



Shawnee Scholarship Program Update

Together We GIVE, So They Can SUCCEED

Spring
2023

Our Purpose

Welcome to the Spring 2023 Update! Thanks to your generosity, the Shawnee Scholarship Program concluded a very successful 2022.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors to help offset costs of their future education. Whether that be at a university, technical or vocational school, the scholarship program helps SHS graduates pursue their dreams.

The program receives contributions from donors for two types of scholarships: Alumni Legacy and Named Scholarships. Alumni Legacy Scholarships are awarded to students for any number of educational pursuits, from vocational training to STEM studies. Named Scholarships can be granted similarly, or, if the donor specifies, can be awarded for a specific area of study.

In 2022 the program was proud to present scholarship awards to seven graduating seniors at the Shawnee High School Awards Program held on May 12, 2022. On that night four graduating seniors received Alumni Legacy Scholarships of \$1,000 each and three graduates received Named Scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,000. For information on our 2022 recipients, please visit LimaShawneeScholarshipFund.org.



Looking Ahead to May 2023

This year our Advisory Board, our committees, and many interested members of the Shawnee community have been working hard to raise awareness of, and donations for, the program. Because of their efforts and your contributions, I am very happy to announce that we are increasing the number of scholarships being presented to this year's graduates from seven to ten! Recipients of this year's grants will be announced on Thursday, May 11 at the Shawnee High School Spring Awards Program. There will be five \$1,000 Alumni Legacy Scholarships and five Named Scholarships awarded.

The five Named Scholarships are:

\$4,000 for the Keith and Deborah Wandell Scholarship
\$4,000 for the Zarzar-Portmann Scholarship for Medicine
\$2,000 for the Kirk Family Foundation Scholarship
\$2,000 for the Thomas and Carolyn Frail Family Foundation Scholarship
\$2,000 for the Steven J. Gordon Scholarship Award

How are the recipients determined?

In the winter, students are apprised of the availability of the scholarships and encouraged to apply. Applications are reviewed by a scholarship committee comprised of Advisory Board members with the assistance of SHS representatives. They are evaluated on their exhibition of integrity, respect for others, community and/or school involvement, and academic achievement. The winners are then announced at the Shawnee Awards Program. After the announcement, the Lima Community Foundation (LCF), our 501(c)(3) partner, distributes the awards directly to the institutions the recipients will be attending. As a reminder, **all donations are 100% tax-deductible** and go directly to LCF.

A special **Thank You** to our Donors and our Advisory Board

There are two groups of special people associated with the Lima Shawnee Alumni Legacy Scholarship Program. The first group is comprised of people like you... our donors. **Without you, none of this would be possible.** The second group is comprised of our Advisory Board volunteers. Each year our Advisory Board spends countless hours making sure we honor Shawnee seniors and continue to earn your trust. Thank you to the following dedicated volunteers who have worked to make the program a success.

Beth Belton Annandale, VA SHS Class of '74	Ann (Shafner) DeFries Deerfield Beach, FL SHS Class of '69	Glenn Derryberry Parrish, FL SHS Class of '69	Dylan Dronberger Lima, OH SHS Asst. Principal
Joyce Dunham Lima, OH Lima Community Fdn	Sharon Dwyer Blacksburg, VA SHS Class of '69	Sue (Clymer) Frye St. Petersburg, FL SHS Class of '66	Steve Gordon New York, NY SHS Class of '93
Everett "Butch" Kirk Lima, OH SHS Class of '71	Adam Kriegel San Jose, CA SHS Class of '08	Dr. Eric Marshall Washington, DC SHS Class of '90	Anthony McClish Ann Arbor, MI SHS Class of '08
Dr. Lauren Miller Boston, MA SHS Class of '09	Tom Orchard Westerville, OH SHS Class of '70	Phil Trueblood Lima, OH SHS Class of '98	Tom Waltz Brighton, CO SHS Class of '06
Abagael Wood Lima, OH SHS Counselor	Mark Weller Wapakoneta, OH SHS Class of '70	Bob Zarzar Oakton, VA SHS Class of '69	If you are interested in volunteering your services, please contact us!

Where Do We Go From Here?

Contributions are the lifeblood of our mission. The program has a goal of reaching a \$1,000,000 endowment before the celebration of the 100th Shawnee High School graduating class in 2027. To reach that goal we will need the help of everyone who has a stake in the future of Shawnee and its students. To date, we have reached nearly \$500,000 in contributions! You have helped us reach this point and for that, all of us associated with the program are most appreciative.

We hope you will consider a contribution to the Shawnee Scholarship Program again this year. Even if you are unable to make an additional contribution, I hope you will encourage your friends and relatives to visit the program's website at www.LimaShawneeScholarshipFund.org for more valuable information and updates. Hopefully they will "like" our Facebook page and share it with their friends.

Continued best wishes,

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