

NIAGARA HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2024



Attached is a listing of all local scholarships that are administered by the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation (NASF). To apply for these scholarships, follow the directions carefully and completely. This year, the deadline to complete applications is **April 18**.

A completed **NASF Application** form is necessary for each scholarship. The application may be photocopied. Be sure to provide all additional information requested for each scholarship. Additional information **must** be stapled to the NASF Application. A cover letter may be requested for some scholarships. Information given should be printed neatly or typed. Also, applicants need to remember they are asking for money and that the presentation and quality of their application counts.

All NASF Applications with any requested additional information stapled to them should be placed in the folder provided. Please do not fold applications and place them in envelopes. Folders with applications should be turned into Mrs. Petschar in the guidance office by **April 18** unless other directions are given.

Other funds may become available after the printing of this booklet. Recipients of those funds will be chosen from the application pool. A written thank you note must be sent for each scholarship obtained.

Sherri A. Petschar, School Counselor

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Available Scholarships 2024 Student Application Checklist

Scholarship	Awards	Total Dollars
Anne Marie Ponzio	1	\$1500
Bert & Beverly St. Arnauld	1	\$500
The Butterfield Family Scholarship	1	\$300
Kerry Grippen Memorial Scholarship	2	\$500
Carol M. Cretton Skowronski Scholarship	1	\$1000
Chad Abel	1	\$1000
Class of 1961	1	\$500
Class of 1982 Scholarship	1	\$500
Sundquist Family Scholarship (Class of 1986 Scholarship)	1	\$250
Class of 1991 Scholarship	1	\$500
Commodore Hendricks	1	\$500
Shawn C. Connis Scholarship	1	\$500
David Liebergen Memorial	1	\$500
Darlene & Clyde Leonard Sr.	1	\$1000
Deane Systems Scholarship	1	\$500
Donald & Marjorie Greene Memorial Scholarship	1	\$500
Doris LaLiberte Memorial Scholarship	1	\$400
George & Louise Hohol Scholarship	1	\$500
Douglas Payette Memorial Scholarship	1	\$500
Elizabeth "Betty" Kinsella Memorial Scholarship	1	\$500
Fred Rouse	2	\$2000
Forward Financial Credit Union	1-6	\$3000
Jim Merritt Memorial Scholarship	1	\$500
Kay Coppens	2	\$1000
Levi & Stan Neargarth Memorial Scholarship	1	\$200
Miss Niagara	1	\$300
Clifford & Olive Murray Memorial Scholarship	1	\$1000
Niagara Faculty and Staff Scholarship	1	Varies
Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation	6	\$5000
Niagara Area Business Association	2	\$500
Niagara Lions Club	4	\$2000
Niagara Area Medical Society	1	\$1000
Niagara Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	2	\$500
Niagara PTO Scholarship	2	\$750
Niagara Teachers Union	1	\$500
Niagara Women's Civic Club	2	\$300
Norman Nabbefeld	1	\$500
James Moreau Scholarship	1	\$1000
Victoria Leathers Paupore Scholarship	1-2	\$1000
Pitsch Law Office Scholarship	1	\$500
The Ray and Betty Bourassa Memorial Scholarship	1	\$750
Richard "Dick" Brown Memorial	1	\$1000
Robert & Judy Gunville Scholarship	1	\$1000
Ruechel	1	\$150
Ruth Durand Education	1-2	\$750
Sam Welcher	1	\$250
Sherman Bratton	2	\$1000
Student Council	2	\$1000
Shannon Le Fleur-Stith Scholarship	1	\$500
VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Post 7931	1	\$200

Anne Marie Ponzio Scholarship

This scholarship began in the 2004-2005 school year. The recipient will receive \$1500 if selected from the following criteria.

1. The student must be accepted to any continuing education program inclusive of trade/tech school, junior college, 4-year university, armed forces etc. And have at least a 3.0 grade point average.
2. The student must have participated for four years in at least two extracurricular activities (sports, fine arts, student council etc.)
4. The student must be in good standing in the community. (No dui/owi, mip, disorderly conduct, etc....)
5. Applications for this scholarship will be due by April 18.
6. The scholarship award will be made along with the other scholarships during commencement ceremonies.
7. A short essay, no longer than 500 words and a minimum of 200 words, should be submitted by the candidate to the selection committee answering the question "Tell us a topic that you have changed your mind on over the last 4 years, and why"
8. Selection will be made by the senior class advisor, the head custodian, and the front office receptionist.

Bert & Beverly St. Arnauld Memorial Scholarship

This award began in 1984, which offers a **\$500** scholarship annually to a graduating senior from NHS. The following criteria will be considered in the selection process.

1. The recipient will be a graduating NHS senior.
2. The recipient must plan on attending a trade school, vocational school, or college upon graduation.
3. There will be no class rank requirement. The intent of this award is to aid any graduate who intends to use education as a means to better his/her future.
4. The recipient must have been involved in one or more high school sports.
5. The recipient must display dedication and character in sports and in the community.
6. All applicants should return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
7. The selection committee shall be headed by the High School Principal and will include the Athletic Director and two members of the coaching staff.

The Butterfield Family Scholarship (Established February 2021)

One scholarship award of \$300 will be given to a graduating senior according to the following criteria:

1. This scholarship will be open to all graduates regardless of class rank.
2. The student must be accepted at a university or technical college where they will train for a career in some technical field.
3. Preference will be given to those applicants who will prepare for a career as a mechanic or in some mechanical field.
4. The selection committee will consist of the high school principal, school counselor, and the technical education teacher.
5. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
6. Applications are due in the school office by April 18.

