

## Kokinda Family Funds Doing Good Locally

Just down the street from Magruder Hospital in Port Clinton, Joseph and Eleanor Kokinda raised four sons—Larry, Terry, Perry and Duane. In October 2019, the family established the Joseph and Eleanor Kokinda Family Fund through OCCF. Duane, the youngest son and a resident of Catawba Island, indicated the intent was to “honor our parents and all they did for us, and in support of the community in which we all grew up... We wanted to start giving back, and OCCF was a means to do that. The Foundation was already organized and established to look broadly at needs across the area.”

The fund provides grants to nonprofits located in Port Clinton and/or serving the residents of Port Clinton.

“The Kokinda family’s giving is a

remarkable expression of care for the people of Port Clinton, and for the city’s future,” said Executive Director Shea McGrew. “We thank them for their generosity and for the example they have set for others.”

The elder Kokindas, who met in the area and were married for more than 50 years, handed down to the next generation an incredible work ethic.

“Dad served in WWII and came back to work as an electrician at Erie Ordnance Depot at Camp Perry. He fixed TVs in the basement and spent weekends installing TV towers and antennas. In his spare time, he ran a farm in Bay Township,” said Duane, adding that his mother worked the farm, gardened and canned vegetables. “They were both always working. Always.”



The Kokinda Family of Port Clinton: (top row) Joseph, Duane and Perry, (bottom row) Larry, Terry and Eleanor.

In December 2024, a second OCCF fund, the Joseph and Eleanor Kokinda Family Fund #2, was created. A donor advised fund, it provides flexibility to  
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## Over \$185,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Area Students

The Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) has been proud to award over \$1,988,000 in scholarships to Ottawa County students since 2001. This year, 131 Ottawa County graduating seniors, continuing college students, and non-traditional students received \$185,291 in scholarships as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.

“I am honored to congratulate this year’s scholarship recipients,” said Dave Slosser, Ottawa County Community Foundation Scholarship Chair and board member. “These students have demonstrated not only academic excellence but also a commitment to their communities. We believe in their potential to lead, inspire, and create meaningful change in Ottawa County and beyond. The future is

brighter because of them.”

OCCF manages more than 55 named scholarship funds created by individuals and families for the benefit of Ottawa County students. Scholarships are available based on the school the student attends, field of study, merit, financial need, sports, and community involvement, among other criteria.

Current high school seniors interested in applying for scholarships are encouraged to work with their school guidance counselors to get complete information about the available scholarships and the application process. To learn more about scholarships available through OCCF, visit the OCCF website [ottawaccf.org/scholarships](http://ottawaccf.org/scholarships).



Olivia Emerson and Quinn Fellbinger each received a Peter B. and Jean C. Rutan Scholarship. Fellbinger also received a Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship

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## From Shea McGrew, Executive Director

The end of the year is a time of heightened activity at OCCF, but also a time of reflection. What stands out for me, year after year, is the remarkable generosity and caring spirit of the people of Ottawa County. Giving to improve community health, alleviate hunger, provide educational opportunities, showcase the arts, and train the workforce of tomorrow was especially prominent in 2025.



Your contributions enabled OCCF this year to distribute \$90,011 in community grants to 33 nonprofit organizations serving the county and to award \$180,268 in scholarships to students pursuing advanced education and career training. In addition, contributions from several individuals provided funding for OCCF to respond to urgent needs that arose on short notice through our Rapid Response Fund.

When I speak to local groups, I am proud to announce that OCCF has distributed nearly \$8.5 million in grants and scholarships since our founding in 1999. That's a legacy of impact. But it is just a beginning. With your continued support, OCCF can grow and extend its impact far into the future, helping Ottawa County thrive. Thank you for partnering with us to demonstrate the power of charitable giving.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shea McGrew".

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make recommendations for specific, future charitable giving. As with the first fund, the focus is on the Kokinda's hometown of Port Clinton. Duane indicated the first commitment from the second fund will be to the City of Port Clinton to help finance a splash pad at Waterworks Park and provide children "with more options for things to do."

When asked why charitable giving is important and necessary, locally, Duane pointed to Port Clinton's declining and aging population, as well as limited local governmental resources. He concluded, "The folks at OCCF have all been wonderful to work with in organizing charitable giving, done in honor of our parents, and helping us give back to the community which supported us through our formative years and beyond."

