

Fund Activity Information

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Need more information?

Please contact the Foundation Office.

Please note that each fund or grant listed in this handbook may have specific requirements.

Contact the Foundation Office for:

- A current fund listed in this handbook
- Procedures to establish a fund through the Sanilac County Community Foundation
- Application procedures for grants and scholarship funds
- Application procedures for competitive grants



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For more information on Competitive Grant Funds, please call the Community Foundation office at 810-648-3634.

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All donations received by the Sanilac County Community Foundation that are not designated for a particular fund, are placed into the Board Discretionary Fund. The funds are then used to support grants that improve & enrich the lives of County residents.

Steps for Success Fund

The mission of the fund is to help even the playing field for all Sanilac County children. It is recognized that some children, through no fault of their own, find themselves in circumstances that do more to prevent success than to encourage it. The goal of the fund is to help maximize the life potential of these children. The fund accomplishes this by providing grant monies to quality programs designed to give these children a step up.

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Fund

YAC is made up of representatives from all seven county high schools. Its purpose is to positively impact the lives of young people under the age of 21. Grants are disbursed by the YAC from its fund within the Sanilac County Community Foundation. YAC also raises funds for Homelessness Prevention through their Cardboard City held annually in the Spring. That money is distributed through HELP Inc., the Save Council & the Sandusky Police Department.

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Community Foundation History

Established in 1994 to build local philanthropy, the Sanilac County Community Foundation is a collection of endowed funds, contributed by many individuals, corporations, private foundations and government agencies to benefit the Sanilac County area.

Mission Statement

The Sanilac County Community Foundation encourages community philanthropy. It seeks and accepts permanent endowments from public and private sources. It distributes the income for community enhancement projects and other charitable purposes, always being mindful to carry out the intention of the donor.

Executive Committee

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Dr. Roger Dean	Dave Tubbs
Katie Dunn	Sandy Willis

Sanilac County Historical Society Fund

Established 1997

Keeping history alive, especially the history of Sanilac County, is the goal of the founders of this fund. Acting to provide leverage with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Challenge of 1996, proceeds are directed for use at the Sanilac County Museum in Port Sanilac.

Sanilac County United Way Endowment Fund

Established 1999

The local chapter of the United Way had an endowed fund that they transferred to the Sanilac County Community Foundation for “safe keeping”. The fund has been invested for a perpetual source of revenues generated from the interest of the original investment. These proceeds go toward supporting the local United Way cause.

Thumb’s Up For Kids Endowment Fund

Established 2000

This fund was established to provide an additional avenue to which Thumb’s Up For Kids donors could contribute money. Income from this fund is distributed to Thumb’s Up For Kids annually to help provide a special “wish” for children of the Thumb Region who have a terminal or life-threatening illness.

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McKenzie Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund

Established 1998

During their 1998 Capital Campaign, the Development Council recognized the need for creating a permanent endowment with the Foundation, as part of their continuous donor development. Individuals are able to donate to McKenzie Memorial Hospital, and are eligible for additional tax credits. Proceeds from the fund are distributed at the discretion of the Hospital Board of Trustees.

St. John's Wallace Memorial Fund

Established 1997

This fund was established in memory of Bonnie Mintz Wallace who was killed in an automobile accident in July of 1997. Proceeds of this fund are directed to benefit St. John Lutheran Church of Port Sanilac.

Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council Fund

Established 2002

The prevention of child abuse requires continuous education. The Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council (SCCAPC) promotes the safe and healthy development of children and families through community education and development. SCCAPC acknowledges that by being a part of the Sanilac County Community Foundation, additional funds can be directed toward their program. This fund was founded in April of 2002 through vision and caring on the part of the SCCAPC Council.

Giving to the Community Foundation Qualifies You For A Michigan Tax Credit

Your gift to a permanent endowment fund qualifies you for a special 50% Michigan Community Foundations Tax Credit. For example, married donors filing jointly can receive a 50% tax credit of up to \$200 on a gift of \$400. A single person can receive a \$100 tax credit on a gift of \$200. Michigan businesses have the potential to receive up to a \$5,000 tax credit on a gift of \$10,000. When it comes to creating community impact and gaining personal tax benefit, your dollars go farther when you give through the Sanilac County Community Foundation.

