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Summer 2025



As the days grow longer and the promise of summer fills the air, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on the incredible generosity and community spirit that defines Shiawassee County. This season is always particularly meaningful for the Shiawassee

Community Foundation as we celebrated one of our favorite events of the year—our Scholarship Awards Night. It was an honor to gather with students, families, fundholders, and community members to present over \$180,000 in scholarships to deserving students across our county. These scholarships represent not only academic achievement but also the hopes, dreams, and hard work of our young people—and the unwavering support of our donors who make it all possible.

Moments like this remind us why we do what we do. They show the power of community and the lasting impact of giving. Whether it's a scholarship, a grant, or a simple act of kindness, every contribution helps shape a stronger, brighter future for Shiawassee County.

As we look ahead, I encourage you to stay connected with us. Visit our website (shiacf.org) or follow us on social media to learn more about local giving opportunities, upcoming grant cycles, and stories of impact happening right here in our community. Together, we are growing a legacy of giving that spans generations.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Foundation family. Your support continues to inspire hope and open doors for so many.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kim Renwick

Executive Director



2025 Scholarship Awards Night

The Shiawassee Community Foundation hosted its Scholarship Awards Night on Sunday, April 27, at the Owosso Performing Arts Center.

The Foundation welcomed nearly 300 guests to celebrate the 2025 recipients. There were 140 scholarships, awarded from 86 funds, totaling over \$181,000, covering 12 school districts across the county. Each awardee showed superior academic performance and service to our community. The keynote speaker for the event was Stephen Brooks, School Superintendent of Owosso Public Schools.

The Foundation would like to thank our board, staff, Youth Advisory Council and volunteers for their hard work and commitment to our community. We also extend a special thank you to the sponsors of the awards night, Young Chevrolet Cadillac, Inc, Stifel Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group, Horizon Bank, Andrews Hooper Pavlik CPAs & Advisors, Memorial Healthcare and Huntington Bank.



