



January 2024

Dear Minnechaug Senior and Parents:

We are pleased to enclose the **Wilbraham-Hampden Scholarship Foundation** application information for the Class of 2024! These scholarships are available for students pursuing various academic and career paths.

The purpose of the **Wilbraham-Hampden Scholarship Foundation** is to promote the attainment of higher education for graduates of Minnechaug Regional High School who reside in either Hampden or Wilbraham. Since 1960, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million to deserving MRHS seniors from these towns. We offer several Foundation-sponsored scholarships annually and manage and award multiple scholarships for individuals and groups. A summary of all the scholarships available through the Foundation is included in this packet. Questions pertaining to this application may be directed to the Foundation at **wilbrahamhampdenscholarship@gmail.com**.

Last year, at the Evening of Recognition, the Foundation awarded over \$67,000 to 49 students. We are happy to announce several new scholarships for this year's class. They include The Hope Scholarship sponsored by The Women's Center for Healing (\$1000), The Ken Kilduff Memorial Scholarship (\$2000), The Haggerty Leadership Scholarship (\$3000) and The Joseph and Anna C. Dias Family Foundation Scholarships (2 @ \$2500). Also, the class of 1973 came together to raise \$50,000 in memory of Dr. Janice Voss, a Minnechaug graduate and NASA astronaut, to endow a \$2500 yearly scholarship to be given to a student that is majoring in a STEM discipline.

All applications are reviewed by an anonymous Selection Committee. Academic achievements, community service, and financial need are priorities. Special consideration will be given to the student essay, activities, honors, awards, and recommendations. The application is also available to download on the Foundation website at **www.wilbraham-hampdenscholarshipfoundation.org**. Every effort has been made to keep the application simple and only information essential to the selection process has been requested.

If you would like to be considered for these scholarships, please return your completed application and required supporting documents to the WHSF Scholarship Committee. A checklist is included for you to ensure your application is accurately completed as ***only complete packets postmarked by Saturday, February 24th, will be accepted.*** If your application is received by **Friday, February 16th, 2024**, we will notify you by email if any item is missing from your application.

Senior year is an exciting and busy time. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy the remainder of yours at Minnechaug Regional High School!

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Trombley, President, WHSF
The Board of Trustees, WHSF

Enclosures

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ONLY complete application packets will be considered.
2. The parents' CONFIDENTIAL Financial Statement MUST be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope.
 - a. We respect the confidentiality of your financial information and as such it is ONLY reviewed by the head of the Selection Committee, and it is then destroyed.
 - b. If you do NOT include the Confidential Financial Statement, your application is **incomplete**.
3. Students are responsible for obtaining their official transcript and recommendations by signing an Academic Release at the Guidance Department. Only one transcript is necessary to be considered for all scholarships.
4. Be detailed when filling out the application. The sections about honors, activities and work experience are very important. These sections and your essay are where we learn about you!
5. Only applicants selected to receive an award will be notified by mail and invited to the Minnechaug *Evening of Recognition* on May 15th, 2024. The scholarship presentation is made during the ceremony. ***If you are awarded a scholarship, a check is sent at the beginning of July directly to the college you will be attending.***
6. Completed applications MUST BE postmarked by February 24th, 2024, and mailed to:

**Wilbraham-Hampden Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 441
Wilbraham, MA 01095-0441**

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE POST OFFICE POSTMARKS YOUR ENVELOPE. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE OFFICIAL DATE WITHOUT PROOF OF POSTMARK WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

CHECKLIST - Please be sure you have included ALL the following:

- ☐ **Completed student application form**
- ☐ **Student essay**
- ☐ **Minimum of two recommendations**
- ☐ **Parent's confidential financial statement** *placed in a separate sealed envelope to maintain confidentiality*
- ☐ **Official Transcript** – students **MUST** obtain from Guidance Office
- ☐ **SAT and/or ACT scores if available** (optional; copies are accepted)
- ☐ **Unique recommendations OR a separate paragraph required for Type II scholarships**

Thank you for applying and good luck!

**WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
STUDENT APPLICATION - CLASS OF 2024**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

Applicant's e-mail address: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Parent's e-mail address: _____

Below are questions that will help the Committee to determine your eligibility for certain scholarships:

Have you participated in the music program at MRHS? ☐

Are you a member of the National Honor Society at MRHS? ☐

Are you a member of St. Cecilia's Parish? ☐

Please circle if you are including RECOMMENDATIONS from any of the following departments:

English History Math Fine Arts Industrial Arts/Arts Guidance Employer

Are you a first-generation immigrant or child/grandchild of immigrants? Please elaborate. _____

Is or has a member of your family served in the military? Please elaborate. _____

What is your intended major(s) or field of interest? _____

Please name the colleges applied to and if you have been accepted. _____

SCHOOL HONORS AND AWARDS: _____

ACTIVITY TYPE:

ATHLETIC Activities (please include high school and town recreation department)

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION Activities:

COMMUNITY SERVICE Activities:

CHURCH/RELIGIOUS Activities:

MUSIC/THEATER/ARTS Activities:

WORK EXPERIENCE during school and/or summers (type of work and dates):

ESSAY

- Please include a personal essay reflecting on who you are as a Senior in high school. You may want to discuss your future goals, career interests, community service, significant life experiences and/or achievements. **Essay should be no more than two pages.**
- Please read the criteria for the Type II scholarships to see if you are a good candidate. They require either a specific **RECOMMENDATION** or a separate **PARAGRAPH** in addition to the essay.

*Questions pertaining to this application may be directed to the Foundation at
Wilbrahamhampdenscholarship@gmail.com*

PARENTS' CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Please place in a sealed envelope for confidentiality.)

Student's Name: _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address: * _____

* In case of questions of if clarification is needed

Please check one:

FAMILY INCOME LEVEL**	
	\$0 - \$24,999
	\$25,000 - \$49,999
	\$50,000 - \$74,999
	\$75,000 - \$99,999
	\$100,000 - \$149,999
	\$150,000 – \$200,000
	Over \$200,000
	I do not want to provide financial information. IMPORTANT NOTE: Many scholarships have financial need criteria. If you check this box, then you <u>will not be considered</u> for any of those scholarships. <u>(THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED)</u>

****Important note:** We are sensitive to the confidential nature of personal financial information
and it is reviewed only by the head of the Selection Committee and then destroyed.

DEPENDENTS' NAME (list scholarship applicant if they will remain a dependent during college)	AT HOME	IN COLLEGE

Please list any extenuating circumstances affecting family finances:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

TYPE I SCHOLARSHIPS:

Each student filing an application will be automatically considered for the following scholarships.

1. **WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** (Several @ \$2000)
 - Accepted to a two-year or four-year college
 - Academic standing is a consideration
 - Financial need is a consideration
2. **THE JERRY AND JOAN BADGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (\$500)
 - Good academic standing
 - Participation in some type of community work, such as scouts, YMCA/YWCA, or church, **to be elaborated on in essay.**
3. **KATE BELSKY “DO GOOD ANYWAY” SCHOLARSHIP** (\$1000)
 - Demonstrate leadership in the community
 - Demonstrate ongoing commitment to the betterment of the community
 - Exhibit personal inner strength and integrity – Do Good Anyway
4. **SHAWN COURTNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (2 @ \$1000)
 - Senior boy and Senior girl
 - Attending a 4-year college
 - Has a family member currently serving or who has served in the military
5. **THE JOSEPH AND ANNA C. DIAS, JR. FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** (2@ \$2500)
 - Plans to pursue a business degree
 - Actively involved in community service and/or extracurricular activities at school
 - Planning to attend a two-year or four-year college
 - GPA of 3.0 or better
 - Financial need a consideration
6. **EDDIE FALLON AND JONNY GREGOIRE “LIVE BIG” SCHOLARSHIP** (\$1000)
 - Captain of athletic team (preferred) or club leader
 - Expresses passion in pursuing college degree (no specific major) or vocational training
 - Demonstrates genuine and consistent care and concern for others
 - Known for compassion and kindness
 - C+ average/both merit and financial need based
7. **JOHN M. FLYNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** (\$1500)
 - To be presented annually to a Senior boy or girl in memory of John M. Flynn and his strong sense of community service
 - Hampden resident
 - Active in community service – **to be elaborated on in essay**
 - Accepted to a two-year or four-year college
 - Good academic standing
 - Financial need is a consideration
8. **DR. PAUL C. GAGLIARDUCCI SCHOLARSHIP** (\$500)
 - Senior boy or girl who contributed to the betterment of the school and/or class
 - Student must have exhibited good citizen status
 - Student maintained passing grades
9. **GREATHORSE SCHOLARSHIP** (2 @ \$3500)
 - Plans to pursue a business degree
 - Maintained a GPA of 3.7 or higher
 - Student must be a Varsity athlete
 - Awarded to one Senior from Wilbraham and one Senior from Hampden
10. **THE LISA (WILSON) LEARY SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP** (\$1500)
 - Senior boy or Senior girl
 - Varsity soccer athlete
 - Attending a 4-year college
 - Preference given to Education major
 - Financial need is a consideration