The Benefits of Giving

When you give to the Sanilac County Community Foundation, you will receive benefits in addition to knowing your gift is being put to good use. As a Community Foundation, we are designed to give donors opportunities that may not exist elsewhere. For instance, when you make a donation to the Foundation, you will:

- **Create a lasting gift** that will continue to provide income for worthy causes in Sanilac County.
- **Receive state and federal tax advantages.** In fact, several years ago, Michigan began offering a tax credit that reduces the tax liability individuals and businesses have to pay, making the actual cost of the gift far less.
- Select from a variety of funds to add to, or create a new fund, that **may be customized to fit your particular situation** and meet your specific needs.
- **Contribute** cash, real estate, securities, life insurance policies, or personal property, now or through a will or trust.
- Support an organization whose sole purpose is to **enrich and improve the community that you call home** - both today and for generations to come.

Donors and community members can be assured that we are seeking the best investment options possible and using the talents of the most knowledgeable members of our community to maximize donors' contributions.

Please call at 810-648-3634 for more information on the benefits of giving and how we can help you reach your charitable objectives.

Types of Funds

A decision to help others is one of life’s most rewarding acts. When the commitment is made, the Community Foundation is prepared to help you structure your charitable goals. Ways to give vary widely. The Foundation has the expertise to help you achieve the results you want. You may choose to give to an established fund, or the Foundation will work with you to develop a fund that will fulfill your needs. Any individual, family, business or other organization can create a named fund.

Scholarship Funds
 These types of funds support education by providing scholarships to further the education of graduates of a particular high school, students in a specified field of study, or those enrolled in a chosen institution.

Donor Advised Funds
 These types of funds allow the donor to participate in the selection of beneficiaries. By law, the Foundation Board must approve the grant and make the final decision. You are welcome to suggest organizations or programs that might be appropriate beneficiaries.

Designated/Agency Endowment Funds
 The Foundation holds and manages assets for charitable organizations. An organization can support its long-term objectives by creating this type of fund. Agency assets are co-mingled with other Foundation-pooled assets, thereby maximizing total return for the agency’s assets. Separate accounting is maintained for each agency fund. Individual donors or businesses are able to contribute to the fund.

Unrestricted Funds
 The flexibility to deal with unpredictable needs is a major advantage of unrestricted funds. As our community changes, these funds can be used to address the most critical needs. Unrestricted funds permit flexibility allowing the Foundation to respond to ever-changing community needs.

Field of Interest Funds
 As a donor, you may be assured that your fund will support an area in which you have interest. This enables the Foundation to support charitable agencies and organizations within a geographical or charitable area specified by you, the donor.

American Red Cross/Sanilac County Blood Bank Endowment Fund

Established 1997

Established in 1997 by the Red Cross Chapter of Sanilac County, this fund was organized to perpetuate the wishes of various donors that Red Cross services, specifically the Blood Bank services, remain in Sanilac County. Distributions from these earnings go toward promotional and maintenance programs for blood donations.

Blue Water Council Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund

Established 1996

In order to promote continuous growth and operation of the Blue Water Council of Boy Scouts, this fund allows earnings to be distributed to the chapter semi-annually or as requested.

Deckerville Community Hospital Endowment Fund

Established 1998

Continuous improvement of community health care was a motivating factor for the Board of Directors of Deckerville Community Hospital when they established this fund in December of 1998. By establishing a perpetual endowment for the hospital, earnings are returned to ensure community health care.

Girl Scouts of MI Waterways Fund

Established 1997

Fund established to help support the Girl Scouts – Michigan Waterways Council, Inc.

Sanilac County Community Foundation’s Joseph & Nellie Pepper Wagner Administrative Fund

Established 2005

The primary focus of this fund is to help cover Administrative costs of the Sanilac County Community Foundation.

Marlette Community Schools Education Foundation Fund

Established 1999

In the future, teachers will be able to apply for education grants. These education grants are designed to enhance classroom instruction, through the implementation of new curriculum and/or programs.

agency funds

This section describes funds currently administered through the Community Foundation.

