



TAYLOR E. GRAINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500 x 4 SCHOLARSHIPS

Taylor Grainger passed away on May 15, 2007, at age 14, after a life-long battle with a congenital heart defect. Taylor had a kind soul and a loving heart. Taylor always enjoyed being around people. She applied her ever-present creativity and imagination to everything she did. Taylor considered many careers, but choices that centered on working with children or involved helping others were at the top of her list. No matter what her eventual choice might have been, she would have done it with extreme effort and a smile on her face. The Taylor E. Grainger scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Mattawan High School who has demonstrated and pursued an interest in the service of others by way of volunteering in the community or by working with children with or without special needs. The scholarship is intended to assist graduating seniors in pursuing a college education, particularly in the fields of education, medicine, or social work. Graduating seniors must have at least a 3.2 grade point average to apply.

Apply [here](#)

CHARLES RIVER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$2000

The Charles River Leadership Scholarship seeks to support and cultivate the next generation of global leaders. Leadership is a vital element of any successful organization and effective leaders will influence the future as well as the lives of those they lead. A leader is influential to those around them while being steadfast and humble in the pursuit of their vision. To be considered for the Charles River Leadership Scholarship, the applicant should demonstrate classroom achievement as reflected by a minimum GPA of 3.0. A career interest in the areas of science or engineering may enhance the candidacy of the applicant but all are welcome to apply.

Apply [here](#)

MPEF FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP - \$2000

The MPEF Founders Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at Mattawan High School who is furthering their education at a community college, trade school, or accredited training institution. It is intended to assist a graduate in pursuit of a college education in any field of study. Applicants should have demonstrated school involvement and good citizenship through participation in school activities. The scholarship honors the original founding members of the Mattawan Public Education Foundation: Bob Cretsinger, Mona Furtwangler, Shari Magrath, Bob Pangle, and David Yates. In 1992 these visionary individuals established the foundation to provide support for the educational community.

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WESTERN DIVERSIFIED PLASTICS, LLC & MOL-SON INC., LLC SCHOLARSHIP - \$2000

The Western Diversified Plastics, LLC and Mol-Son, Inc., LLC Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Mattawan High School who wishes to pursue, at the college or university level, a major in Business, Engineering, or Plastic Technology. The scholarship recipient should document a significant level of involvement in community/school activities, which demonstrates a commitment to serving the needs of others.

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CALEB J. KERWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1500

The Caleb J. Kerwin Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Mattawan High School who has demonstrated a commitment to the service of others through activities in the school or the outside community, plus demonstrated achievement in the classroom. It is intended to assist a graduate in the pursuit of a college education, in any field of study. As Caleb's parents relate, "Caleb was a healthy, active toddler when, at the age of 2 ½, he drowned in a swimming pool. He was resuscitated and for the next 12 years clung to life while being cared for by his family and friends. Each day was a struggle for him, but his presence in our lives taught us more than words can say. When he died at the age of 14, we wanted his memory to continue to enrich others. Our hope is the recipient of this scholarship will work towards a goal that will enrich the lives of others as well as his or her own."

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MPEF FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1500

This scholarship will be awarded to a Mattawan High School graduating senior who has successfully completed the equivalent of three years of high school foreign language credit. Applicants should also have been involved in extracurricular activities outside the classroom and have achieved a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. This scholarship is intended to support a graduating senior who plans to further their foreign language study in college by pursuing either a major or minor in a foreign language or by studying abroad.

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WESTNEDGE FAMILY DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1500

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Mattawan High School senior who seeks to pursue a career as a Dental Hygienist. This career is a critical contributor to the health and welfare of the people of every community.

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MPEF FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - \$1500

The MPEF First-Generation College Student Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Mattawan High School senior who will be a first-generation college student in any field of study. It is intended to support a graduate whose biological parents did not graduate from a four-year college. To be the first in a family to graduate from college takes determination and a strong work ethic. We hope this scholarship will help the recipient excel in college, contribute to their campus community, graduate, and begin a fulfilling career.

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DAVID HINKEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

David Hinkel was a passionate educator, mentor, leader, and friend. He founded and developed the Mattawan High School Junior Achievement program he named Wildcat Enterprises. David exhibited an entrepreneurial spirit and nurtured that in his students. As a teacher he sought to develop positive relationships with each and every student he served and was committed to empowering them to realize their potential. His consistent good nature, warm smile, silly sense of humor, and insistence in finding the “gold” in every moment provided fertile ground from which each and every person who was blessed to share time with him was sure to grow.

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who intends to pursue a future in business or industry. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated engagement in school activities outside the classroom. Applicants are encouraged to address how they have earned school success despite challenges or adversity they may have encountered.

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EXPLORE * DREAM * DISCOVER SCHOLARSHIP BY KALAMAZOO SAFARI COMPANY & WILDCAT PHOTOGRAPHY - \$1000

We believe that when people see more, they know more and that the quest of new is the stuff dreams are made of. Our goal is to encourage dreams that lead to making the world more connected. We are seeking seniors who dream of learning through exploring the world and who display curiosity of cultural differences. "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."— Mark Twain

Apply [here](#)

MPEF ARTS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

The Mattawan Public Education Foundation Arts Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who actively participated in either visual or performing arts during their high school years. This could include music, theater, digital media, painting, drawing, sculpture, or writing. This scholarship is intended to assist a graduate in the pursuit of a college education, in a field of study related to the arts.

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JACKSON PEBBLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

Jackson Peebles was a 2011 graduate of Mattawan High School. He was an extremely bright and caring individual who dedicated himself to making the world a better place. During his school years, and while attending Western Michigan University's Lee Honors College as a Medallion Scholar, Jackson excelled as a student and as a force for positive change. This scholarship honors Jackson and seeks to assist others in their pursuit of excellence and positive change. Applicants should indicate ways in which they have served their community during their school years and how that has impacted them. Consideration will also be given to applicants intending to focus their advanced education in disciplines that provide direct support for others: mental health (e.g. psychology, psychiatry, counseling), medical studies, social work, or assisting the disabled. These areas are examples of the essence of Jackson's brief but purposeful lifework.

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NANCY KAUPPI SAUNDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

Nancy Kuappi Saunders was a longtime resident and valued member of the community. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and an interest in pursuing further education in the Environmental Sciences. This includes, but is not limited to, fisheries, animal husbandry, veterinary medicine, oceanography, meteorology, microbiology, soil and plant sciences, ecology, horticulture, forestry, and the environment. This scholarship is intended to support a graduate who shares Nancy's love of the natural world and the environment that she nurtured and cared for. May she rest in peace in the knowledge that her memory and values live on in this scholarship.

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