Kerry Grippen Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship originated during the 2022-2024 year through the generosity and love of the family and friends of Kerry Grippen. He started teaching at Niagara High School in 1969, became principal in 1982 and retired in 2002. He was very active in the school and the community. After his retirement in 2002, he didn't stop helping the school. He set up the annual Veteran's Day Program; he helped "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies, set up the Badger Boy and Girl Program and served on the Niagara School Scholarship Committee. The scholarship award will be made annually in the amount of **\$500** to a deserving graduating senior boy and girl who meets the following criteria.

1. Priority will be given to students who major in education. Priority will then be given to any student who majors in a field centered towards working with and helping others.
2. Preference will be shown to students who have demonstrated high moral and ethical standards.
3. The student will provide evidence of tutoring or volunteering within the community.
4. Class rank will not be considered for the selection of the recipient.
5. Teachers will be the representatives to select the recipient of this scholarship.

Carol M. Cretton Skowronski Scholarship

This scholarship began in the 2017-2018 school year. The recipient selected from the following criteria will receive \$1000.

1. The recipient will be an NHS graduating senior.
2. The recipient will be attending a trade school, vocational school or college upon graduation.
3. There will be no class rank requirement. The intent of this award is to aid any graduate who intends to further his education to help him/her to prosper in their life.
4. Financial need shall be taken into consideration during the selection process.
5. Students receiving this scholarship should have had a positive attitude in school.
6. Extra consideration will be given to students with any of the following:
an agricultural background
part-time job
had a paper route.
participated in community service.
7. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
8. The selection committee will be made up of the principal, counselor, and one additional member of the faculty.
9. This scholarship will be administered by the NASF committee.
10. Students shall submit completed applications to the high school office by April 15.
11. No cover letter is needed.

Chad Abel Scholarship

Since 2000, this scholarship has offered one award of **\$1000** to a graduating senior according to the following criteria.

1. The recipient must rank in the upper half of their class.
2. The recipient must have at least a **2.5** grade point average.
3. The student must be accepted at a university or technical college where they will pursue the study of engineering or a business-related field.
4. Priority will be given to those applicants who have a positive school record and have participated in extracurricular activities and community service.

Class of 1961 Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the NHS class of 1961 in 2011, on the occasion of our 50th class reunion. It is a **\$500** award presented in gratitude for all that the NHS and the community did for us. It will be given to a student who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School for at least his/her senior year.
2. The recipient must plan on attending a trade school, vocational school or college upon graduation.
3. The recipient must have demonstrated service to school, church and/or the community of Niagara. Applicants will list the type of service and approximate number of hours served during their junior and senior years.
4. Financial need will be a major consideration.
5. To provide wider opportunity to more students, **those in the top third of class are not eligible for this scholarship.**
6. The recipient must turn in a NASF application to the high school office by **April 18.**
7. Receiving any other scholarships does not disqualify an applicant from consideration.
8. The selection committee will be composed of the principal, school counselor and a teacher.
9. The announcement and presentation will be made at the same time as other Niagara High School local scholarships.

Class of 1982 Scholarship

This scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating member of the senior class and is provided by the Class of 1982 in memory of its classmates Mark Allard, Jeff Forrest, and Steve Schultz.

1. Applicants must have been accepted at a one or two-year technical college.
2. Financial Need shall not be a requirement and preference shall be given to applicants who have worked part-time approximately 20 hours per week. Work experience may include providing childcare for younger siblings.
3. This scholarship will award (1) recipient **\$500** and will be administered by the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation (NASF).
4. The announcement and presentation of this scholarship will be made at the same time as other Niagara High School local scholarships.
5. The Selection Committee shall consist of the high school counselor, one teacher, and the District Administrator or designee.

Note: *After the award is announced, the school will inform Class of 1982-member Frank Lake and the families of Mark Allard, Jeff Forrest, and Steve Schultz as to whom was awarded the scholarship.*

Sundquist Family Scholarship (CLASS OF 1986 SCHOLARSHIP)

This scholarship shall be awarded annually to a graduating member of the senior class and is provided by the Sundquist Family.

A \$250.00 scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. The recipient will be a graduating NHS senior.
2. The recipient must have been accepted at a trade school, technical school, vocational school, or college upon graduation.
3. There will be no class rank requirement.
4. Priority will be given to those applicants who have a positive school record and have participated in extracurricular activities and community service.
5. The intent of this award is to aid any graduate who intends to use education as a means to better his/her future. Financial need shall be taken into consideration during the selection process.
6. The announcement and presentation of this scholarship will be made at the same time as other Niagara High School local scholarships and will be administered by the Niagara Area Citizens Scholarship Foundation (NACSF).

Class of 1991 Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is to help aid a young person achieve success in higher education.

1. The recipient will be an NHS graduating senior.
2. The recipient will be attending a trade/vocational school, or college/university upon graduation.
3. There will be no class rank requirement however, financial need, a positive attitude, and a strong desire to achieve success will be factors in determining consideration.
4. The recipient is required to submit essay describing what their specific career plans are, and how they will be applying the scholarship money.
5. The scholarship will be administered by the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation.
6. The selection committee will consist of the high school principal, school counselor, and one other high school teacher.



COMMODORE HENDRICKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship of **\$500** will be awarded annually to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended NHS for his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical or a four-year college/university within 6 months of high school graduation.
3. There is no class rank requirement. Financial need, a positive attitude and a strong desire to achieve success will be factors in determining consideration.
4. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
5. Students must submit the NASF application to the high school office by **April 18**.
6. The selection committee shall consist of the school administrator or designee, the school counselor, and one faculty member. The family will be notified before the award is given.