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2025 Scholarship Facts

First Generation
College Students
14%



Student Gender



67%
Female

30%
Male

Student Level



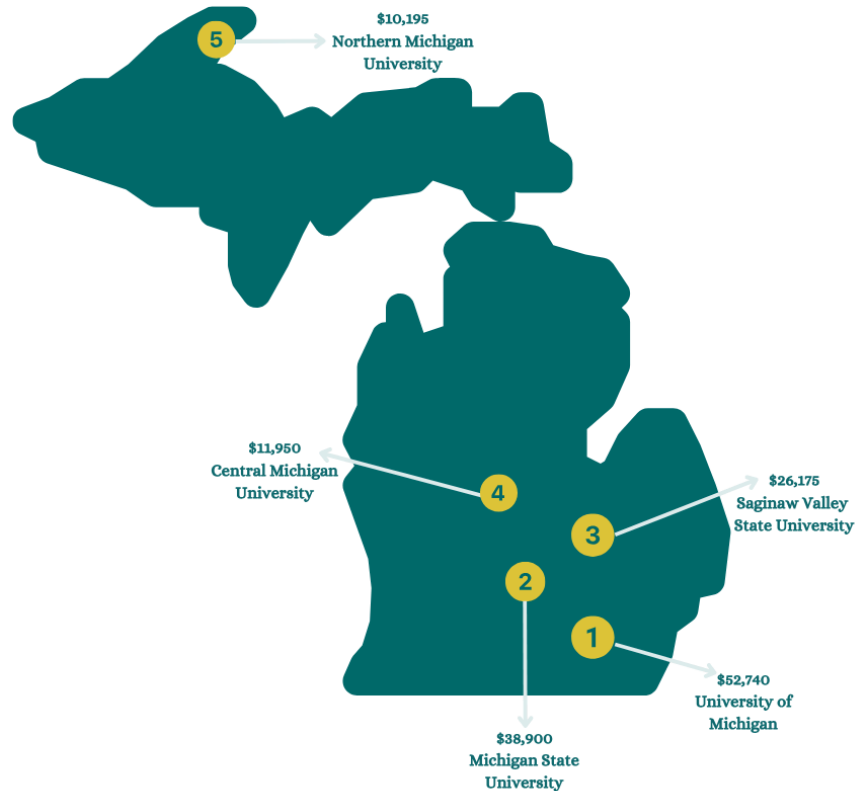
Top Majors



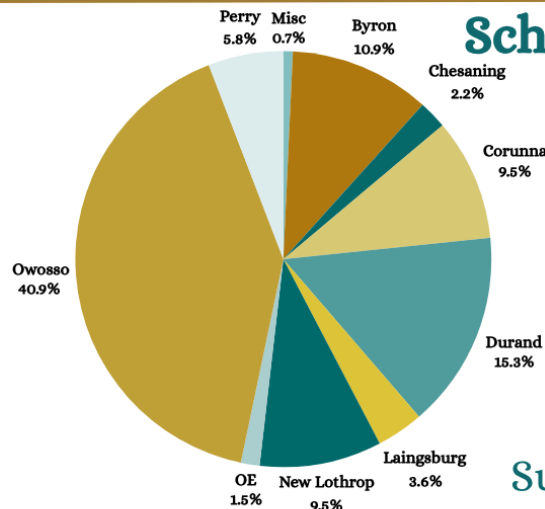
Total Investment in Students
\$181,720

140 Scholarships Awarded!

98% of Scholarships to
Michigan Colleges & Universities



Scholarships by School



Start a
Scholarship
Fund



Support Local Students!

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alexander Women's Scholarship Fund
Madison Strauss

**Karl F. and Ziritha H. (Lowers) Allert
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Bella Frost

**Bancroft Lions Club John Wright
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Julianna Goodrich
Kaelynn Walworth

**Nancy Ruth Patenge Beyer Memorial
Scholarship Fund**
Camden Yerrick

Dr. Bhaskaran Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth McCroan

**Elsie Blair and Suzanne Blair Anderson
Memorial Scholarship**
Danielle Zelenka

Olive Blanner Scholarship
Owen Feldpausch
Charlie Agnew
Ellie Feldpausch
Emily Easlick
Mason Maurer

**Brittany Buchholz
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Kalli Salava
Natalie Thayer

Byron Community Scholarship Fund
Lauren Keesler
Baylie Villani
Emma Davis
Zerik Crawford

Byron Community Scholarship - Chase
Mason Stark

Byron Community Scholarship - Duncanson
Anya Wasilenski

PFC Shane W. Cantu Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lily Walters

Emily Chapman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Londyn Laviolette
Emma Warren
Raegan Taylor

Philip and Inez Colton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Emily Daley
Eric Fisher

**Phyllis L. and Alton D. Crandell Memorial
Scholarship Fund**
Joseph Maciak

Karen K. Dasen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Alexis Golab

Rollin V. Dasen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth White

Drew Decker Memorial Music Scholarship Fund
Will Loos
Gavin Fedewa

**Norman L. and Marcella C. DesJardins
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Jenna Lang
Danielle Zelenka

Shana Lynne Dumond Memorial Scholarship Fund
Abby Roth
Charles Nolph

Durand Lions Club Scholarship Fund
Amanda Goodman

Durand Rotary Club Scholarship Fund
Samantha Leydig
Jaedyn Karbassi

**Shelli (Bowles) Edgington
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Lillia Reid

Alford and Alice Emmert Scholarship Fund
Owen Feldpausch
Charlie Agnew
Ellie Feldpausch

Harvey Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund
Andrew Weaver

Don and Becky Galloway Scholarship Fund
Emily Rathka
Calena Stevens

**The GFWC Owosso Woman's Club
Scholarship Fund**
Celina McFarland

**Cyril C. and Ella M. Gregoricka Scholarship Fund-
Agriculture Scholarship**
Bryce Ritter

Phyllis Lundie Gruver Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth McCroan
Samantha Leydig

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Harold J. Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund

Gavin Fedewa

Coach Tom Harkema Athletic Scholarship Fund

Owen Feldpausch
Desiree Mofield
Carson Moore
Charles Nolph

Ellane I. Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kyle Ashley Bermudez

C.S. Hood Memorial Scholarship Fund

Meghan Morrow
Benjamin Baur
Delaney Couturier
Cali Read

Cheryl L. Hrcka Memorial Scholarship Fund

Owen Feldpausch
Jason Beckwith
Jocelyn Hessling

Harold V. and Ima B. Johns Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kyle Ashley Bermudez

Donald A. Knieper Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ashlyn Orr
Matthew Hughes

Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 7955 Scholarship

Hayley Lademann

Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 7955 Scholarship - Dr. Jean and Peter Sloan Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Kleimola

Kris Marie Kulhanek Memorial Fund

Katlyn Cunningham
Sara Dammann

LaJoye-Shenk Scholarship Fund

Hayli Pugh
Elisha Lee

Walter E. Lawrence Jr. Cross Country/Track Memorial Fund

Natalie Summerland

Jackie Leone Memorial Scholarship Fund

Katlyn Cunningham

Jill Malzahn Health Fund

Olivia Dempsey

Dr. Mark Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alan Mrva

Eugene and Joyce Moiles Memorial Scholarship Fund

Camden Yerrick

Vicki Joan Musser Fund

Colton Symons

JoAnn (Butcher) Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Hayven Thiel

New Lothrop Schools Endowment Fund

Victoria Henige

Nathan Nover Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kathryn Thornton