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A Local Source for Funds

When families, businesses or organizations set up funding on a local level with the Sanilac County Community Foundation, they are establishing funding that is perpetual. An endowment, with the interest reinvested or spent annually, keeps giving in the name of the person or group establishing the fund.

How to Establish Funds within the Community Foundation

Setting up a fund within the Sanilac County Community Foundation is easy. Following are the requirements:

- A minimum of \$1,000, although \$5,000 is recommended, will open an endowment that allows the income from the fund to be returned to the community.
- You decide the criteria for funding, whether it be with the establishment of an advisory board, or by recommendation to the Community Foundation.
- An agreement is drawn up, at no cost, that will guarantee that your fund will grow and benefit the community for generations to come.
- When setting up a fund, there are no legal fees, accounting fees, or government applications to fill out. The Community Foundation provides all of these services.
- An annual administrative fee that does not exceed 1% of the principle will be charged to your fund. This will provide annual accountings from the Community Foundation on the progress of your fund, distribution of funding per your recommendation, and all other administrative duties attached to the fund.

scholarship funds

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Oldford Automatic Defibrillator (AED) Fund

Pass Through Fund
Established 2001

This fund was established to purchase AED's or other lifesaving equipment as recommended by the Sanilac County Medical Control Authority and approved by the AED Advisory Board and the Sanilac County Community Foundation.

Oldford Family Fund

Established 1998

This fund was established by the Gene & Sandy Oldford family to help fund those charitable or educational purposes benefiting persons or institutions in Sanilac County. The Fund Advisory Board will distribute the income of the fund at least annually.

Trina V. Buskirk Endowment Fund for Community Enhancement

Established 2001

This fund was established in appreciation of Sanilac County. This community was a wonderful place for the Buskirk family to live and do business. This fund is intended to enhance life in Sanilac County.

Tubbs Family Endowment for the Arts Fund

Established 1998

A passion to provide cultivation and support for fine, performing and creative arts for residents of Sanilac County drove Donald and Carolyn Tubbs and their families to establish this fund in 1998. Awards of grants or scholarships are at the discretion of the Fund's Advisory Board.

Donor Advised Funds

Bonnie Wallace Endowment Fund Established 1997

This fund was established in memory of Bonnie Mintz Wallace who was killed in an automobile accident in July of 1997. Proceeds from this fund are distributed at the discretion of the Advisory Board.

CitizensFirst Fund Established 2006

Eligibility requirements are yet to be determined.

Elfrieda Conrad Endowment Fund Established 1998

Dr. Elfrieda Conrad has been in practice in Sandusky since 1952. When she established her fund, she chose Kentuckiana Children Center, which services special needs children. The fund was established in 1957 as a non-profit organization. Her wish is to continue chiropractic health-care to children.

Elwyn K. Johnson Fund Established 1997

In October of 1997, Jessie Johnson created the Elwyn K. Johnson Fund in memory of her late husband. Income from the fund will be distributed annually for health and wellness needs, with emphasis on awareness and prevention of domestic violence in Sanilac County.

John & Lois Donovan Endowment Fund Established 1999

Being highly involved in, and concerned about, their community, the Donovans of Croswell founded this endowment fund in March of 1999. It provides an annual scholarship for a Croswell-Lexington High School graduate, or is used to support the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Rewards Fund. The choice is determined each year by the Fund's Advisory Board.

Scholarship Funds

Aaron Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund Established 2006

The Aaron Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Jim and Linda Brown in memory of their son, Aaron. The scholarship is available to a Sandusky High School senior interested in pursuing a career in agriculture.

Backus Family Scholarship Fund Established 1998

The Backus Family Scholarship Fund was established to support students from the Carsonville-Port Sanilac School District. In the future, as the fund increases, it is planned that other Sanilac County schools will also receive a portion of this scholarship fund.

Brown City Area Health Center Scholarship Fund Established 1993

The main purpose of the Brown City Area Health Center Scholarship Fund is to assist Brown City area students as they enter training and educational programs in health related fields. These funds are contingent upon availability.

