

2020 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following 24 Highland High School graduates who were awarded a total of \$39,500 in scholarships through The Highland Foundation.

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Olivia Arline
The Ohio State University



Anna Back
University of Akron



Lilia Colbrunn
Kent State University



Allyson Perhacs
West Virginia University



Ava Smith
The Ohio State University



Caroline Szekely
Miami University



Trent Thomas
University of Akron



Garrett Wright
Army National Guard/Miami University



Addyson Zugaro
The Ohio State University



Tara Ciryak
Bowling Green State University

WILLIAM O. WAGAR MEMORIAL MATH & SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

The scholarship was inspired by 1983 graduate Bill Wagar, who died of cancer in 2000. This scholarship is awarded to a senior majoring in a math or science-related field.



Alaina Scavuzzo
The Ohio State University

LALITHA CHADA SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)

This award is offered to a senior who plans to pursue a career in a science-related field of study.



**Ananya
Ramasamy**
*The Ohio State
University*

**STEVEN J. BILECKY MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500)**

This scholarship was established by the Bilecky family in memory of their son, Steven, a 1988 graduate. In addition to demonstrating high academic achievement, applicants must participate in an interview before a faculty committee.



Lauren Cifranic
*The Ohio State
University*

**HUGH & GRACE EYERDOM
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
(\$1,000)**

This scholarship was created by Don and Edith Simmons in loving memory of Edith's parents. The scholarship is presented to a student pursuing studies in horticulture, agriculture or other closely related field.



Grace Mino
*College of
Wooster*

**VICTORIA M. JACKSON
PERFORMING ARTS
SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)**

This scholarship was established by the Jackson family in memory of their daughter, Victoria, who passed away in an auto accident in 2009. This scholarship is presented annually to an outstanding performing arts student.



Megan Austin
*Kent State
University*

**FORMER FRIENDS OF
THE HINCKLEY LIBRARY
SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)**

Applicants of the Library Science Scholarship, offered through by the Former Friends of the Hinckley Library, should pursue a degree in Information Sciences/Technology or Education.

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Emily Hadler
University of Findlay

MIKE KUDLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Mike Kudla was a proud 2002 honors graduate of Highland High School and member of The Ohio State University championship football team. He went on to play for the NFL and have a successful career in business. Applicants must be passionate in their life goals, possess the qualities needed to persevere through life's obstacles and the determination to make a difference by helping others in the community.



Lily Coss
University of Akron

BAKER FAMILY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

This scholarship was established by Donald and Carol Baker as a renewable scholarship for a college-bound Highland senior in the top 10% of his/her class who has demonstrated exceptional academic and social leadership traits at school and/or in the community while a student at the Highland Schools.



Evan Buck
Allegheny College

ALYSSA & JUSTIN HAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)

This scholarship was established as a means to give back to the community that gave so much to the Haun family in the wake of the siblings' tragic deaths in July 2018. This renewable scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior pursuing a STEM course of study and one who has positively impacted others.



Cecilia Mainzer
University of Akron

ALYSSA & JUSTIN HAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (RENEWAL: \$2,500)

Cecilia, a 2019 graduate, received The Foundation's first-ever renewable scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed for up to three years provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher and achieves sufficient academic credits to advance to the next class year.



Anna Lanier
The Ohio State University



Mackenzie Yu
University of Akron



Athena Towne
Bowling Green State University

GEORGE R. AYRES MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (\$3,000)

These scholarships were created through the estate plan of long-time area resident George Ayres. The scholarship awards are offered to college-bound Highland seniors in the top 20% of their class who have demonstrated high achievement in their scholastic activities, have a record of performance in activities both in school and in the community, and who plan to pursue collegiate STEM studies.



Benjamin Fillinger
Kent State University



Mohammad Rashid
Cuyahoga Community College

GEORGE R. AYRES MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (\$3,000)

These scholarships were made possible through the estate plan of long-time area resident George Ayres. The scholarship awards are available to Highland seniors in need of an opportunity of their own in order to pursue a professional/technical program, associates degree or traditional college course of study. Applicants explain what inspires them to learn and how this scholarship will impact their future educational and career opportunities.

LETHA E. HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Mrs. House was a life-long resident of Medina County and was very interested in horticulture, specifically flowers and gardening. Applicants must pursue a career in horticulture or related field of study.