Shawn C. Connis Scholarship

This scholarship originated in the 2016-2017 school year and is provided by Shawn and Sara Connis, 1987 graduates of Niagara High School. This scholarship of **\$500** will be awarded annually to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended NHS for his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical, community college, or a four-year college/university within 6 months of high school graduation.
3. There is no class rank requirement. Financial need, a positive attitude and a strong desire to achieve success will be factors in determining consideration.
4. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
5. Students must submit the NASF application to the high school office by **April 18**.
6. The selection committee shall consist of the school administrator or designee, the school counselor, and one faculty member. The family will be notified before the award is given.

David Liebergen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship originated during the 1998-99 school year and will award an annual scholarship of **\$500** to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria.

1. The recipient must have attended Niagara High School for at least his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must attend a vocational-technical school or a four-year college/university.
3. The scholarship will be open to all seniors regardless of class rank.
4. Financial need will be a major consideration for selection.
5. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
6. The name of the scholarship recipient will be announced, and the award will be given at the same time as the other district scholarships.
7. All applicants must return the NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
8. The selection committee will consist of the high school principal, school counselor, and one other high school teacher.

Darlene & Clyde Leonard Sr. Scholarship

This scholarship fund will award a **\$1000** scholarship to a deserving student from the senior class.

1. Scholarship selection and funds will be managed by Niagara High School.
2. The student may attend any post-secondary school.
3. The scholarship will be open to all graduating seniors regardless of class rank.
4. The NASF Application for this scholarship must be turned in to the high school office by **April 18**.
5. The student must start post-secondary education in the summer or fall term following graduation from Niagara High School.
6. The student must describe his/her future educational and vocational plans in the application.
7. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
8. The selection committee will be composed of the principal, school counselor, and one other teacher.
9. No cover letter is necessary.

Deane Systems Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is to help aid a young person desiring to seek a skilled industrial manufacturing job. Gary Ginther started Deane Systems, a successful industrial manufacturing business, 47 years ago in his garage. It is Gary's desire to support young people entering this field for employment.

1. The recipient will be an NHS graduating senior.
2. The recipient will be attending a trade or vocational school, preferably related to the industrial manufacturing sector.
3. There will be no class rank requirement.
4. A brief paragraph describing what the young person's career plans are, is required.
5. The scholarship will be administered by the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation.

Donald & Marjorie Greene Memorial Scholarship

1. This scholarship shall be open to all graduating seniors regardless of class rank who have been accepted for post high school study at a four-year college or university.
2. First preference will be given to applicants who will study for a career as a K-8 elementary teacher or English education major. Students must have compiled a positive record of service to school, church, and/or the community.
3. This scholarship shall have an annual award of **\$500** and will be administered by the Niagara Area Scholarship Foundation (NASF).
4. The announcement and presentation of this scholarship will be made at the same time as other Niagara High School local scholarships.
5. The Selection Committee shall consist of the high school counselor, a teacher, and the district administrator or designee.

George & Louise Hohol Scholarship

This scholarship originated during the 2016-2017 school year through the generosity and love of the family and friends of George & Louise Hohol. An annual scholarship will be awarded from this George & Louise Scholarship Fund. The award criteria will alternate every other year as follows: for a school year ending in an odd numbered year such as 2016 – 2017, the award will be given a student who meets the criteria defined by George Hohol's Scholarship, and for an even ending school year it will be given to a student who meets the criteria defined by Louise Hohol's Scholarship.

Students must submit the NASF application to the high School office by April 18th of the graduating year.

GEORGE HOHOL'S SCHOLARSHIP

It is important to understand a little about George Hohol. George Henry Hohol was born April 22, 1928 in Niagara, WI to Anthony & Elizabeth Hohol who were Polish immigrants. George died September 30, 2016.

He was the third youngest of 17 children. George graduated from Niagara High School in 1946 and married Louise Amond April 23, 1949. George never enjoyed school except for the manual arts classes that allowed him to excel in what he was passionate about. Because George came from a family of 17 children, very early he became aware of

making the most out of previously used items. George was constantly creating or repairing toys & bicycles for his 7 children, making tools, taking apart items to learn how they worked and how to rebuild them. He created countless unique solutions for things around the house, camping, fishing, and hunting. He often spoke about his desire to take a small engine class to learn more about repairing equipment. He worked at the local paper mill for over 41 years. We are sure he would have preferred working in a trade that allowed him to fix or create things with his hands.

The scholarship award for George will be made every other year in the amount of **\$500** to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The student will be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School his/her entire senior year.
2. The student must be accepted in a college, technical school, or apprentice program.
3. The student must “NOT” be pursuing a bachelor’s degree.
4. The student must be pursuing a 1, 2, or 3-year associate degree or a certified training program.
5. There is no class rank or GPA requirement. The intention is to help an average or above average-student who has demonstrated proficiency in using his/her skills and aptitude in areas of using their hands and ingenuity.
6. Preference will be given to students that are entering the Advanced Manufacturing field or Industrial Arts field such as carpentry, welding or metal working, licensed electricians or plumbers, electronics repair, computer repair, automotive or small engine repair or service, automotive trades, aviation trades, HVAC installation or repair, and building construction.
7. Students can be either full time or part-time when pursuing their degree or certification program.
8. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
9. The selection committee shall consist of Louise Hohol (if living) and/or one of her children (if living), Guidance Counselor, and Technical Education Instructor. The Guidance Counselor and Technical Education Instructor shall submit to Louise and/or her child: up to 4 qualified student names, the student’s contact information, the students’ NASF application and a description of how these students match up to the above criteria. Louise and/or one of her children will determine the scholarship recipient. In the event that neither Louise nor children are living, the Guidance Counselor and Technical Education Instructor shall determine the recipient.

