



Rochester Community Schools Foundation

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Class of 2023 Scholarships

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Class of 2023 Scholarship Descriptions

Scholarships listed below are awarded based on the funds available and may not be awarded every year. Scholarships are awarded by identifying successful candidates who meet the criteria.

Alice G. Horter Scholarship

- Criteria** Only available a graduating **Rochester High School** senior who has exhibited school spirit, perseverance, character and academic achievement, with a preference for those attending a four-year college and demonstrating financial need.
- Award** 2 scholarships – \$3,000 each
- Background** This scholarship was established by a generous bequest to Rochester High School by Mrs. Alice G. Horter, a longtime Rochester resident.

Amy Aplin Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a Rochester, Adams and Stoney Creek High School senior who plans on attending college or a vocational/technical school. Applicant shall be well rounded and active in their community.
- Award** 1 scholarship – \$2,000 award
- Background** The Amy Aplin Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Aplin in memory of their daughter Amy Aplin, who was an English teacher at Rochester High School and Reuther Middle School.

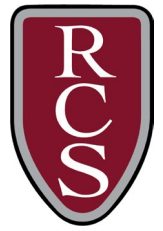
Blessings in a Backpack Scholarship

- Criteria** Available annually to graduating seniors from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who has opted into, has benefited or has provided community service through the Blessings in a Backpack Program.
- Award** 1 or more scholarship – \$1,000 award
- Background** The Blessings in a Backpack Scholarship was established in 2017, recognizing there is a rising number of students in our school district that cannot afford some of the educational, academic and/or enrichment experiences at Rochester Schools and demonstrate a need for assistance and a desire to participate in school activities.



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Carole DeLater Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who demonstrates kindness and care towards fellow students and demonstrated support and involvement in activities, projects and programs while in school. Special consideration given to students with demonstrated financial need.
Award	1 or more scholarship – \$1000 award
Background	The Carole DeLater Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Carole DeLater, a dedicated and passionate staff of the Rochester Community Schools and willingness to give back to the students she cared for during her 26 years of dedicated service in education.

Carrie Lawler Future Educator Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who is pursuing a post-secondary education to become a teacher and has demonstrated leadership while in school.
Award	1 scholarship – \$500 award
Background	The Carrie Lawler Future Educator Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Carrie Lawler, an esteemed member of the Rochester Community Schools Cabinet team and her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service in education.

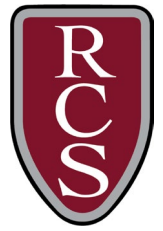
Cont;nue Award Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating four-year wrestler from Stoney Creek High School who best exemplifies true characteristics of courage, teamwork and being selfless.
Award	1 scholarship – \$1,000 award
Background	This scholarship was established by donations from individuals, organizations, corporations and the Team Cont;nue Foundation in loving memory of Peter Price, who was a passionate wrestler and dedicated teammate and passed in 2016 from death by suicide.



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Corrine Robinson Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who is pursuing a post-secondary education to become a nurse and has demonstrated a passion in arts while in school.
- Award** 1 scholarship – \$1000 award
- Background** This scholarship was established by the Robinson family in memory of their mother, Corrine Robinson.

Dr. John M. Schultz Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who have been active in athletics.
- Award** 1 scholarship – \$1,000 award
- Background** This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. John M. Schultz, who retired in June, 2005 after serving for 22 years as Superintendent of Rochester Community Schools.

Emily Victoria Solek Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Only available to a graduating senior from **Stoney Creek High School** who embodies Emily's enthusiastic spirit for life and compassion and friendship for other people. Applicants will need to demonstrate academic achievement (minimum GPA near 3.0), participate in a meaningful extracurricular activity, and embody compassion, drive, and a zest for life in interacting with others individually or more broadly in the community. The applicant should be enrolled in a four-year college and while not required, financial need may be a consideration. **Applicant must complete an additional essay to be considered for this scholarship.** See www.emilysolek.com for further information related to an additional essay required.
- Award** 1 or more scholarship – Up to \$8,000 a scholarship
- Background** The Emily Victoria Solek Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in June 2020 by her family to honor her legacy of driving success while demonstrating friendship and compassion to others. Over 3,600 people funded Emily's scholarship in its first week to honor her legacy to cherish every moment in life.



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Gage Garmo Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating Rochester High School senior football player furthering his education. Applicant must display a tremendous positive attitude that is contagious to others and must possess the ability to take on adverse circumstances.
Award	1 scholarship – \$500 award
Background	Gage Garmo (1997-2015) graduated from Rochester High School in 2015 and was a member of the Falcon football team. During the 2014 season, Gage earned the team's "Unsung Hero" award. He inspired his teammates with his unwavering positive attitude and his relentless ability to tackle adversity. Gage's passion for his school and peers along with his toughness left the legacy of #GARMOSTRONG to all those he touched.

