



Honoring the Legacy of Dolores M. Trawinski through Charitable Giving
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The Lagenomai Creative Spirit Award

The Lagenomai Creative Spirit Award honors Dolores Trawinski, whose joyful spirit and gift for finding magic in the everyday world continues to guide us. This scholarship supports high school students who use creativity to bring joy, connection, and positivity to their communities.

It is our way of celebrating her legacy — her passion for artistic expression and her deep compassion for others. The award recognizes students who follow their passions with heart and use their art — whether through music, painting, writing, cooking, performing, or any other creative form — to spread joy, build connection, and create a little bit of magic in the world.

Like the song that inspired its name, this award serves as a reminder to keep creating, keep dreaming, and keep sharing your spark wherever life takes you.

We believe, as our mother Dolores did, that creativity has no boundaries — and neither should opportunity. As such, there are no GPA or academic performance requirements. Applicants must simply be in good standing at their educational institution and currently enrolled in their 11th or 12th year of high school.

For 2026, a one-time \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a single applicant and paid directly to the awardee. In future years, the scholarship amount may vary as we continue to grow this award in Dolores' honor. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

We invite students to share their passion, purpose, and creative voice with us.

Eligibility & Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. Personal Statement

Submit either:

- A written statement (minimum 500 words), or
- A video (maximum 5 minutes)

The statement should address:

- Your creative outlet or art form
- Why this form of creativity matters to you
- How it has shaped or impacted your life
- How you use your creativity to bring joy, positivity, or magic to others
- How you intend to use the scholarship money



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2. Portfolio or Creative Sample

Submit a small collection demonstrating your creative expression. Accepted formats include photos, recordings, writing samples, videos, or other media.

Portfolios should include:

- 6–10 representative pieces, and/or
- A video or audio recording under 5 minutes

3. Recommendation Letter

A brief letter from a mentor, teacher, or advisor who can speak to:

- Your artistic journey
- Your character
- Your ability to inspire or uplift others through creative expression

Letters should focus on growth, passion, and impact.

Submission Instructions

- Deadline: 11:59PM ET May 1, 2026
- Completed applications and all supporting materials must be emailed to info@thedmtcharitablecorporation.org.
- Please label all files clearly using the format: FirstName LastName - FileDescription
- Acceptable File formats: PDF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, MP3, WAV, MP4, AVI. Submissions not in these formats may not be reviewed.
- Questions: For any inquiries, please contact amie@thedmtcharitablecorporation.org

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected based on:

- Authentic passion for their craft
- Dedication to spreading joy or creating positive impact through creativity
- Engagement with others — priority will be given to students demonstrating community, school, or individual impact through their art
- Originality, intention, and effort in their submission

The charity directors will review all applications with care and consideration and an award will be made by June 1, 2026. The successful applicant will be notified by the directors via email.