LOUISE HOHOL’S SCHOLARSHIP:

Louise Hohol has always loved music, singing, reading, her religion, friends and community. Louise’ mother and father were born in St. Come, Quebec Canada, later immigrated to the USA and married. Louise was the last born of her 10 siblings. Louise graduated from Niagara High School in 1947. She cherished the family gatherings that invariably included performing music with guitars, piano, keyboard, washboard,

homemade combination instrument called a “stump fiddle or a boom bass” and singing with her siblings and their spouses. She sang and played the acoustic guitar at those gatherings. Louise has been a wonderful vocalist, performed with a group of other women for a radio station, sang in the Niagara school choir, St. Anthony’s church choir and at various elder care facilities. She loved going to live performances and musicals. She believed in allowing each child to explore and find his/her right career, and to have the opportunity to get an education beyond high school. She admired how a truly great teacher could forever change a child and open new worlds to that child through education. Louise was a very generous person who did community service and volunteer work such as the food pantry, funeral luncheons, and the Niagara Area Historical Society. She lovingly knitted clothing, blankets and kitchen washcloths to give to her children and grandchildren. Louise truly connected with all members of her immediate family as well as complete strangers.

The scholarship award for Louise will be made every other year in the amount of **\$500** to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria.

1. The student will be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School his/her entire senior year.
2. The student must be accepted in a college.
3. The student must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree in either education or music. Education degrees will include Early Childhood, Elementary, High School, and Special Education classroom teaching. Music degrees will include Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Music Education.
4. There is no class rank or GPA requirement. The intention is to help an average or above average-student who has demonstrated proficiency in using his/her skills and aptitude in areas of training, teaching, leadership, music or singing, and priority to students that demonstrated commitment to volunteering in their community or church.
5. Students can be either full time or part-time when pursuing their college degree.
6. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
7. Students should submit a paper that identifies their previous volunteering endeavors, experiences that pertain to the above criteria, undergraduate goals, and how the bachelor’s degree will fulfill their commitment to either the Education or Music areas.
8. The selection committee shall consist of Louise Hohol (if living) and/or one of her children (if living), Guidance Counselor, and Music Instructor. The Guidance Counselor and Music Instructor shall submit to Louise and/or her child: up to 4 qualified student names, the student’s contact information, the students’ NASF application and a description of how these students match up to the above criteria. Louise and/or child will determine the scholarship recipient. In the event that neither Louise nor children are living, the Guidance Counselor and Music Instructor shall determine the recipient.

Doris LaLiberte Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship originated in the 2014 school year. A scholarship of **\$400** will be awarded to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria.

6. First priority will be given to students who major in education. Priority will then be given to any student who majors in a field centered towards working with and helping others.
7. Preference will be shown to students who have demonstrated high moral and ethical standards.
8. The student will provide evidence of tutoring or volunteering within the community.
9. Class rank will not be considered for the selection of the recipient.
10. Teachers will be the representatives to select the recipient of this scholarship.

Doug Payette Memorial Scholarship (Established Nov. 2014)

This scholarship will be in the amount of \$500 will be awarded annually to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended NHS for his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical or a four year college/university within 6 months of high school graduation.
3. There is no class rank requirement.
4. Consideration should be given to the following when selecting the recipient: Financial need, positive attitude, a positive school record, and participation in extracurricular activities and community service.
5. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
6. Students must submit the NASF application to the high school office by April 18.
7. The selection committee shall consist of the school administrator or designee, the school counselor, and one faculty member.

Elizabeth (Betty) Kinsella Scholarship

This scholarship is provided by friends and classmates of Betty Kinsella. It has a value of \$500.00.

1. Applicants will have applied to attend a four-year university or two-year technical college.
2. There shall be no class rank or GPA requirement.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have compiled a positive record of community service.
4. The selection committee will be composed of the principal, school counselor, and one or two teachers.

Fred Rouse Scholarship

This scholarship will award two **\$1000** scholarships for tuition and fees. The applicant must:

1. Be a member of the senior class and graduate in June.
2. Be a candidate for further education in a college/university or vocational-technical school.
3. Describe future educational plan and how they intend to pay for it.
4. Include information that would indicate their family's ability to assist them financially in their post high school education.
5. Submit NASF Application to high school office by **April 18**.
6. The selection committee will be appointed by the principal from the school staff on a rotating basis.
7. One scholarship will go to a student with the greatest need and the other to a student who is planning to major in business.

Forward Financial Credit Union Scholarship

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Nearly 10,000 members in Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan build their financial futures with us.

www.forwardfcu.com (Formerly Niagara Area Credit Union)

Introduction:

Since 1973, it has been the pleasure of the Forward Financial Credit Union to make scholarship monies available to deserving graduates of NHS. In recognition of the importance of post-high school education and in keeping with our tradition of support of such, the Forward Financial Credit Union will offer scholarships according to the criteria listed below.

Amount of Stipend:

1. The Forward Financial Credit Union will offer three thousand dollars (**\$3000**) to be used for scholarship awards including Outstanding Senior Boy (**\$1000**) and Outstanding Senior Girl (**\$1000**).
2. The remaining (**\$1000**) stipend may be awarded to one student or may be divided equally among as many as four (4) students according to the criteria established below.
3. The amount of the scholarship stipend shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors of Forward Financial Credit Union.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must have been in attendance of NHS for their senior year.
2. The scholarship is open to all graduating seniors who have indicated their intent to pursue a degree or diploma from any recognized college, university, vocational, or technical school.
3. The recipient (s) shall enroll in the summer or autumn semester following graduation from high school unless the committee upon review of the student's circumstances approves a delayed enrollment to the second semester.
4. Priority will be given to those applicants who rank in the upper half of their class scholastically.

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5. In filing this application, the student should designate in writing his/her future educational and career plans and goals.
6. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be automatically disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
7. Applications must be turned in to the high school office by **April 18**.
8. No cover letter is necessary.

