

## Scholarship and Education Fund Committees

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The Tewksbury Scholarship and Education Funds came into being when the October 2003 Special Town Meeting voted to accept Mass. General Law Chapter 60, Section 3C. In early 2004, the Selectmen created the Scholarship and Education Fund Committees, which determine the criteria and distribution of awards from the funds. School Superintendent Dr. Christine McGrath is a member of the Committees per state law, and the Selectmen have appointed the other members.

The Committees met periodically in 2009. In May 2009, donation forms were included in property owners' tax bills. At the end of 2009, the balances in the funds were:

Scholarship Fund:	\$2,210.05
Education Fund:	\$1,695.36

Thank you to all the donors who have contributed to these funds even in this difficult economy.

The Scholarship Fund Committee awarded five \$250 scholarships at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, matching its highest number of awards since it began in 2005. The Committee received 49 applications for these awards, and after a thorough review chose five worthy recipients. Because the awards exist through the generosity of the community, the Committee considered community service activities of foremost importance when making its selections, along with strong academic achievement. The 2009 winners were all honors students with exemplary participation in extracurricular activities.

The 2009 Tewksbury Scholarship Fund recipients were:

- o Michael Cooney, 25 Cooney Road, TMHS Class of 2009. studying Medical Research at Tufts University
- o Kaitlin Hanley, 904 Shawsheen Street, TMHS Class of 2009, studying English at the College of the Holy Cross
- o Megan Luppi, 155 Marston Street, TMHS Class of 2009, studying Occupational Therapy at Quinnipiac University
- o Nadia Pereira, 86 Kendall Road, Lawrence Central Catholic Class of 2009, studying Political Science at Boston University
- o Marina Villeneuve, 707 Trull Road, TMHS Class of 2009, studying Journalism at Dartmouth College

In honor of former Superintendent of Schools John W. Wynn, a charter member of the Scholarship and Education Fund Committees who passed away in September 2007, the Scholarship Fund Committee created a special award designation in 2008 – the John W. Wynn Memorial Leadership Award. The Committee will attach this designation to one of its scholarship award recipients each year, in recognition of that student's achievements in the area of school leadership in academics, school life, and extracurricular activities. For 2009, the Committee named Megan Luppi the recipient of the Wynn Memorial Leadership Award.

In 2010, the Committee will make scholarship applications available on-line and at various locations throughout town. Any resident attending an accredited institution beyond the high school level is eligible to apply. Along with raising funds through the forms included with the spring tax bills, the Committee is planning its first separate fundraising event for May 2010. This will be a team trivia event geared towards players ages 50 and older. The Committee is excited about the event and the prospect of having additional funds available for awards at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

The Committee members would like to again acknowledge and extend their gratitude to Finance Director Donna Walsh, Treasurer Janet Smith, and Collector Dorothy Lightfoot for their help during the year.

Finally, the Committee members are hopeful that our residents and business owners will continue to donate to the funds so we will be able to help our students with scholarships and help our educational system with program grants. Look for those donation forms in the May 2010 tax bills!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Rauseo, Chairman