



2024 MILLCREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & CRITERIA

BARBARA BAKER SCHOLARSHIP

- awarded to a graduating senior furthering their education

BOYS' BASKETBALL TIP OFF TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- intend to further education at a college or university
- be a senior who participated in the McDowell boys' basketball program

CHRISTOPHER J. GUTTING VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARD

- The Fund is established to primarily benefit a scholarship to a McDowell graduate(s) of the Erie County Technical School for use in furthering their vocational / technical education.

THE ASHLEY KUZMA RESILIENCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP *(must complete additional essay)*

- Academic achievement demonstrating a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Participation in school-sponsored, extracurricular activities
- Participation in volunteer and community events

BERNIE LYONS LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- established in 2002 as a memorial to Bernie Lyons for all his services to the Millcreek School District
- must be a senior at McDowell High School
- must be an Erie County Vo Tech student in one of the following disciplines: Automotive Technologies; Construction Trades; Electrical Engineering; Electronics; Precision Machining
- may be used to buy tools for their trade or to further their education in their trade

HALGREN, RESTIFO & LOOP ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

- awarded to a graduating senior going into the field of architecture

WILLIAM D. HEIDT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- awarded to a graduating senior going into the field of Mathematics, Chemistry, or nursing
- achievement in scholastic grades
- more than one family member in college
- financial need

DAVID MCKELVEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- awarded to a graduating senior going into the teaching field

MILLCREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- active in school functions (ie; sports, band, ROTC, academic, etc.)
- active in volunteer and community events
- financial need, life challenges or physical challenges
- grade point average must be 2.5 as a minimum

MILLCREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES AWARD

- already accepted at a post-secondary educational institution

- applied for but not selected to receive any other awards
- not receiving any other forms of recognition at commencement

DR. GUSTAVE MORK AWARD

- must be in the top 10% of the class
- must have contributed service to the school
- already accepted at a college or university

DARCIE MOSELEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP *(must complete additional essay)*

- awarded to a graduating senior going into the teaching field
- Female pursuing a degree in education from a college or university
- GPA of 3.0 or higher

TOM MUDGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- participant in JV or Varsity golf or basketball
- academic achievement taken into consideration
- must be accepted into a program of further education (technical or college)
- *must furnish a recommendation from a coach*

MICHAEL PALERMO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Male or Female
- McDowell GPA 3.0
- Participate in any high school sport

DR. & MRS. VEREL SALMON SCHOLARSHIP

- must not be receiving any other MEF scholarship

NEW! PEYTON STAKIEWICZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- McDowell Boys Cross Country runner
- Must be ranked the 7th or higher on the team

ASBURY SCHOOL ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- former Asbury student, now graduating with the current McDowell senior class
- accepted at a college or university
- financial need, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and family involvement in PTA taken into consideration.

BELLE VALLEY SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- former Belle Valley student who attended Belle Valley for at least **3** years
- current McDowell senior
- already accepted at a post -secondary education institution, college, university, -trade school or community college
- school activities, community service, the PTA (throughout your school career) -service to school
- academic achievement, class rank, and test scores

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD *(must complete additional essay & attach unofficial transcript)*- student must be a former Chestnut Hill School student who attended Chestnut Hill for at least **3** years and is now graduating with the current McDowell senior class

- already accepted at a post-secondary educational institution, college or university
- need of financial assistance
- achievement in academics, school and/or community service and activities

GRANDVIEW PTA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD I

- former Grandview School student, now graduating with the current McDowell senior class
- already accepted in a four-year post-secondary course of study
- need of financial assistance
- academic achievement taken into consideration

GRANDVIEW PTA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD II

- former Grandview School student, now graduating with the current McDowell senior class
- already accepted in any other continuing post-secondary education, including, but not limited to: technical, vocational or trade schools
- need of financial assistance
- academic achievement taken into consideration

J. S. WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD *(must complete additional essay & attach unofficial transcript)*

- must have attended J. S. Wilson Middle School for at least 2 years
- graduating with the current McDowell senior class
- accepted at a post-secondary institution
- financial need NOT a factor
- achievement in academics, school activities and community service.

MCDOWELL PTSA CLASS OF 2024 MERIT AWARD -

- academic achievement
- leadership in extra-curricular involvement
- planning on attending a college, university, junior college or technical school
- quality of essay
- financial need NOT a factor

MCDOWELL PTSA MEMBER AWARD – -STUDENT MUST BE A MCDOWELL PTSA MEMBER

- academic achievement
- leadership in extra-curricular involvement
- planning on attending a college, university, junior college or technical school
- quality of essay
- financial need NOT a factor

TRACY SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD *(must complete additional essay)*

- former Tracy School student who attended Tracy for at least 3 years and is now graduating with the current McDowell senior class
- student is already accepted in post-secondary education
- student is in need of financial assistance
- student displays achievement in academics, school and or community service -and activities

VERNONDALE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD *(must complete additional essay)*

- former Vernondale student
 - already accepted at a post-secondary education institution, college or university
- need of financial assistance
- achievements in academics, school and/or community activities

WALNUT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- Must have attended WCMS for at least 2 years
- Accepted at a Post Secondary Institution (college or technical)
- Graduating with the current McDowell Senior class
- Achievement in academics ,school activities, and community service

WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-

- must have attended Westlake Middle school for at least 2 years
- must be a current senior
- accepted at a post-secondary institution (technical or college)
- academic achievement, school and/or community service and
- activities will be considered

CARLI CUMMINGS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP *(must complete an additional essay)*

- Male or female McDowell senior who participated in swimming/water polo
- Must be participating in swimming/water polo in college
- Must have at least a 3.7 GPA

Essay: Describe how you have demonstrated leadership and sportsmanship and how you will incorporate these abilities in your life.