Ginny Ames Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to graduating Rochester High School Falcon football player(s) pursuing a post-secondary education with consideration of community involvement, volunteerism, extracurricular activities and academic excellence.
Award	1 or 2 scholarships – \$500 award
Background	In loving memory of Ginny Ames, a longtime coach and volunteer at Rochester High School, her family, parents of the 2023 graduating senior class and teammates on the Rochester High School varsity football team provided a generous donation to establish an annual scholarship to a RCS senior who is well rounded and active in their community and academic excellence

Gordon R. Case Memorial Golf Scholarship

Criteria	Available to two (2) graduating seniors, one male and one female, from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School. The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female that meet all the following conditions: (a) a member of the golf team, (b) have excelled in the area of gold, (c) demonstrated leadership and community involvement, and (d) have maintained a 2.75 grade point average.
Award	2 scholarships – up to \$5,000 each – One male and one female recipient
Background	Gordon Case was an avid golfer and a long time Rochester Hills resident.



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Grace and Rick Drummer Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School or an RCS senior at International Academy pursuing a college education. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior that is a current active Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.
Award	1 scholarship – \$500 award
Background	This scholarship was established by Elizabeth Witten in honor of the Drummers to benefit the students of our community.

Hal Commerson Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating senior from Rochester High School who is pursuing a post-secondary education, with special consideration of being a student athlete that demonstrated school spirit, passion, a great attitude, effort and a need.
Award	1 scholarship – \$500 each
Background	The Hal Commerson scholarship was established by a generous donation from the Rochester High School girls' basketball team and community members to honor Hal Commerson.

Hayes Family Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School with an active IEP or 504 pursuing post-secondary education. A minimum GPA of 2.5, school and community involvement, and need will be considered.
Award	Up to 3 scholarships – \$500 each
Background	This scholarship was established by a donation from the Hayes Family to provide an academic scholarship to a graduating senior.



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Jennifer Kincer Catallo Memorial Arts Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School pursuing a post-secondary degree with plans to further their education within the arts. The recipient should have a strong background of volunteerism, exhibit great character and kindness. Special consideration given to students with demonstrated financial need and/or plan on attending Oakland University's School of Music, Theater and Dance.
Award	1 or more scholarships – \$1,000 award
Background	The Jennifer Kincer Catallo Memorial Arts Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor her unwavering years of service to the students, parents, and staff at Oakland University and to celebrate her years of dedication to education and teaching students who had a passion in arts.

Jessica K. Rogers Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Available to three (3) instrumental/band students, one graduate from each high school; Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School pursuing a post-secondary degree to further their musical endeavors. The recipient should have a strong background of volunteerism, exhibit great character and kindness.
Award	Up to 3 scholarships – \$1,000 each
Background	The Jessica K. Rogers Memorial Scholarship was established in June 2021 by Paul and Kathleen Rogers in loving memory of their beloved daughter, Jessica. Jessica was an honors student at Adams High School, with a passion for instrumental music. She played the flute and piccolo in the wind ensemble and was the junior drum major in the school's marching band. According to Mrs. Rogers, "Seeing the determination and excitement in the eyes of the young musicians helped to keep Jessica's memory alive in our hearts and minds. We were pleased to establish this legacy in her memory".



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John Krol Highlander Athlete Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating senior from Adams High School who is be pursuing a post-secondary education. The scholarship will be awarded to an Adams High School baseball or football player who is a good teammate and exhibits strong character and kindness. Special consideration given to students with demonstrated financial need.
Award	1 scholarship – \$1000 award
Background	The John Krol Highlander Athlete Scholarship was established in 2021 in honor and loving memory of John Krol, a loving father, Highlander baseball and football superfan, and beloved member of the Rochester Adams community.

Joseph William Schuler Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who is be pursuing a post-secondary education to become a teacher. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior who is an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America or a Gold Award Scout with the Girl Scouts of America.
Award	1 scholarship – \$500 award
Background	The scholarship was established by Grace and Rick Drummer in honor of Joseph “Joe” Schuler. Joe was a 2020 University of Michigan graduate who majored in education with a concentrated study in the sciences. He was teaching high school science at Black River High School in Holland, MI as well as a JV basketball coach. He passed suddenly and unexpectedly in 2022 from a pulmonary embolism. He was an honors 2016 alumnus from Rochester High School. Joe was also an Eagle Scout from Troop 360 and a treasured senior patrol leader.

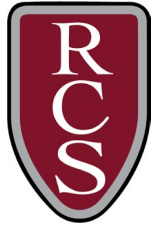
Judith Freund Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating senior from Adams High School who is be pursuing a special education degree at a 4-year college/university or is currently an AHS special ed. student planning to attend a two- or four-year college.
Award	1 scholarship – \$1,000 award
Background	The Judith Freund Scholarship was established in 2010 to honor her 23 years of service to the students, parents, and staff of the Rochester Community Schools and to celebrate her years of dedication to education and teaching students with special needs.