Selection of Recipient (s):

1. The high school principal, or a person appointed by the principal, shall serve as the chairperson of the selection committee.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS

For over fifty years Niagara High School has selected one senior girl and one senior boy as the outstanding seniors in their respective class each year. These awards traditionally have been known as the “**Badger Awards**” and for many years were sponsored by the local paper mill. For the past twelve years, however, the Niagara Area Credit Union, and now under its new name, Forward Financial Credit Union, has been the sole sponsor. These awards are the most prestigious awards that a graduating senior girl and boy can receive.

Each recipient receives a special plaque that commemorates their achievement, and the names of each year’s recipients are engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the trophy case outside the gymnasium. Each recipient also is awarded a one thousand dollars (**\$1000**) scholarship in recognition of his and her outstanding achievements in curricular and co-curricular activities.

The selection process includes the following steps:

1. High school faculty members nominate five senior girls and five senior boys.
2. Those nominated then submit a form listing all the co-curricular activities they have participated in each year.
3. Coaches and advisors then rate each nominee in each activity based upon the quality of the student’s participation. A student can earn a maximum of 10 points per activity per year for a four-year maximum of 40 points per activity.
4. To this total is added the student’s grade point average and the total number of credits the student has earned.
5. The academic and co-curricular points are then totaled and the girl and boy with the most points are then determined to be that year’s Outstanding Senior Girl and Boy.

Jim Merritt Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is provided in an effort to encourage young people to choose a career in the nursing field. It shall be used to help offset the cost of books, supplies, or tuition. This fund will award a **\$500** scholarship to a deserving senior according to the following criteria.

1. Only students, who are planning to enter the field of nursing, physical therapy, or related healthcare field, are eligible to receive this scholarship.
2. The school of choice can be technical, two-year, or a four-year degree-granting program.
3. The chosen field of study may be nursing, physical therapy, or related healthcare field. The recipient who expresses an interest in the field of nursing will have an advantage in the selection process.
4. The student will provide evidence of tutoring or volunteering within the community.
5. There will be no class rank requirement.
6. Students applying for this scholarship will use the NASF application and turn it into the high school office by **April 18**.
7. No cover letter will be necessary.

Kay Coppens Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2003 by the children of Kay Coppens. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded annually to two seniors who meet the following criteria:

1. Each recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School for at least his or her entire senior year.
2. Each recipient must plan to attend a vocational/technical college, a college/university, or has been enrolled or has been accepted into a certificate/ credential program or an apprenticeship program upon graduation. Proof of acceptance will be required.
3. There shall be no class rank requirement. The intention of this award is to help any student who has a strong desire to achieve success.
4. Financial need, positive attitude and community involvement will be factors in determining consideration for this award.
5. Students who have demonstrated leadership, academic success, friendship for others, and have had no unfavorable involvement with Law Enforcement will be considered.
6. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
7. Students shall submit all applications, acceptance letters, cover letters and all necessary paperwork to the High School office by April 16th of each year.
8. The recipients of the Kay Coppens Memorial Scholarship will be selected each year by family members.

Levi & Stan Neargarth Memorial Scholarship

This \$200 scholarship was generously started by the class of 2001.

1. The selection committee shall consist of the high school principal, school counselor, and woods or metals teacher.
2. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
3. There will be no class rank requirement.
4. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical college or a four-year college/university.
5. The recipient will be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School for at least his/her entire senior year.

Miss Niagara Scholarship

This scholarship originated during the 2014-12015 school year through the generosity of the former Miss Niagara recipients and will be awarded for the first time in 2016. The scholarship award is open to all seniors who meet the following criteria.

1. The applicant must have been a Miss Niagara. In a graduation year that does not include a Miss Niagara, a scholarship will not be awarded. In the case of more than one Miss Niagara, the scholarship will be divided equally among all qualified applicants.
2. Applicant must show evidence of enrollment in a four-year college or university, an approved or accredited technical school, or an approved apprenticeship program.
3. The scholarship will be open to all seniors who have a cumulative grade point average of at least **2.0** after seven semesters.
4. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have a reputation for good citizenship, have demonstrated service to the school, community, and/or church, and have participated in high school athletics or co-curricular programs in some capacity while demonstrating good sportsmanship.
5. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
6. All applicants must return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
7. The selection committee will consist of at least two high school teachers, the high school principal, and the school counselor.
8. This scholarship will be awarded during the annual graduation exercises.

CLIFFORD AND OLIVE MURRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established January 2016

This scholarship of \$1,000 is to be awarded annually to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior who has attended NHS for his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical or a four-year college/university within six months of high school graduation.
3. There is no class rank requirement. Financial need, a positive attitude and a strong desire to achieve success will be factors in determining consideration.
4. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
5. Students must submit the NASF application to the high school office by April 18.
6. The selection committee shall consist of the school administrator or designee, the school counselor, and one faculty member.

Niagara Faculty and Staff Scholarship

Starting in the 2013-2014 school year, a scholarship will be offered to one student who meets the following criteria.

1. The recipient must be a first-generation college student.
2. Preference will be given to those planning to attend a 4-year college/university.
3. The scholarship has no class rank requirement.
4. The intention is to support the student who has a reputation for positive interaction with students and faculty and has a desire to attend college.
5. Responsible character, willingness to work, and evidence of service to others are important considerations for this award.
6. Selection will be made by the Niagara Area Citizens Scholarship Foundation and a committee of the donors.

Niagara Area Citizens Foundation Scholarship

The Niagara Area Citizens Scholarship Foundation (NASF) will award scholarships each year. The number of awards and the amounts will depend on the amount of money raised each year for scholarship distribution. The following criteria are to be used in selecting the recipients of these scholarships.

1. The student may pursue plans for post-secondary education from any recognized college, university, vocational, and technical school.
2. There will be no class rank requirement.
3. The student will provide evidence of community service.
4. Preference will be shown to students who have demonstrated high moral and ethical standards.