KAREN CUNNINGHAM ART SCHOLARSHIP

Open to a senior that has taken art classes at McDowell and planning to pursue higher education in the field of Visual Art. Students should submit a minimum of 10 images of their best work and include a description of each piece. The typed description should indicate: size, medium, and title of each piece. Must also include what school they plan to attend, their planned major and a brief explanation about their future goals in the art world.

The scholarship was created in honor of former McDowell Art teacher, Karen Cunningham.

KATE DINGFELDER ART SUPPLY SCHOLARSHIP

Open to a McDowell senior pursuing art in college or an art school (includes any field of art- graphic design, photography, fine arts, etc,) for purchasing art supplies. Applicant must write a letter indicating why they deserve the scholarship, their dreams and goals, list any awards, and must be involved in some kind of church or community work. Must provide a reference from an art teacher or instructor in any field of art.

The scholarship was created in memory of former McDowell student, Kate Dingfelder.

NEW! **MARTIN “MARTY” KAVERMAN MEMORIAL SPIRIT OF THE VIKING SCHOLARSHIP** for education, training, career advancement, etc. beyond high school. Prospective candidates would have attended Westlake Middle School in the Millcreek Township School District for a Complete Three (3) Years AND Successfully Completed all Obligations to Graduate from McDowell Senior High School.

MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ VARSITY LACROSSE FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The fund helps to provide a scholarship to a graduating McDowell senior who participated in McDowell High School Varsity Boys Lacrosse.

MILLCREEK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

- MEA member’s child with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- if there is no MEA member’s child or said child does not have a GPA of at least -3.0, then the scholarship can go to a McDowell senior who has a GPA of 3.0-planning on majoring in education.
- If no one qualifies under the above criteria the scholarship will not be awarded.

MILLCREEK EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES’ ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP *(Must attach a reference letter from a business/core teacher)*

- must be a senior planning to continue their education in a business-related field

MCDOWELL FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP *(must complete an additional essay)*

Each of the below categories will be weighted in the following fashion and tabulated. The top two/three students will be awarded the scholarships.

The essay you write should include a football/life analogy. A paragraph that includes any particular interests, talents, abilities or accomplishments will be accepted. The essays submitted will be rated in an anonymous fashion safeguarding against prejudicial evaluation. The essay should be no longer than 2 pages in length. Note: Student/players that do not meet the suggested prerequisites may also apply for consideration

Suggested prerequisites

- must have been a member of McDowell Football for 3 or 4 years (5pts)
- GPA (4pts)
- quality of essay (3pts) Football/Life Analogy
- community service/extra curricular activities (2pts)
- future plans/goals (1pt) acceptance at post-secondary educational facility

MCDOWELL GIRLS SOCCER BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

- must have played on McDowell Girls Varsity team during senior year
- already accepted at a college or university

ANDREW POLAKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Senior male or female soccer player.

Essay (no longer than 2 pages): Paragraph 1: Tell something about yourself, your interests, special abilities, accomplishments, anything which describes you as an individual. Paragraph 2: Tell how you demonstrate the characteristics of sportsmanship, enthusiasm, cooperation, leadership and competition in your soccer experience and life, Paragraph 3: tell how and where you plan to further your education and what your career goals are Paragraph 4: Closing comments (i.e. why you feel you should be selected to receive a scholarship)

Andrew Polakowski was a soccer player for each of his 4 years at McDowell. He graduated in 2006 and attended Ohio State University where he passed away in a tragic accident that same year. Andy embodied the characteristics of sportsmanship, enthusiasm, cooperation, leadership and competition during his time with the McDowell Soccer Team. These traits were evident in his other activities at McDowell and his brief time at the Ohio State University.

NEW! LEWIS "LEW" C. PENNA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP The Fund is established to primarily benefit a to financially support a McDowell High School graduating senior in their pursuit of higher education. GPA 3.0 Minimum; involved in a sport and/or a school sponsored club activity for a minimum of two (2) years; must be accepted and planning to attend a Four (4)-year college.

PETRUSO TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP *(must attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher or someone who can verify your qualifications)*

-should have a minimum of **5** years in the Millcreek Township School District; recipient will demonstrate the mastered use of technology to access, process, organize, communicate, and evaluate information in order to answer questions and solve problems:

*Demonstrates use of technology to support the development of process skills in all content areas.

*Develops creativity and innovation through the use of technology

*Uses technology to develop learning and workplace skills

*Uses a variety of technology (computers, micro controllers, CNC, video-editing equipment, laser engraver, 3D printing.)

*Knows and uses basic computer terminology

*Operates various pieces of hardware and software, particularly operating systems

*Understanding the basics of computer programming and/or web design should be part of the recipient's studies

*Understands and articulates the relationship and impact of information technology on careers, society, culture and their own lives

* Already accepted to a college, university, or post secondary technical school.