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Laura Jermyn Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating senior from Adams High School who embodies Laura's character – kind, generous, accepting, nonjudgmental, brave enough to be herself, and supportively encouraging others to do the same. Consideration will be given to those pursuing education and demonstrating a need for financial generosity.
Award	1 scholarship – \$2,500 award
Background	In 2015, the friends and family of Laura Jermyn established a scholarship fund in her honor. Laura was a teacher and a mother perpetually supporting and encouraging her children to find and pursue their passions in school. She was compassionate, generous and fun-loving with a laugh that could brighten a room. She never judged, she never complained. She was genuine, she wasn't afraid to be herself.

Leslie Gouldey Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who has overcome adversity to demonstrate leadership, community service and academic achievement.
Award	1 scholarship – \$1,000 award
Background	This scholarship was established by the Gouldey family in memory of their wife and mother, Leslie Gouldey.

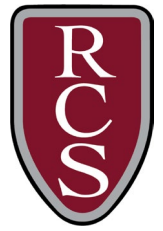
Richard R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating senior from Rochester High School who plans to further their education in a professional trade school or technical institution. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who displays a passion to pursue a trade to better themselves.
Award	1 scholarship – \$1000 award
Background	This scholarship was established by the Robinson family in memory of their father Richard R. Robinson.



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Robert “Bob” Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who plans to pursue continuing education in the skilled trades.
- Award** 1 scholarship – \$500 award
- Background** This scholarship was established in honor of Robert “Bob” Hernandez.

Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to two (2) graduating RCS seniors pursuing a post-secondary education (trade school, community college or a 4-year university). We will be considering community involvement, overcoming adversity and financial need.
- Award** 2 scholarships – \$2000 each
- Background** This scholarship was established by the Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) organization. A non-profit organization whose goal is to strengthen youth and families in the Rochester Community and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community partnerships.

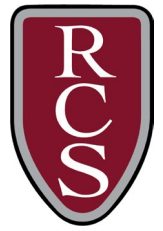
Rochester Community PTA Council Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to four (4) graduating seniors from Adams, Rochester, Stoney Creek High School and ACE. Eligible students must be members of the PTSA, maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, be college-bound and have participated in PTA/PTSA activities or have demonstrated leadership qualities that exemplify the mission of the PTA that advocates for the education of children.
- Award** Up to 4 scholarships – \$500 each – One recipient from each high school and ACE
- Background** This scholarship was established to award a student from Adams, Rochester, Stoney Creek high schools and ACE.



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Rochester Community Schools (RCS) Foundation Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School. Student must meet the criteria for a Scholar of Achievement, Scholar of Distinction or Scholar of Great Distinction and must have demonstrated an understanding of and commitment to the spirit of giving and philanthropy.
- Award** 1 or more scholarships – \$1,000 award
- Background** Established by a donation from Michigan School Business Officials.

Rochester High School (RHS) Athletic Boosters Scholarship

- Criteria** Only available to four (4) **Rochester High School** seniors. Must be a letter winner of an MHSAA recognized sport and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and must be applied to continuing education. **An additional essay will be required for consideration of this scholarship.**
- Award** 4 scholarships – \$1000 each
- Background** This scholarship was established by the Rochester High School Athletic Boosters.

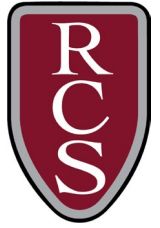
Susan Thomasson “Heart for Service” Scholarship

- Criteria** Available to a graduating senior from Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek High School who have a genuine passion for serving others and who strive to make a difference within the Greater Rochester Community.
- Award** 1 scholarship – \$1,000 award
- Background** The Susan Thomasson “Heart for Service” Scholarship was established by a donation from Beth and Tom Talbert in memory of Susan Thomasson who dedicated her life to serving her community.



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Tim Mullins Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating Adams High School senior entering post-secondary education. The scholarship will be awarded to students who, like Tim, have demonstrated the courage to follow their heart and intuition. They continuously work hard and to their best of ability. Exhibit and demonstrate inspiring community service; and have made positive impacts in people's lives, no matter how big or small.
Award	1 scholarship – \$2,000 award
Background	Established by the family of the beloved Adams High School teacher and coach, Tim Mullins. He was someone who was known for empowering students both inside and outside the classroom. Tim was a core member of the Adams community always showing kindness and interest in others. He participated in school spirit and getting students involved with charitable work. Tim always believed "the sun will come out tomorrow".

Trudy Karas Memorial Scholarship

Criteria	Only available to a graduating female senior from Rochester High School . The scholarship will be awarded to a female that meets all the following conditions: (a) attending Michigan State University (MSU), (b) displays a positive attitude that is contagious to others, (c) possesses the ability to handle adverse circumstances, and (d) should be a light that others can see with a strong moral compass.
Award	One female – \$1,000 scholarship <u>or</u> Two females – \$500 scholarship each
Background	The Trudy Karas Memorial Scholarship was established by her family and her friends in loving memory Trudy Karas to continue and honor her legacy.