NIAGARA AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

- Are citizens of the United States of America?
- Reside and attend the Niagara School District
- Are graduating senior(s)
- Are or will be attending an accredited college or university within the United States or its possessions.
- Meet the guidelines established by the Organization.

Scholarship money can only be used for tuition, books, or on-campus housing.

On a separate sheet of paper, please give a brief description of why you are choosing this career path and the reason for your choice. Tell us about your goals and your personal growth, as well as your school and community contributions. Then tell us why you feel you should be the recipient of this scholarship. This section counts very much because it is presented to the entire chapter membership. Please type/or use a computer. Use additional pages if necessary. Attach transcripts and copies of any other pertinent information.

Eligibility is not limited to first time applicants. Applicant(s) who have applied in the past or have been a recipient in the past will be deemed eligible if they meet the above qualifications and the guidelines of the organization.

Niagara Lions Club Scholarships

**Russell and Carol Sauld Memorial Lions Scholarship
Roy Eggen Memorial Lions Scholarship
Dwayne Smith Memorial Lions Scholarship
Kerry Grippen Lions Scholarship**

Scholarship awards of **\$500** will be presented annually to graduating seniors from Niagara High School for each scholarship fund. The following criteria will be used to determine the recipients. **One Application will cover all four scholarship funds.**

1. The recipient must be a graduating senior.
2. The recipient must have enrolled in a recognized college, university, vocational, or technical school with the intent of pursuing a diploma or degree.
3. Applicants for the scholarship must turn in the NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
4. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
5. The selection committee for Lions Scholarships shall consist of the high school principal (chairperson), the guidance counselor, and one other teacher.
6. The announcement of the recipient and the presentation of the scholarship shall be made at commencement ceremonies or when similar awards are presented.
7. No cover letter is necessary.
8. Extra consideration will be given to those students who have demonstrated community and/or church service.

Niagara Area Medical Society, LTD. Scholarship

The Niagara Area Medical Society, LTD., will offer **\$1000** scholarships to 5 graduating seniors from the Niagara High School, Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine High School, or Goodman-Armstrong High School, who plan to continue his/her studies in the medical field. **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO ENTER THE MEDICAL FIELD WILL BE CONSIDERED.** The following criteria will be used in the selection:

1. There will be no class rank requirement.
2. The applicant **must** include:
 - a. A copy of a letter of acceptance from a vocational-technical school or college.
 - b. A letter of application to the Scholarship Chairperson received **by April 15.**
 - c. In the application, the student should designate in writing his/her future educational and career plans and goals.
 - d. The applicant's character and citizenship will be considered after reviewing his/her community involvement, volunteering, extra-curricular, and work experience.
3. A student receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified from receiving this scholarship.
4. The selection will be made by the Niagara Area Medical Society Scholarship Committee.
5. This scholarship will be presented when other awards are given in the district.
6. In the event that an applicant does not attend college or vocational-technical school as planned, he/she agrees to return the scholarship money within one year of the application.

Niagara Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, two **\$500** scholarships will be awarded annually. The recipients (one female and one male) will meet the following criteria.

1. Proof of registration at an appropriate trade school, vocational school, or college will be required.
2. There will be no class rank requirement.
3. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
4. The recipient must have been involved in at least one school sports program during each of his/her four years of high school.
5. The recipient must exemplify the meaning of “sportsmanship” – fair honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of results. In addition, the recipient must be in academic good standing all four years and must not have been deemed “ineligible” for any sports.
6. The chairperson of the selection committee will be the high school Athletic Director, with a committee appointed by the chairperson.
7. All applicants should return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
8. No cover letter is necessary.

Niagara PTO Scholarship

This fund will award two **\$750** scholarships to deserving seniors according to the following criteria.

1. The recipient will be a graduating senior who has attended NHS for at least three years.
2. Preference may be given to a candidate who pursues a degree in an educational field or field related to working with children.
3. There will be no class rank requirement.
4. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
5. Applicants for the scholarship must turn in a NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
6. The PTO selection committee will choose the recipient.

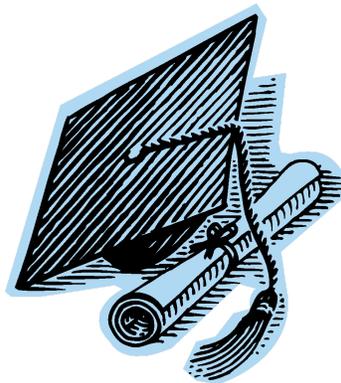
On a separate sheet of paper, please give a brief description of why you are choosing this career path and the reason for your choice. Tell us about your goals and your personal growth, as well as your school and community contributions. Please limit your paper to one typed page.

Niagara Teachers Union Scholarship

The Niagara Teachers' Union will offer a **\$500** scholarship to an applicant who meets the following criteria.

1. Be a member of the senior class and graduate in May.
2. Preference may be given to a candidate who pursues a degree in an educational field at a university/technical college or vocational school.
3. Rank in the upper half of his/her class. (Exceptions may be made on the recommendation of a faculty member who bases his/her opinion on student attitude and performance.)
4. Submit an original theme on "What I Intend to do With My Future and How This Grant Would Aid Me."
5. Submit theme on the reverse side of the NASF Application
6. Must submit a NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.

Three points will be considered in the judging. They are: need, academic achievement, and character. Other factors being equal, the need for financial assistance will be the determining factor.