CPS Athletic Scholarship Fund Established 1999

This scholarship fund was established by the Sarkella Family to recognize senior scholar athletes at Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS) Schools. The scholar athlete's commitment to studies and participation on the playing field requires extreme dedication and is deserving of recognition. Each student is required to submit a letter of college acceptance and a composition on the benefits of a CPS education for consideration.

Carol A. Crake Scholarship Established 2007

Scholarship is available to a high school senior from Brown City, Peck, Sandusky, Marlette, North Branch or Port Hope already accepted to a 2 year or 4 year college or university. Total scholarship amount is \$2,000.00. \$500.00 is disbursed per semester for a maximum of 4 semesters, based on certain criteria being met - contact school counselor for more information.

Scholarship Funds

Cheryl Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Established 2004

The Cheryl Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in her memory by her family. Cheryl was a respected, long-time coach in the Marlette Schools. Eligible applicants for the scholarship must be graduating seniors of Marlette High School and have participated in high school athletics.

Croswell Rotary Fund

Established 1998

The Croswell Rotary Club established this fund in memory of Ty Gorton. It was created to assist Croswell-Lexington High School students paying for "Team Summer Sports Camps". The emphasis of this fund is helping those in need. Eligibility is limited to students with an academic grade of "C or above".

Darwin Moriarty Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established 2007

This scholarship was established by Linda Poole in memory of her father, Darwin Moriarty. The recipient must be a Sandusky High School student going to college for Agriculture.

Daryl Walker Scholarship

Established 2004

Established in memory of Daryl Walker, Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS) Superintendent, recipients will be graduating seniors of CPS High School who will be attending a college/university/trade school and has demonstrated proven excellence in the academic and extra curricular areas. The scholarship is not limited to financial need, but this may be considered.

David W. Albrecht Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established 1999

Dave Albrecht, a 1966 graduate of Sandusky High School (SHS), was a successful businessman for over 30 years, a community volunteer, active in his church, very involved with his family, and a loyal Redskin fan. This scholarship was established in his memory to assist both a young man and woman graduating from SHS. Those selected exemplify the characteristics of leadership, community service, and school spirit.

donor advised funds

This section describes funds currently administered through the Community Foundation. Please note that funds are added on an ongoing basis.

Scholarship Funds

Thee Valhalla Scholarship Fund Established 2002

“Valhalla” is Norwegian for “Viking Heaven”. Drawing from his Viking heritage and love for math, this fund was established in November of 2002 by a 26-year veteran teacher at Sandusky High School. The donor requests that recipients of this scholarship either establish a similar fund or donate back to this fund to perpetuate student interest in mathematics. Annual applications can be obtained through the Sandusky High School Counselor’s office. - Q.E.D.

Thorley Family Endowment Fund Established 1999

The Advisory Board, with the assistance of Charles and/or Marlene Thorley or their heirs, work with the Croswell-Lexington School District to provide scholarships to those living within the district. This fund was established as part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Challenge of 1996.

Wixson Trust Fund Established 1998

Brother and sister Harold and Sylvia Wixson (both now deceased) maintained a homestead on Wildcat Road. They established this fund to assist one or more seniors annually to further their education. They were particularly concerned about providing help for those students who may be overlooked because, though very capable of continuing their education, they may not have outstanding GPA’s.

Scholarship Funds

David Lockwood, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Established 2004

Created in memory of Mr. Lockwood, owner and operator of Lakeside Building Supplies, the income of the fund is distributed annually for the educational needs of a Croswell-Lexington graduating senior who will be pursuing education relative to building construction as determined by the David Lockwood, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Advisory Board. Mr. Lockwood died June 9, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in a farm accident. The Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Lockwood’s wife, Gail, and their two sons, David, Jr. and Steven. “My husband was always interested in helping young people”, shared Mrs. Lockwood. “He would be happy to know that he will continue to help them even now”.

Doug & Rose Banker Scholarship Fund Established 2006

Doug & Rose Banker established this scholarship. The recipient must be a Sandusky High School graduating senior.

