

# **The William O. Wagar Math and Science Scholarship Fund**

## **PURPOSE**

The William O. Wagar Math and Science Scholarship Fund was established through the Highland Foundation for Educational Excellence to provide a scholarship to the student who plans to seek additional education in the field of math or science in an institution of higher learning. The fund is inspired by 1983 Highland graduate, Bill Wagar, who died quickly in 2000 of cancer. Bill was a natural learner and loved to encourage young people to further their education. Bill found every aspect of life exciting, and he realized education as a great tool to open doors for discovery. Bill was a NASA Glenn Project Manager at the time of his death.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT**

The scholarship amount will be determined by the yearly investment earnings with a maximum amount of \$1000.

## **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

Scholarship Administration Committee: Science and Math Faculty Members, Guidance Department Representative, Jenny Wagar, Martha Catherwood, Bill Bullock, Highland Foundation Representative.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Candidate must be a senior at Highland High School
- Candidate must have a cumulative grade point average between 2.5 and 3.5
- Candidate must be enrolled in a science or math related course of study in an accredited institution of higher learning
- Candidate must write a one-page essay expressing their leadership skills, personality, community participation and their plans for their course of study
- It is the Highland Foundation's hope that the recipient would come back to share their studies with students in the Highland Community

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARD**

The scholarship will be awarded at Highland High School's Annual Awards Night, held in the spring of each year, by either a Foundation Representative or appropriate faculty member in the Math and Science Department.

## **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Scholarship award will be made payable to the institution of higher learning and the student by the Highland Foundation.
- Equal installments will be paid upon recipient's presentation of a fee invoice. The full scholarship will be paid during the student's first academic year.

## **TIMEFRAME OF AWARDS**

- Each student has one calendar year from issuance of scholarship award to enroll in institution of higher learning. Any award not used will remain within the fund.
- Should student withdraw from institution during first year of academic training, any balance of award will remain within the fund.