The Niagara Women's Civic Club Scholarship

The Niagara Women's Civic Club sponsors two \$300 scholarships annually for graduating seniors of Niagara High School. Scholarships will be awarded to those who meet the following criteria:

- 1. The recipient (s) must be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School for at least his or her entire senior year.**
- 2. The recipient (s) must plan to attend a vocational/technical college or college/university upon graduation. Recipients must provide proof of acceptance to college or university.**
- 3. The recipient (s) must have demonstrated community service along with demonstrating good character and citizenship. Recipients must provide a list of community service hours performed.**
- 4. The recipient (s) must be of upstanding moral and ethical standards with a strong desire to achieve a better future for themselves. Recipients must provide a cover letter stating educational goals and plans.**
- 5. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.**
- 6. Students shall submit all completed applications to the High School office by April 15th.**
- 7. The Niagara Women's Civic Club scholarship committee will determine the winning recipient (s).**
- 8. Following the instructions above will be beneficial in the selection process.**

Norman Nabbefeld Scholarship

Established in 2005 this scholarship will provide a **\$500** award to one a senior from Niagara High School who is selected from the following criteria.

1. The recipient will be a graduating NHS senior.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a college/university or technical college following graduation from high school.
3. The recipient will be a student who intends to major in engineering or an engineering related course of study.
4. The intent of this award is to help an all-around good student attend college.
5. No cover letter will be necessary.
6. All applicants should return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
7. The selection of the recipient will be made by representatives of the Niagara Area Citizens Scholarship Foundation.

James Moreau Scholarship

Since 2000, this scholarship has offered one award of **\$1000** to a graduating senior according to the following criteria.

1. The recipient must rank in the upper half of their class.
2. The recipient must have at least a **2.5** grade point average.
3. The student must be accepted at a university or technical college where they will pursue the study of engineering or a business-related field.
4. Priority will be given to those applicants who have a positive school record and have participated in extracurricular activities and community service.

Vickie (Leathers) Paupore Scholarship (Established February 2021)

One scholarship award of \$1000 will be given to a graduating senior(s) according to the following criteria:

1. The recipient must rank in the upper half of their class.
7. The recipient must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.
8. The student must be accepted at a university or technical college where they will pursue study in an educational field.
9. Priority will be given to those applicants who have participated in extracurricular activities (particularly track and field).
10. Priority will also be given to those who are involved in church or community service.
11. The selection committee will consist of the high school principal, school counselor, and one other high school teacher. They will also determine whether to award one \$1000 scholarship or two in the amount of \$500 each.
12. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.

PITSCH LAW OFFICE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is provided by Eric Pitsch, a former Niagara High School student, who has a law practice in Appleton, Wisconsin. The scholarship originated during the 2011-2012 school year and will award an annual scholarship award of **\$500** to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria as listed below.

1. The recipient selected should have a cumulative grade point average between **3.3 - 2.3** (i.e. B or C range).
2. The recipient will attend college with the intent of obtaining a degree in Psychology, Criminal Justice, or Political Science.
3. All things equal, the recipient who expresses an interest in one day obtaining an advanced degree and becoming a lawyer, psychotherapist, or psychologist will have an advantage in the selection process.
4. With the completed standard application form, the student must submit a minimum two-page letter (Times New Roman font, 12 point) explaining why the student has such an interest, what sparked that interest and the steps the student would need to take to obtain the necessary education to enter one of the above-mentioned professions. It would be preferable too if the student utilized the internet to research a couple of schools of interest to determine the criteria that must be met to obtain the necessary advanced degrees. Attaching printouts of the criteria each school has established as an example or exhibit would be preferable, as proof of having performed the research.
5. Applications are to be submitted by **April 18** to the high school office and the award will be presented at the same time as with other local scholarships.
6. The scholarship will be administered by the Niagara Area Citizens Scholarship Foundation (NASF) and the selection committee will include principal, school counselor, and one or two teachers.

The Ray and Betty Bourassa Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will originate during the 2019-2020 school year through the generosity and love of all their children. Joe is the son of Raymond and Betty Bourassa. One scholarship will be awarded from the Scholarship Fund. Raymond and Betty lived in Niagara for 40 years and raised a family of six children. Raymond was a hard-working building contractor and farmer who was devoted to supporting his family and community. Betty was a dedicated mother and RN who loved and nurtured her family while she worked at the VA. This scholarship will be in the amount of \$750 (minimum) and will be awarded to a deserving senior who meets the following criteria:

1. The recipient may attend a vocational - technical college or a college/university.
2. There is no class rank requirement. Financial need, a positive attitude and a strong desire to achieve success will be factors in determining consideration.
3. The NASF application for this scholarship must be turned in to the high school office by **April 18**.
4. The scholarship award will be presented with other scholarships during commencement.
5. Selection of the recipient will be supervised by the Niagara Area Citizens' Scholarship Foundation and include the school counselor and Joe Bourassa.

Richard “Dick” Brown Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship originated during the 2000-2001 year through the generosity and love of the family and friends of Richard “Dick” Brown. The scholarship award will be made annually in the amount of **\$1000** to a deserving graduating senior who meets the following criteria.

1. The applicant must have attended NHS for at least his/her entire senior year.
2. Applicants must show evidence of enrollment in a four-year college or university, an approved or accredited technical school, or an approved apprenticeship program.
3. The scholarship will be open to all seniors who have a cumulative grade point average of at least **2.5** after seven semesters.
4. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have a reputation for good citizenship, have demonstrated service to the school, community, and/or church, and have participated in the high school athletics program in some capacity while demonstrating good sportsmanship.
5. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
6. Students who demonstrate extreme need may be given special consideration.
7. All applicants must return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
8. The selection committee will consist of at least two high school teachers, the high school principal, and the school counselor.
9. This scholarship will be awarded during the annual graduation exercises.

Robert and Judy Gunville Scholarship



GUNVILLE TRUCKING, INC.

P.O. Box 77
Niagara, WI 54151

715-251-4517
WATS: 800-236-4521
IM: 715-589-4243

This scholarship began in the 2006-2007 school year and offers **\$1,000** to the recipient who is selected from the following criteria.