Esther M. Cuppen Scholarship Fund Established 2006

Provides scholarships to deserving students, who are in need of financial assistance, graduating from either the Croswell-Lexington High School and/or the Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School planning to attend college in the field of Education. The Sanilac County Community Foundation or its designated representatives shall designate the student or students who are worthy to receive such scholarship(s).

Eastern Michigan Bank Scholarship Established 2003

Scholarships available to graduating seniors from Croswell-Lexington High School, Sandusky High School, Port Huron High School, Port Huron Northern High School and the Deckerville Educational Foundation. Scholarships should be given to students pursuing a financial or business career. Students should be deserving of financial help, and not getting a lot of other assistance.

Scholarship Funds

Frank Hannon Scholarship Fund Established 1997

Frank L. and Violet Hannon were farmers from the Peck School District. The Frank Hannon Fund was established with the interest used to pay scholarships for eligible Peck graduates. The student must have attended Peck during his or her full Junior and Senior years. Peck students can contact their school counselor for more information.

Frederick M. Cady Scholarship Fund Established 1998

This scholarship was established by the Sanilac County Association of School Boards to honor Mr. Fred Cady, who retired after 22 years as an educator and administrator in Sanilac County. Eligibility requirements are yet to be determined.

Isaac "Ike" Selick Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund Established 1997

This fund was established as a memorial to Ike Selick who retired from the Detroit Police Department as a Detective Sergeant assigned to the Central Narcotics Bureau. A scholarship is given annually to a graduating senior pursuing a career in criminal justice.

Jack & Marion Kaufman Scholarship Fund Established 1998

In the spring of 1998, the Sanilac County Community Foundation joined with Sandusky High School and Jack & Marion Kaufman to carry on the tradition of awarding annual scholarships to assist a graduating Sandusky High School student in furthering their educational goals.

James Mitchell Scholarship Fund Established 1999

In 1974, James Mitchell was killed in a single vehicle roll-over accident on M-46, near the current location of Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS) High School. From the time of his death, James' father, Max Mitchell, invested memorial funds. Beginning in 1997, the earnings from those investments make possible an annual scholarship to a CPS graduate planning to pursue a career in a vocation or trade, and who would not normally be recognized for other scholarship awards.

Scholarship Funds

Stanley M. Fetting Scholarship Fund Established 2006

Scholarship created in memory of Stanley M. Fetting. Eligibility requirements are yet to be determined.

Stanley G. Herron Memorial Scholarship Fund Established 2007

Scholarship was created in memory of Stanley Herron. Recipient of scholarship will be a graduating senior from Marlette High School.

Suzanne Spencer Scholarship Fund Established 1997

Suzanne was very proud of her home town and her home state. She loved family and friends. She loved people. Being able to help the young people of her community pursue higher education would bring her much happiness. This fund was created to honor the memory of Suzanne Spencer, a 1962 graduate of Deckerville High School, by providing yearly scholarships for one or more graduating students of Deckerville High School.

Scholarship Funds

Sandusky Class of 2002 Fund

Established 2002

With money earned through fundraising, the Sandusky Senior Class of 2002 established a scholarship fund, which is administered by the Sanilac County Community Foundation. A \$250 scholarship will be awarded each year to a student graduating from Sandusky High School until funding no longer remains.

Sandusky F.F.A. Scholarship Fund

Established 1998

The purpose of the Sandusky F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) Scholarship is to recognize and reward outstanding F.F.A. members who have shown leadership in both school and community. Each school year, a scholarship is issued. The successful applicant must have been an active F.F.A. member, meet F.F.A. constitutional requirements, and have been in the Sandusky F.F.A. a minimum of one year.

Sanilac Medical Services Scholarship Fund

Established 2006

Fund established by the Sanilac Medical Control Authority to fund scholarships for EMS training.

Sheila Olbrich Fine Arts Scholarship

Established 2006

Established in memory of Sheila Olbrich, Drama Coach at Sandusky High School (SHS), recipient(s) will be SHS graduating seniors pursuing a career in Fine Arts and having performed well in Fine Arts while attending Sandusky High School.

