



AAPS Partners and Community Scholarships 2024-25

Presentation to the Board of Education

Scholarship Award Process: Who is involved?

Many individuals are engaged in the process of announcing, accepting, selecting and awarding Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Scholarships, including;

- Scholarship Donors
- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
- High School Counselors and College and Career Center Staff
- High School Teachers
- AAPS Administrative Staff
- Athletic Coaches and Staff
- District Leadership Team
- District Scholarship Team

2025 Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Name	Amount
ABM Services Scholarship	\$20,000
Chartwells Scholarship	\$10,000
Durham Transportation Services Scholarship	\$20,000
Darlene Tankersley Scholarship	\$10,000
Dorothy Russell Scholarship	\$5,000
Jane Landefeld Scholarship	\$2,000
Lisa Ann Gallagher Scholarship	\$3,300
The Jill Award	\$2,000
Wendy Moorhead Scholarship	\$2,000
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	\$76,300



AAPS Partner Scholarships



Selina Gibbs

Huron High School
Attending Oakland University

"Despite [challenges] that might have derailed someone with a different life experience, I learned balance, staying mentally present at school each day and giving my all."



Liana Zhou

Skyline High School
Attending Stanford University

"I'm ready to embrace change and lead with optimism, working with others to create positive impacts that bring people together and make a difference in the world."



Leila Durrie

Community High School
*Attending Saint Louis University
Madrid*

"'Home' is no longer just a physical place but a sense of peace, gratitude, and happiness I've found within myself. As I enter the next chapter of life, I will bring the knowledge that I have the power to create my own home, wherever I am."



Houston McCoy

Pioneer High School
Attending Howard University

"My biggest obstacle in life was me being different, but I overcame it. Now, I appreciate being exposed to different communities of people and being able to gain different perspectives...I am able to walk into new situations with the confidence of knowing I will succeed."

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ABM Services Scholarship

\$5,000 award for Seniors interested in business or a business-related field. Must have financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.



Terron Stewart

Huron High School

Attending Central Michigan University

"Applying for this scholarship is a very important step I am taking that will keep pushing me in the right direction which is getting ready for education at the next level. I deserve this because of my experience in Culinary arts and hospitality and passion for cooking."



Ryan Grant

Community High School

Attending Eastern Michigan University

"With this scholarship, I would be more than able to fulfill my goals in nutrition and dietetics. I believe everyone deserves a chance to improve themselves and society, and I truly think this scholarship would help."

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Chartwells Scholarship

\$5,000 award for Seniors
interested in Culinary Arts,
Hospitality or related
education.



Jada Witherspoon

Pioneer High School
Attending Michigan State University

"Being a Pioneer is a lifelong identity and after four years it has taught me the value of resilience, leadership, and community."



Christopher Hermida Nunez

Huron High School
Attending Michigan State University

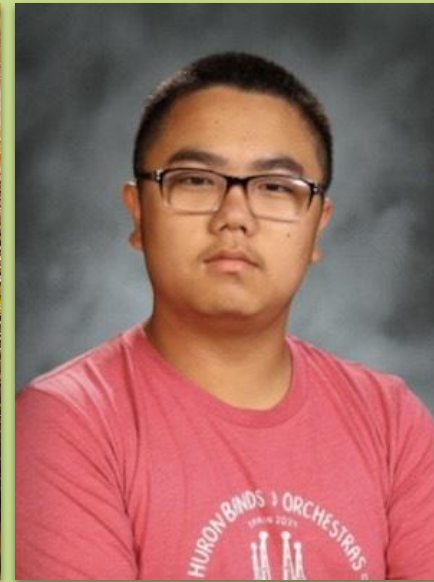
"I am a United States citizen and I am deeply committed to using my education to create a more inclusive and equitable society. My goal is to become a someone that can specialize in immigration that can help them, advocating for the rights of immigrants and helping them build a better future."