For information about setting up a charitable fund, contact Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750.

# Congratulations to the 2025 Scholarship Recipients

<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>INSTITUTION ATTENDING</b>	<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b>
Dillan Northrop	\$2,360.66	PC	Ohio University	Ann Bolte Achievement Scholarship Fund
Tyler Thompson	\$1,517.24	OH	University of Findlay	Arthur Van Rensselaer Scholarship Fund
Mia McDonald	\$510.00	D	Freedonia State University	Blair Scholarship Fund
Shanteau, Kendall	\$400.00	D	Bowling Green State University	Blair Scholarship Fund
Dupuis, Alivia	\$510.16	D	The Ohio State University	Blair Scholarship Fund
Brown, Maci	\$510.00	D	The Ohio State University	Blair Scholarship Fund
Craig, Haylee	\$897.09	OH	Owens Community College	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family Scholarship Fund
DeTray, Ethan	\$897.09	OH	Kent State University	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family Scholarship Fund
Ocampo, Resly	\$500.00	PC	Terra State Community College	Catawba Island Vol. Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship Fund
Mollison, Elise	\$1,376.22	OH	Ohio University	David B. and Virginia B. Martin Scholarship Fund
Bloom, Heather L.	\$795.43		Terra State College	Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance Scholarship Fund
Brickner, Althea	\$641.61	D	Capital University	Doris E. Stamm Scholarship Fund
McCarthy, Emma	\$1,000.00	D	The Ohio State University	Doris E. Stamm Scholarship Fund
Frisch, Elliana	\$641.50	D	St. Mary's College	Doris E. Stamm Scholarship Fund
Honeycutt, Amelia	\$1,500.00	PC	Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology	Fraternal Order of Eagles #2295-Redskin Bowling Scholarship Fund
Wallace, Destiny	\$1,500.00	PC	Lourdes University	Fraternal Order of Eagles #2295-Redskin Bowling Scholarship Fund
Rohde, Jocelyn	\$2,218.73	PC	Tiffin University	George & Lois Svehla Fund
Heins, Kalle	\$998.67	W	The Ohio State University	Grayson and Dorothy Koepke Ag Scholarship
Thompson, Tyler	\$478.58	OH	University of Findlay	Hellwig-Clements Family Scholarship Fund
Dickman, Ellison	\$693.75	W	Bowling Green State University	Ian Huffman Memorial Fund for Woodmore High School Graduates
Maringer, Maria	\$695.94		University of Notre Dame	Ian Huffman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ridener, Issaac	\$2,400.00	OH	Ohio State University - ATI	Jack Schiller Family Scholarship Fund
Christiansen, Kerynn	\$901.06	PC	The Ohio State University	James Jacob Lee "Jake" Hefflinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wallace, Cadence	\$3,500.00	PC	Seina Heights University	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Boykin, Emily	\$3,500.00	PC	Marymount University	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Wiechman, Madison	\$3,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Boykin, Lydia	\$3,500.00	PC	Capital University	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Bodie, Nora	\$3,500.00	PC	University of Michigan	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Honeycutt, Amelia	\$3,500.00	PC	Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Manning, Xavier	\$3,500.00	PC	Ohio University	James W. Longe Scholarship Fund
Shanteau, Kendall	\$750.00	D	Bowling Green State University	Jane M. Krynock Scholarship Fund
Brown, Maci	\$1,003.86	D	The Ohio State University	Jane M. Krynock Scholarship Fund
Nelson, Lyndsea	\$1,136.24	PC	BGSU Firelands	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School Scholarship Fund
Hartlaub, Will	\$1,136.24	PC	University of Toledo	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School Scholarship Fund
Crabtree, Amanda	\$2,218.41	G	Wayne State University	Jennifer K. Martin Scholarship Fund
Spencer, Olivia	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Roberts, Samuel	\$1,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Fleenor, Grace	\$1,500.00	PC	Tiffin University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Wallace, Destiny	\$1,500.00	PC	Lordes University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Felbinger, Quinn	\$1,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Sanchez, Ashton	\$1,500.00	PC	Kent State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Rosario, Nora	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Lieske, Shianne	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Hartlaub, Will	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Toledo	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund
Kelley, Chloe	\$2,356.05	OH	Ohio University	Jo Ann Hablitzel Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rohde, Jocelyn	\$832.43	PC	Tiffin University	Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education Scholarship Fund
Fallgren, Joshua	\$1,295.81	OH	Miami University	John and Carolyn Miller Scholarship Fund
Heineman, Ava	\$904.84	PIB	Bowling Green State University	John W. Blatt, Mayor of Put-in-Bay, Scholarship Fund
Sanchez, Ashton	\$1,181.16	PC	Kent State University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial Scholarship Fund
Haynes, Aidan	\$1,181.16	PC	University of Toledo	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cornell, Joshua	\$1,181.16	PC	Heidelberg University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brickner, Althea	\$916.75	D	Capital University	Joseph J. Kristenak Memorial Scholarship Fund
Schulte, Effie	\$725.06	OH	Owens Community College	Joshua D. Priddy Scholarship Fund
Roberts, Lydia	\$1,735.89	PC	Denison University	Julia A. Quayle Educational Fund
Rohde, Jocelyn	\$750.00	PC	Tiffin University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn Fund
Fenton, Christiona	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn Fund
Lonsway, Cambree	\$750.00	PC	Kent State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn Fund
Buckley, Erieyonna	\$750.00	PC	BGSU Firelands	Lenore Petersen Blackburn Fund
Craddock, Laney	\$2,047.05	OH	Bowling Green State University	Les and Barb Sprouse Scholarship Fund
Lukac, Dylan	\$689.24	PC	Terra State Community College	Lester J. Klenk Scholarship Fund
Collins, Katie	\$2,877.99	OH	Ohio University	Linda Kaiser Carsten Scholarship Fund
Capodice, Piper	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU Firelands	Marlene Gulas and Family Scholarship
Clark, Charli	\$1,785.83	OH	Terra State Community College	Marvin and Alice D. Rohloff Scholarship Fund
Perry, Alexis	\$1,551.67	W	Illinois Central College	Mayor John W. Blatt for Graduates of Ottawa County Schools
Wright, Elias	\$1,551.67	PIB	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
Whitaker, Cheyenne	\$1,551.68	PC	Tiffin University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
McDonald, Ella	\$1,000.00	D	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
Patel, Veepa	\$551.68	D	Ohio State University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
Hornyak, Paige	\$1,551.68	G	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
Hodge, Nathaniel	\$1,551.68	OH	Indiana Wesleyan University	Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund for Grads of OC Schools
Arden, Lily	\$1,000.00	OH	Word of Life Bible Institute	Oak Harbor Rotary Scholarship Fund
Phillips, Allyson	\$1,000.00	OH	Ohio University	Oak Harbor Rotary Scholarship Fund
Ridener, Issaac	\$1,000.00	OH	Ohio State University - ATI	Oak Harbor Rotary Scholarship Fund



