\$1,000.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Cornell, Garrett	\$1,000.00	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Yarbrough, Colton	\$500.00	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Carter, Arianna	\$500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Priscilla Rhiel
Caskey, Wyatt	\$1,252.81	D	University of Toledo	Richard and Joyce Wadsworth
Strnad, Dylan	\$500.00	D	Ohio University	Richmond Fund for the Arts
Anderson, Meredith	\$1,000.00	OH	Terra State Community College	Rollie W. Sidell Memorial
Zelms, Andrew	\$1,431.25	D	Bowling Green State University	Ron Harger Memorial Scholarship
Sheppard, Sarah	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Steve G. Benko Family Memorial
Carter, Arianna	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Steve G. Benko Family Memorial
Stephen, Beatrice	\$1,488.70	-	Eden Theological Seminary	Sue Ann Van Rensselaer Weibel Coyle
Spencer, Brayden	\$655.76	PC	University of Cincinnati	1999-2004 Port Clinton Walleye Festival
McCarthy, Connor	\$593.00	D	The Ohio State University	The Coffin Memorial
McCarthy, Cade	\$593.00	D	The Ohio State University	The Coffin Memorial
Brickner, Eliza	\$593.00	D	Notre Dame College	The Coffin Memorial
Maringer, Gabrielle	\$599.00	D	John Carroll University	The Coffin Memorial
Frank, Alexander	\$593.00	D	Xavier University	The Coffin Memorial
Clark, Grayson	\$593.00	D	Miami University	The Coffin Memorial
Holzapfel, Emma	\$600.25	D	The Ohio State University	The Coffin Memorial
Heineman, Cienna	\$1,141.12	OH	University of Tennessee	William and Frances Druckenmiller Fund

Scholarships Changing Lives

In May 2017, Port Clinton High School graduating senior Hannah Roberts saw her life move forward in a very significant way with the award of the James W. Longe scholarship (\$12,250 total), administered through the Ottawa County Community Foundation. The scholarship, established by Mr. Longe's son in 2004 as a permanent endowment fund generating multiple scholarships each year, was distributed in annual increments to Hannah as she earned a bachelor's degree in biology from John Carroll University (2021). She now attends the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and expects to graduate with a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree in 2025.

"I had big, daunting dreams of being a physician, which were terrifying to my younger self. It meant so much to know that members of the community recognized the work I had done academically, to that point, and believed in what I wanted to do with my future ... Grateful is truly not great enough of a word," Hannah says, of the scholarships she received.



Advanced education is expensive. Across Ottawa County, hundreds of students seek financial aid as they take their next step into adulthood. Organizations, families and individuals may set up OCCF scholarship funds with specific parameters to help area students with limited resources to pursue their academic and career goals.

"Hannah's story, one of many across the county, is a sign of the generosity of her community, and a perfect illustration of what can happen when a young person is given support to pursue his or her dreams," says OCCF Executive Director Shea McGrew. "We are here to help facilitate that through our scholarship program."

Hannah notes she has chosen a profession reliant on scientific study but rooted in altruism and compassion, adding, "I've chosen a profession with the very spirit of my hometown. Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Community Foundation ... I owe so much of what I am to you. Your emotional and financial support has served as a constant reminder that my hometown believed in me."

Hannah is interested in practicing in the Port Clinton area, after medical school, and upon completion of her residency.

For more information about setting up a scholarship fund to help deserving students, visit www.ottawaccf.org, or contact Executive Director, Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750, smcgrew.occf@gmail.com.

Touching the Lives of the People of Ottawa County

Through the generosity of caring donors, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) touches many lives, throughout the year, with grants and scholarships.

A sampling:

- Educator training to address dyslexia in young students
- CPR instruction for high school students
- Meals for neighbors in need
- Camp counselor education and summer camping experiences for youth
- Healthy activities for individuals in alcohol and substance abuse recovery programs
- Community enrichment projects through art, gardens, music, and physical activity
- More than \$164,000 in scholarships for 118 students pursuing their education and career goals

Since 1999, OCCF has . . .

- Distributed more than \$6.8 million in grants to support local needs
- Provided scholarships in excess of \$1.5 million for area students
- Built \$10 million in more than 100 funds established by generous donors



We seek your support to expand the Foundation's charitable activities in response to growing area needs. Please consider an investment in OCCF's future. With your help, we can broaden our work to better serve our neighbors, aid in creating meaningful donor legacies, and help Ottawa County to continue to thrive.

Would you like to receive email updates from OCCF? Periodic communications will be shared about how we are "Doing Good. Forever." Sign up at the *Subscribe* link on our website, www.ottawaccf.org.

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In November, nearly 1,500 cold-weather clothing items were collected for local school districts to distribute to students and families in need. Each district was also granted \$500 for additional needed items. It is estimated that more than \$10,000 worth of clothing and financial donations were secured.

Many businesses, service organizations and individuals helped to make the Bundle Up project a huge success! In particular, we thank the public libraries across Ottawa County, which served as clothing donation drop-off locations.

Thank you, everyone, for joining OCCF in its mission of "Doing Good. Forever."



Benton-Carroll-Salem School Superintendent, Dr. Guy Parmigian, and Director of Student Services, Jim Boss, accepted Bundle Up donations from OCCF Board member, Arlyn Bensch.



Mark and Tina Habitzel helped to sort some of the Bundle Up clothing donations.



Cari Buehler, Danbury School Superintendent, accepted warm clothing items for students.