Ofelia Ziegler

Community High School
Attending Villanova University

"Community involvement is key to both individual and group fulfillment. In order to be happy and healthy, you need the support of those around you —and you must offer your support in return. I would not be the person I am today without my community, and I am proud to say that I have made a lasting impact on it as well."



Kendan Yue

Huron High School
Attending Michigan State University

"My field of interest emphasizes my goal to become a nurse. I have always wanted this degree because I enjoy helping people and am good at it. Acceptance into college will allow me to reach my successful career goal and fulfill my parent's dream to see me thrive."



Durham Transportation Services Scholarship

\$5,000 award to graduating Seniors with financial need and who demonstrate good citizenship and community involvement.



Community Scholarships



Wilmer Arturo Lazo-Garcia

Huron High School

Attending Washtenaw Community College

"Even though me and my family have had difficult life I'm thankful for it and that because of my mom. I'm am so grateful for her. She deserves the world, and I won't stop working and moving forward in life until I can pay her back for the wonderful life she's given me and by making our difficult life a whole lot easier."



Cesar Ojedo

Huron High School

Attending Wayne State University

"My journey has shown me that success is earned through perseverance, dedication, and resilience. Obtaining my degree will open doors for me and allow me to give back and inspire others who, like me, dare to dream big despite challenges. This is why I want to earn my degree not just for myself, but for my family, my future, and others who aspire to achieve their dreams."

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Darlene Tankersley Scholarship

\$5,000 award for Huron High School Seniors. Must have financial need and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.



Ryland Quann

Huron High School

Attending Michigan State University

"I am in Rising Scholars, one of the programs at Huron that are for leaders in the classroom and community. We are role models to the other students in the school, showing how to perform in the classroom and stay out of trouble."

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Dorothy Russell Scholarship

\$5,000 award for any graduating Senior who plans to attend college and major in education.



Walker Brose

Huron High School
Attending University of Michigan

"Our strong, supportive community has been extremely meaningful and beneficial to me. It's shaped me to be a good example and a leader: I try to encourage my teammates and help them believe they can push through no matter what."

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Kent Overbey Scholarship

\$2,000 awarded to a Male Huron High School Senior who participated in cross country and has financial need.



RoFael Jackson, Jr.

Huron High School
Attending University of Michigan

"This scholarship will help me be able to continue my student athlete career at the next level."

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Jane Landefeld Scholarship

\$2,000 awarded to a Huron High School Senior who participated in sports and has financial need.



Angela Bolon

Huron High School
Attending University of Michigan

"I have always looked forward to college. Being independent, managing my own time, the experience of living in a dorm, and the chance to pursue my interests – it's everything that I have ever anticipated."



Anna Stenger

Huron High School
Attending University of Loyola Chicago

"A common theme throughout my life experiences is the importance of making a positive impact on the world, which is a huge reason why I have decided to pursue nursing at the University of Loyola Chicago. This scholarship will enable me to complete my goals of serving communities lacking in mental health professionals."

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Lisa Ann Gallagher Scholarship

\$1,650 awarded to two graduating females from Huron High School with a GPA of 3.2 or higher who is involved in the school, sports and the community and has financial need.



Sara Grover

Community High School

Attending Washtenaw Community College

"Sara is thoughtful, reflective, and a life-long learner. She is humble and also does well to assert her confidence. She has grown leaps and bounds since her freshman year, and is not typically publicly acknowledged. She will use her resources wisely!"

--Brian Williams

Counselor, Community High School

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The Jill Award

\$1,000 given annually to a graduating Community High School student who has contributed to making Community High School a happier place.



Julieta Turon

Huron High School

Attending University of Michigan

"Running shows me that more isn't always better; a good runner knows when to rest. Just as I guard from injury with good nutrition and sleep, I try to unburden my mind, too, allowing me to put real passion and energy into what I love."

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Wendy Moorhead Scholarship

\$2,000 award given to graduating Huron High School Senior female who participates in Cross Country or Track, with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.



**Thank You
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**Congratulations
Scholarship Recipients!**