

**Scholarship Name:**

Lydia Driskell Memorial Scholarship

**Description/Background:**

Lydia Driskell taught in the Science Department at ACHS for many years, from 1972 until her death in May, 2000. Despite chronic health problems, Ms. Driskell spent countless hours after the school day mentoring students. She was a relentlessly positive person who was sure that each of her students could and would be a success, and insisted they focus on practicing being successful, one small step at a time.

This scholarship is for that group of applicants who qualify for and are interested in attending a four year residential college or university. Often students are ready for an on-campus experience away from home, but need an additional resource to make it happen. A senior who generally qualifies for Pell grants or who has been eligible for reduced lunch fees during the current school year is a likely financial qualifier for this scholarship.

**Amount:**

\$4,000, renewable for second year (both years of support must be completed within three years)

**Eligibility Criteria and Application Requirements:**

- Admission to a degree granting institution with “on-campus” student housing for the coming school year
- Financials at or below 120% of Pell Grant financial cap, or eligibility for the federal reduced lunch fee program
- Award is contingent on recipient’s matriculation and residence at a degree granting institution.
- Argo Community High School District 217 January 2026 or May 2026 graduates are eligible to apply.
- Provide evidence that you are eligible as outlined above. Submit a copy of your college letter of acceptance and evidence of financial status to your counselor before the deadline (for example: letter from your school counselor attesting to your eligibility for the free/reduced lunch program).
- Personal statement in online application: Provide a personal statement (between 300 to 500 words). It is also your opportunity to include information not earlier provided in the application.