Nover Owosso High School Sparkplug Award Fund

Matthew Shattuck

Martin and Leona O'Brien Scholarship Fund

Allison Zdunic

Optimist Club Academic Scholarship

Hayli Pugh

Owosso Education Association's Mary E. Harper Scholarship Fund

Zeriah Barnhill

Owosso High School Leadership Scholarship Fund

Emily Easlick

Andrew Osika Endowed Agricultural Scholarship Fund

Abigail Hart

Paul Penjaska Family Scholarship Fund

Gerlande Bellegarde-Nichols
Emerson Massey
Bryce Kuchar
Matthew Shattuck
Eric Fisher
Emma Davis
Braden Andrejack
Alexis Andres
Carson Moore
Hazel Stone

Shirley (1936) and Joseph Poirier Scholarship Fund

Mason Maurer
Alexiss Hawes

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kyler Raffaelli Memorial Scholarship Fund

Luke Barta
Mitchell George

Michael Anthony Randolph Memorial Scholarship

Reid Houghtaling
Charlie Agnew
Jenna Lang

David A. Reed Agricultural Fund

Bryce Ritter

Evan James Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grace Steiger

Andrew Rehmann Memorial Fund

Molly Eickholt
Maddie Eustace

Owen A. and D. Arlene Rood Journalism Scholarship Fund

Alexandra Moore

Erwin Ryckman Scholarship Fund

Hayli Pugh

Bill and Kay Scarlett Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brooklynn Bentley

Margaret Scoutten and Raymond O. Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund

Emerson Massey
Emily Rathka

Ronald K. Seelhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund

Emma Johnson

Shiawassee County Bar Association's Patricia Carmody Memorial Scholarship

Lily Walters

Joseph T. Sierzenga, III Memorial Scholarship Fund

Benjamin Banados

Robert G. Skinner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Daniel Fondren

Stephen and Pauline Smith Family Scholarship Fund

Wynn Carpenter
Jakob Nebo
Jaxon Baker

John and Joan Spindler Family Scholarship Fund

In Memory of
John, Jennifer & Jeri Spindler

Amara Jackson

Devin Allen Swatman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Caleb Salisbury
David Wisenbaugh

Roger and Marian Talbot Family Scholarship Fund

Mikalya Briggs

Irene Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Isabel Seconsky

Iris (Turk) Lott Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sydney Leydig

Brad A. VanPelt Memorial Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth McCroan
Montana Lorencz
Abby Roth

Carson James Vincent Memorial Fund

Tryce Tokar

Troy A. Vincke Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alexis Andres
Matthew Hughes

Carl E. Voorhies & Kathryn D. Voorhies Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Claire Shettler

Mary Bea deBoom Wasper Scholarship Fund

Weston Yoho

Debra Wegman Memorial Fund

Jillian Klaver

Merijo Wieber Scholarsip

Cali Read
Arianna Cramer

Carl R. Woodbury Memorial Scholarship Fund

Makani Tenorio

Kevin A. Zmitko Agricultural Scholarship Fund

Sara Dammann
Abigail Hart

Zonta Club of Owosso Scholarship Fund

Winter Rich

Date to Remember



June 9, 2025
Scholarship Payment Forms Due!

Leave a Legacy That Lasts Forever



The Shiawassee Community Foundation is here to assist you in leaving a legacy by either donating to an existing fund or opening a fund that best fits your charitable interests. Each gift made, whether large or small, makes a lasting impact on our community.

Including the Foundation in your estate plan is a meaningful way to make a lasting gift to the community that may not be possible during your lifetime. You can bequeath cash, property, stocks, bonds, or name the Foundation as a beneficiary on your IRA, 401(k), or life insurance policy.

Leaving a legacy is easy!

Kelly Mahar Memorial Fund

The Shiawassee Community Foundation is honored to welcome the Kelly Mahar Memorial Fund, established by Kelly's family to celebrate his life and legacy. A 1996 Byron High School graduate and MSU alum, Kelly was known for his hard work, kind heart, and dedication to the family business, Mahar's Greenhouses.

This new scholarship will support Byron High School seniors pursuing college or trade school who demonstrate strong character, compassion, civic responsibility, and academic achievement (3.0 GPA or higher). Preference is given to FFA members, and financial need will be considered.

To support this fund, donations can be made to the Shiawassee Community Foundation with "Kelly Mahar Fund" in the memo line or visit www.shiacf.org. Help us honor Kelly by investing in the next generation of Byron students.



