



## 2026 MILLCREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS



### **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

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

Male or female McDowell senior who participated in swimming/water polo

Must have at least a 3.7 GPA

Must be participating in swimming/water polo in college

Essay: Describe how you demonstrate leadership & sportsmanship and how you will incorporate 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, planned major, and a brief explanation about 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.

### **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 immediate family member in college,  
financial need

### **MARTIN KAVERMAN MEMORIAL SPIRIT OF THE VIKING AWARD 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 Years AND Successfully Completed all Obligations to Graduate from McDowell High School.

### **MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

The fund provides a scholarship to the top student leaders in the graduating class. Leadership includes participating in clubs and other activities at McDowell and the community, holding key leadership roles as a board member, committee chair, event organizer, etc. Must have a GPA 3.5 (unweighted). Recipient will have demonstrated a strong commitment to school, student body, MTSD staff supporter, and community involvement.

### **MCDOWELL BOYS' VARSITY LACROSSE SCHOLARSHIP**

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

### **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**

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

### **LEWIS 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 include a letter of recommendation from a teacher or someone to verify 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 into a college, university, or post-secondary technical school.

### **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.

### **DR. & MRS. VEREL SALMON SCHOLARSHIP**

must not be receiving any other MEF scholarship

### **SPIRIT OF '76 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

(McDowell Class of 2026 will be the first eligible recipients.)

### **PEYTON STANKIEWICZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

McDowell Boys Cross Country runner

Must be ranked 7th or lower on the team (7, 8,9,10<sup>th</sup>, etc.)

### **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.

### **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

**WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING ADDITIONAL  
MEF SCHOLARSHIPS SOON!**

# 2026 ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS ON THE MILLCREEK EDUCATION FOUNDATION APPLICATION

## **MCDOWELL PTSA CLASS OF 2026 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**

- 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 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/player not meeting the suggested prerequisites may also be considered.

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

## **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.

## **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