11. **LUSO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
 - Good academic standing – minimum 3.5 GPA to be considered
 - Active in your community
 - Involved in extracurricular school activities (not necessarily sports)
 - Financial need will be a consideration
12. **MONSON SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP (3 @ \$2000)**
 - Good academic standing Involved in his/her community
 - Involved in school activities
 - Demonstrates strong school spirit
 - Financial need is a strong consideration
13. **PEDIATRIC SERVICES OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
 - To be given to a student entering the healthcare field
14. **PIONEER VALLEY FINANCIAL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)**
 - Active in your community
 - Active in extracurricular activities (not necessarily sports)
 - Good academic standing – minimum 3.5 GPA to be considered
 - Financial need will be a consideration
15. **PROJECT BLUEBERRY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
 - Plans to pursue Video/Film Producing, Journalism or Writing, or major in English
 - Financial need is a consideration
16. **HENRY AND JANE PROTHERO SCHOLARSHIP (2 @ \$1500)**
 - Strong academic achievement
 - Financial need is a consideration
17. **THE FLORENCE SHEEHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
 - Interested in the field of Education, preferably Special Education
 - A GPA of 3.0 or better; waived if student is on an IEP or in special education classes
 - Active in sports, community or is employed
18. **THE RAY AND HELENE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500)**
 - Senior boy or Senior girl attending a 4-year college
 - Strong academic achievement
 - Consideration given to student entering a healthcare field
19. **TROMBLEY ASSOCIATES INVESTMENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500)**
 - Plans to attend a four-year college
 - Member of the National Honor Society (NHS)
 - Played a Varsity sport in high school
20. **THE WELLPOINT HEALTH SOLUTIONS SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**
 - Minimum 2.75 GPA
 - Senior interested in Medical or Health field
 - Involved in clubs, sports or is employed
 - Financial need may be considered
21. **THE WILBRAHAM SHOPS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**
 - Intends to pursue a career in Business
 - Completed Entrepreneurship or Business class at MRHS
 - Employment history considered

TYPE II SCHOLARSHIPS:

The following scholarships have either a specific **RECOMMENDATION** requirement, although it need only be a short statement of support or require a separate **PARAGRAPH** in addition to your essay.