Scholarship Funds

Joseph Haupt Scholarship Fund

Established 2005

Established by his children, the Joseph Haupt Scholarship will be distributed annually through 2009 to a Sandusky High School graduating senior. Preference will be given to a student who has demonstrated the good work ethic and appreciation of the value of hard work which were qualities evidenced in his life.

Joshua Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established 1998

This fund was established to keep the memory of Josh alive. It honors a graduating senior who most reflects his character, work ethic, interests, and goals.

Kevin M. Pearce Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established 2001

Kevin M. Pearce, a 1985 graduate of Sandusky High School, passed away on January 24, 2001. He is remembered as an incredible person and friend who always "set the 'bar' higher for himself, and inspired others to achieve." This scholarship was created in memory of Kevin to help give eligible students a chance to achieve, and to help inspire future generations.

Kim Rhead Leadership Scholarship Fund

Established 1999

Kim Rhead is a former state legislator from the 83rd District who now works in Lansing as a legislative and government affairs consultant. He and his wife, Margaret, decided to start a scholarship fund to give something back to the community in which they lived and raised their family for so many years. This money goes to help students active in their school, church, and community, but who fall through the college funding cracks. Awards go to gifted students, with special consideration to students that do not qualify for other assistance.

Scholarship Funds

Mark S. Hund Scholarship Fund

Established 1997

This fund was established by the family and friends of Mark S. Hund, a long-time Sandusky High School principal. The scholarship is awarded annually to a SHS senior who has shown strength and determination. It is available for any form of career training or education.

Mary Lou Herrmann For Diabetes Education Scholarship

Established 2007

This scholarship fund was established by Richard J. Herrmann in memory of his wife, Mary Lou. The funds are to be used to assist either the hospital or a county resident with diabetes management training so that the lessons Mary Lou learned might be imparted to new diabetics.

Melinda Philpot Memorial Scholarship

Established 2005

Created in memory of Melinda Philpot. Eligible recipients are Deckerville High School graduating seniors, planning a career in education.

Mike Stevens Scholarship

Established 2004

Created in memory of Mike Stevens, by his family & the employees of the Sanilac County Department of Human Services Agency, this scholarship is to be distributed annually for the continuing education needs of a graduating senior from one of the seven school districts in Sanilac County, including the Intermediate School District (ISD). Student must have maintained a 2.0 GPA and be accepted to an accredited college or university. Student must demonstrate the desire and determination to meet and overcome personal/family challenges or obstacles in achieving his/her educational goals, i.e., illness or disability of a family member or the student, violence or substance abuse in the home, abuse/neglect issues, financial hardships or fractured family.

Scholarship Funds

Monica (Higgins) Sopha Scholarship

Established 2006

This scholarship was established by Monica's family, in her memory. Scholarships will be distributed annually to one (1) high school senior from Sanilac County who has been accepted to any accredited four year college and one (1) college student, attending or planning to attend Central University, University of Michigan, Baker College, Saginaw Valley State University, Delta College or Davenport University. Student must be interested in pursuing a career in digital media, healthcare, or veterinary technology. Student must be able to demonstrate the desire to achieve his/her goals now and in the future.

Oscar & Amy Merriman Scholarship Fund

Established 1997

Oscar and Amy Merriman were respected leaders and farmers in the Deckerville area. This Fund was established in their memory by family members. The Merrimans valued education and the fund will provide scholarships for eligible students who graduate from Deckerville High School.

Richard M. Coffelt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established 2002

This fund was established by the family, in honor of Richard Coffelt, Band Director and Music Educator for 24 years. The scholarship is intended to promote music education and encourage students to pursue a career in music. Money is awarded at least annually to senior class students who are pursuing a career in music education after high school. Consideration will be given to students majoring or minoring in music, while in college.

Robb Family Scholarship Fund

Established 1998

This fund was established in memory of Mary Hart Robb, who was Crowell's first teacher, and John Stuart Robb, who built the first schoolhouse. Mary came with her family from England, and John from Scotland in the mid-1850's. They were married in 1857. The scholarships are awarded annually to Crowell-Lexington High School seniors who have been accepted in a four-year college program, and who have shown potential for success in life. Preference is given to those planning to study science or teaching.