What is YAC?



The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is giving high school students in Shiawassee County a unique opportunity to make a real difference in their community. YAC empowers young people to lead through service, philanthropy, and grantmaking, all while learning what it takes to build a stronger, more connected community.

Throughout the year, YAC members volunteer their time at a wide range of local events, but YAC is more than just volunteering. Members also plan and support charitable projects designed to meet real needs in the community.

One of the most impactful roles YAC members play is in grantmaking. Each year, the group reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations for youth-focused projects supported by the W.K. Kellogg Fund. These recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors, giving students a hands-on experience in philanthropic decision-making and a deeper understanding of the needs facing their peers.

By participating in YAC, students gain far more than volunteer hours. They build leadership skills, connect with local nonprofits, and develop a greater awareness of the challenges and opportunities within their own communities. For students who are passionate about service and want to make a lasting impact, joining YAC is a meaningful way to get involved.

If you know a middle or high school student (age 12-21) in Shiawassee County who would be a great fit for YAC, encourage them to learn more and consider applying. It's more than just a club—it's a chance to be part of something bigger.

Philanthropy 101

At the Shiawassee Community Foundation, we believe that philanthropy is for everyone—whether you're a long-time donor, a scholarship supporter, or just beginning to explore how you can make a lasting impact in your community.

That's why we're excited to introduce our new "Philanthropy 101" Corner, a regular feature in our newsletters designed to demystify the world of charitable giving. In each issue, we'll break down a topic, from how endowments work to why unrestricted gifts are vital, to how easy it is to start a fund that supports what you care about most.

What Is an Endowment, and Why Does It Matter?

An endowment is a fund that's invested to grow over time, while still providing ongoing support to the causes or scholarships it was created for. Think of it like planting a tree: the seed you plant today will bear fruit year after year—supporting students, nonprofits, and community programs forever.

Here's how it works:

- Your gift is invested by the Foundation.
- Each year, a portion of the fund's earnings is granted to support your chosen cause.
- The original gift stays intact, growing over time to increase future impact.

This means your legacy lives on, generation after generation.

Why It Matters:

Endowments ensure long-term sustainability. Whether it's helping students go to college, supporting animal welfare, or improving our local parks, the impact of an endowed fund doesn't fade—it multiplies. With just one gift, you create a ripple effect of good in Shiawassee County that never stops.

In future newsletters, we'll cover:

- How to start your own fund (it's easier than you think!)
- What "unrestricted giving" means and why it's so powerful
- Real-life stories of legacy donors and the change they've inspired.

2025 Grants to Date

PFC Shane Cantu Memorial Scholarship Fund
Greenwood Cemetery

Ryan Jones ALS Memorial Fund-
R. Farag- Vehicle ramp package
R. Vetterly- Multi-lift auto package

Ryan Jones Memorial Fund- Animal Welfare
Shiawassee County Humane Society
Community Cats Program

Montgomery Family Fund-
Shiawassee County Fair

Unrestricted Fund (Community Cares)-
Shiawassee Arts Council-SMARTS Program
SRES- S. M-52 School
Shiawassee Goodfellows
Durand Loaves & Fishes
Catholic Charities

Mackenzie L. Watts Memorial Fund - AED Fund
1st Congregational Church of Owosso

Debra Wegman Memorial Fund-
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Shiawassee

Russell and Annabelle Woodard Family Fund-
Village of Byron DDA
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Shiawassee

Alford and Alice Emmert Youth Fund-
Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts
Shiawassee RESD-SLC-W

Youth Advisory Council
W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fund-
First Congregational Church of Owosso
The Arc of Mid-Michigan serving Shiawassee County

Memorial Healthcare Center
Community Health and Education Fund-
Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center
Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Date to Remember

July 1, 2025
Summer Grants Open!





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2 Contributions

We can help you create your own endowment fund or contribute to an existing one that aligns with your passions. Every gift—big or small—makes a meaningful impact.

3 Investments

Donor gifts are pooled with our endowed assets, invested with careful stewardship; the income is used to make grants.

4 Grants & Scholarships

We distribute grants and scholarships to all corners of Shiawassee County in many different areas, including arts & culture, education, health, environment, and more!

1 Donors

Anyone can be a donor and make a gift of any size. Some donations, like the Community Cares Fund, are pooled together to make a greater impact. We work with our donors to help them realize their philanthropic goals. We continually monitor the emerging needs in Shiawassee County.

How does a community foundation work??



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5 Community Impact

We invest in Shiawassee County in many ways, including grants, scholarships, community leadership, education, and building partnerships that strengthen our community today and into the future.