22. ROY S. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Awarded to a Senior boy
- Accepted to a two- or four-year college
- Must have maintained a “B” or better GPA for four years at Minnechaug
- Participation in at least one Varsity or JV sport
- Work experience with a good **RECOMMENDATION**
- Must have a strong work ethic
- Financial need is a consideration

23. DONALD NORMAN COREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500)

- Student must have maintained a high grade point average in Mathematics in grades 9-12; honors classes and the number of Mathematics courses taken are a consideration
- A Senior who exhibits a degree of conscientiousness and dedication through his/her participation in Mathematics related activities
- Financial need is a consideration
- Requires **RECOMMENDATION** from the Mathematics Department

24. CROUSER-STAMBAUGH BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Exemplifies scholarship, integrity, involvement and sincere intent to pursue a career in the Biological Sciences
- Requires **RECOMMENDATION** from the Science Department

25. PETER J. DELANEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

- Average scholastic achievement record
- Participation in inter-scholastic, inter-mural, or organized community athletic program
- Requires **RECOMMENDATION** from the Industrial Arts or Art Department to recognize extra effort

26. HAGGERTY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (\$3000)

- Awarded to a student that best exemplifies leadership in academics, the community and/or athletics
- Minimum GPA of 3.7
- Must play one Varsity sport
- Must have meaningful community service
- Provide a separate **PARAGRAPH** (100 words or less) about a time you failed and how you learned from it or about a time you helped someone else overcome a challenge

27. ELAINE T. HOLDSWORTH STRINGS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

- Participated in the high school Strings Program 3 of their 4 years
- **Submit an essay** about how music will play a part in their life in the future
- Requires **RECOMMENDATION** from the Fine Arts Department Chair

28. FATHER JOSEPH M. SORANNO ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Member of St. Cecilia Parish
- Active in the Parish community – to be elaborated on in a separate **PARAGRAPH**
- Engaged in their community
- Good academic standing
- Financial need will be a consideration

29. SUSAN JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Interest in Humanities
- Notable personal growth and leadership potential
- Contribution to the growth or progress of others
- Requires **RECOMMENDATION** from the English Department

30. THE KEN KILDUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)

- Awarded to a student that best exemplifies overcoming adversity to succeed in academics, the community and/or athletics
- 3.3 GPA or higher
- Varsity athlete
- Must provide a short **PARAGRAPH** (100 words or less) on how you overcame adversity to succeed or provide an example of how you overcame adversity to succeed

31. MARGARET REIDY EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (2 @ \$1000)

- Awarded to a Senior boy and Senior girl
- Plans to pursue a music field in college (education, business, performance, production/technology, etc.)
- Must have participated in the Music Program at MRHS with preference given to students that have participated all four years
- GPA of 3.5 or better
- Financial need is a consideration
- Requires a **RECOMMENDATION** from the Music Department

32. THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP BY THE WOMEN'S CENTER FOR HEALING (\$1000)

- Attending a 2- or 4-year college or university
- Passionate about reaching underserved communities
- Psychology major
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Financial need may be considered
- A **SHORT PARAGRAPH** must be included about why you are pursuing Psychology and why you should be chosen for this award

TYPE III SCHOLARSHIPS:

The following scholarships are awarded solely on the **RECOMMENDATION** from Minnechaug Regional High School faculty members based on the following criteria:

33. THE PAMELA S. ACCARDI MEMORIAL TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500)

- Senior boy or girl
- Accepted to a two- or four-year college
- Enthusiastic Varsity Tennis Member
- Financial need is a consideration

34. DR. RICHARD A BROWN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Selection is determined by a committee of the applicant's Science teachers and the Science Department Chair
- Maintained a GPA in Science in grades 9-12, preference given to honors courses and number of science courses taken
- Exhibits high degree of conscientiousness; responsibility and persistence; pride in his/her work; a love and curiosity for learning; seriousness of purpose, dedication and critical thinking; and problem solving skills
- Interested in the pursuit of a science education, as shown by high school science work and activities and documented college plans
- Financial need is a consideration

35. BEN ELLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2 @ \$2500)

- Candidate selection is determined by Minnechaug Golf coaching staff and History Dept.
- Accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college with a major in Education
- Student must be a varsity athlete, preferably in golf or baseball
- Good academic standing
- Has proven a high level of care, concern and commitment to teammates and strives for excellence on and off the field
- Financial need is a consideration

36. "COACH" RICH HEINEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

- Varsity Football Player
- Accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Recommended by the Coach for being a supportive teammate and a positive presence on the team