<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>INSTITUTION ATTENDING</b>
Trumbull, Ryleigh	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University
Keller, Samantha	\$1,000.00	OH	Bowling Green State University
Schimmoller, Hannah	\$1,000.00	OH	Hiram College
Baker, Camille	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Michigan
Thompson, Quinn	\$1,000.00	D	University of Akron
Perkins, Kora	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University
Hornyak, Paige	\$1,000.00	G	Bowling Green State University
Vogelpohl, Megan	\$1,000.00	W	University of Toledo
Hartlaub, Will	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Toledo
Koskela, Gabe	\$1,000.00	PC	Ohio Northern University
Smith, Alivia	\$2,500.00	W	The Ohio State University
Nelson, Lyndsea	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU Firelands
Delhees, Morgan	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University
Ocampo, Resly	\$1,000.00	PC	Terra State Community College
Tusen, Lyndsay	\$3,000.00	PC	Eastern Michigan University
Lieske, Shianne	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati
Rosario, Nora	\$2,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati
Dukeshire, Nathan	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU Firelands
Baker, Camille	\$3,000.00	PC	University of Michigan
Roberts, Samuel	\$670.22	PC	The Ohio State University
Cornell, Joshua	\$1,500.00	PC	Heidelberg University
Baker, Corrine	\$3,000.00	PC	University of Michigan
Koskela, Gabe	\$1,500.00	PC	Ohio Northern University
Christiansen, Kerynn	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University
Felbinger, Quinn	\$2,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University
Spencer, Olivia	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati
Haynes, Aidan	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Toledo
Brookover, Madyson	\$2,000.00	PC	Kent State University
Cook, Jeremy	\$1,000.00	PC	Cleveland Institute of Art
Emerson, Olivia	\$1,500.00	PC	University of Rio Grande
Baker, Camiah	\$3,000.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace
Schimming, Payton	\$670.22	PC	BGSU Firelands
Joseph, Steele	\$670.23	PC	University of Toledo
Starkey, Brooklyn	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University
Fleenor, Grace	\$670.22	PC	Tiffin University
Roberts, Lydia	\$1,000.00	PC	Denison University
Fall, Bert	\$500.00	PC	Miami University
Cook, Jeremy	\$500.00	PC	Cleveland Institute of Art
Frisch, Elliana	\$500.00	D	St. Mary's College
Kelley, Chloe	\$1,000.00	OH	Ohio University
McCarthy, Emma	\$1,829.47	D	The Ohio State University
Schweitzer, Lily	\$2,000.00	PIB	Bowling Green State University
Waddell, Jessica	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University
Koimur, Nicholas	\$1,672.03		Eden Theological Seminary
Delhees, Morgan	\$720.79	PC	Bowling Green State University
Bergman, Katelynn	\$764.35	D	Bowling Green State University
Patel, Veepa	\$764.35	D	The Ohio State University
McCarthy, Emma	\$764.35	D	The Ohio State University
Halblaub, Astrid	\$764.35	D	Ohio Northern University
Wilhite, Park	\$764.35	D	Bowling Green State University
Blackford, Mary	\$764.35	D	Bowling Green State University
Owens, Logan	\$2,840.26	PC	Kent State University
Zunk, Sophia	\$1,253.31	OH	Bowling Green State University
Faith Crenshaw	\$2,000.00		Indiana Wesleyan
Ella Dedes	\$2,000.00		Purdue University
Danielle Johnson	\$2,000.00		The Ohio State University
Liliana Lucero	\$2,000.00		Jackson Michigan College
Samantha Timerding	\$2,000.00		BGSU Firelands