1. The student will be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School his/her entire senior year.
2. The student must be accepted in university/college or technical school.
3. There is no class rank or GPA requirement. The intention is to help an average or above average student who has a reputation for positive interaction with students, faculty and community.
4. Preference will be given to students that are entering the Industrial Arts field. Welding, Auto or Diesel Mechanics, and Body Work will be given first priority.
5. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
6. Students must submit the NASF application to the high School office by **April 18th**.
7. The selection committee shall consist of High School Administrator, Guidance Counselor, one high school teacher and one family member.
8. Award will be distributed in 1 payment.

Ruechel Scholarship

This scholarship will provide **\$150** to the recipient.

1. Scholarship selection and funds will be managed by NASF.
2. The students may attend any post-secondary institution.
3. The scholarship will be open to all students.
4. The NASF application for this scholarship must be turned in to the high school office by **April 18**.
5. The applicant must start post-secondary education in the summer or fall term following graduation from NHS.
6. The applicant must describe his/her future educational and vocational plans in the NASF Application.
7. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
8. The selection committee will be composed of the principal, school counselor, and one other teacher.

Ruth Durand Education Scholarship

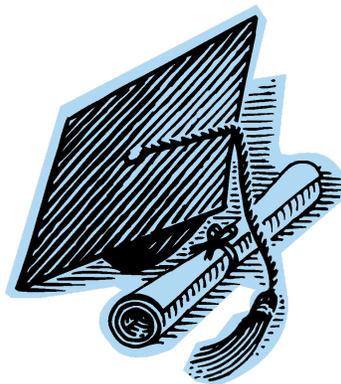
The family of Ruth Durand will be offering 1-2 scholarships totaling **\$750** to 1-2 NHS senior beginning in the 1979-80 school year. Mrs. Durand was a teacher in the Niagara School District. The following criteria will be used to select the recipient.

1. Character and citizenship both in and out of school.
2. Plan to attend a post-secondary institution. **First consideration will be given to students entering the educational field.**
3. Hand in a theme on the reverse side of the NASF Application by **April 18**, entitled, "Why Education is Important to Me."
4. The selection committee shall consist of the high school principal and two additional staff members.
5. No cover letter will be necessary.

Sam Welcher Scholarship

This scholarship fund will award a **\$250** scholarship to a deserving senior according to the following criteria.

1. The recipient will be a graduating senior who has attended Niagara High School for at least his/her entire senior year.
2. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational-technical college or a four-year college/university.
3. There will be no class rank requirement.
4. Students receiving other scholarships will not be disqualified for this scholarship.
5. Economic need will be a major consideration for the selection of this scholarship.
6. All applicants should return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
7. The selection committee shall consist of the high school principal, counselor, and one additional member of the faculty.
8. No cover letter is necessary.



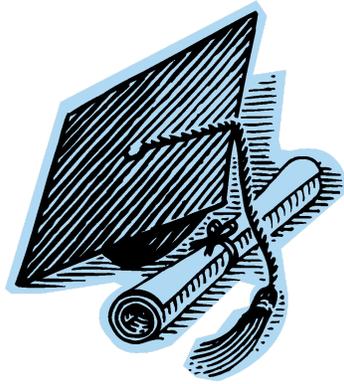
Sherman Bratton Memorial Scholarship

Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, two **\$500** scholarships will be awarded annually. The recipients (one female and one male) will meet the following criteria.

1. The recipient will be a member of the graduating senior class and have been in attendance for the last two years prior to graduation.
2. Proof of registration at an appropriate trade school, vocational school, or college will be required.
3. There will be no class rank requirement. Economic need will be a consideration.
4. Students holding additional scholarships shall not be disqualified from consideration for this scholarship.
5. The recipient must have been involved in at least one high school sports program.
6. The recipient must exemplify the meaning of “sportsmanship” – fair honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of results.
7. The chairperson of the selection committee will be the high school principal, with a committee appointed by the chairperson.
8. All applicants should return their NASF Application to the high school office by **April 18**.
9. No cover letter is necessary.

Student Council Scholarship

There will be (2) scholarships giving out a total of **\$1000**. No selection criteria.



SHANNON LE FLEUR-STITH SCHOLARSHIP

The Shannon Le Fleur-Stith Scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of at least \$500 to a deserving graduate based on application review.

PURPOSE: Provide financial support for continuing education to a graduating student of Niagara High School.

CRITERIA:

- GPA 3.0 or higher
- Participation for three (3) or more years in a sport preferably-Cheerleading *and/or* Track & Field
- Limited to Accounting or Finance majors in post-high school education
- Must be attending a 4-year university for post-high school education

SELECTION: Applications will be reviewed by the Stith Family.

PROCESS:

- Complete application and submit no later than April 18
- Letter explaining career goals or involvement in a sport i.e. cheerleading *and/or* Track & Field

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Ladies Auxiliary Post 7931 Scholarship

One scholarship (**\$200**) will be provided each year from the interest generated from this fund. The student must meet the following criteria:

1. Intends to pursue a degree or diploma from any recognized college or university.
2. Has attended Niagara High School for the last two years prior to graduation.

3. Ranks in the upper half of their class scholastically.
4. Has demonstrated good character and citizenship in and out of school. Is a person of high moral and ethical standards?
5. Intends to enter public service fields such as education, government service, health, etc...
6. Students holding other scholarships will not be disqualified from consideration.
7. Award to be made after the completion of the first semester in college with at least a **2.00** grade point average. The award will be sent to the institution of higher education upon student verification of first semester grades and second semester enrollment.
8. The NASF Application is due **April 18** to the high school office.
9. The selection committee will consist of the high school principal, high school counselor, and two other faculty members.
10. Representatives of this organization reserve the right to change the selection criteria in the future in order to enhance this scholarship.

