

# KALAMAZOO COUNTY ✦ EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

## ABSTRACT

The purpose of the Excellence in Education Student Scholarship program is to recognize publicly, the important role that K-12 education plays in the life of the community. The intent of the program is to:

1. recognize students who accomplish high standards of academic achievement;
2. recognize educational staff who demonstrate professional excellence; and
3. reinforce the crucial link between citizen interest/support and the quality of education.

Students will be selected for the award provided they have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.7 for the first seven (7) semesters or ten (10) trimesters of their high school career. Students will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to be sent to the college or university of their choice. It is the Steering Committee's expectation that all awardees will attend the awards ceremony held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

The students are also given the opportunity of selecting one educator (other than their parents) who they believe influenced their educational experience. The honorees will also receive a recognition certificate at the ceremony.

The Excellence in Education Student Scholarship Program is a partnership of area educators, the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Kalamazoo County schools (public and private) and the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.

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