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## **Non-traditional Scholarships Available**

Generous donors have established scholarship funds to help students reach their educational goals. Each scholarship has specific guidelines determined by the donor. Most OCCF scholarships are intended for graduating high school seniors; however, four scholarships are available for adult students. *The application form for these scholarships is available on the website.*

**Harold H. Brown Aviation Scholarship** supports adults or graduating high school seniors pursuing studies in aviation or aviation-related fields.

**Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance Scholarship** supports adults pursuing training to advance their employment or career.

**Ian Huffman Memorial Scholarship for International Study** supports college students with study abroad and international experiences.

**The Ohio State University Stone Lab Scholarship** supports Ottawa County high school or college students, or teachers, to attend summer courses at Stone Lab.

# Year-Round Giving Suggestions

The Foundation offers various ways to help you achieve your philanthropic goals. Here are some options to consider.

- *Send a check or give online with your credit card*
- *Give stock or mutual fund shares – it's easy and carries potential tax benefits*
- *Make a direct transfer to OCCF from your IRA – it counts toward a required minimum distribution*
- *Leave a bequest in your will or trust – a simple way to leave a legacy*
- *Establish a permanent fund with the Foundation – it provides annual distributions to your favorite cause or organization*

Let us help you achieve your charitable goals – contact us for individual guidance regarding giving options that meet your philanthropic objectives.

Thank you for touching the lives of people in Ottawa County. Together, we can do more for Ottawa County than any person, business, or organization can do alone.

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Friend	Up to \$99

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# Workforce Hub Has a New Home

The Ottawa County Business Advisory Council (BAC) recently hosted an open house at the newly renovated Ottawa County Workforce Hub for Career Advancement facility near Oak Harbor. It was a positive reminder of what's possible when educators, employers, and community partners come together to support students.

OCCF has proudly partnered with the BAC since 2015, providing

over \$184,700 to support the Skilled Trades Academy, Educator training, student internships, the State Tested Nursing Aide program, and other BAC programming. These efforts strengthen our community and open doors for future generations.

Thank you to the Ottawa County Business Advisory Council for leading the way in preparing our future workforce.

