# SCHOLARSHIP FUND STORIES

**Adam Murphy Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Memorial Medical Center West Michigan Medical Staff for Tim and Anne Murphy, who created the Adam Murphy Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County in memory of their son Adam .*

Adam was a gifted and talented young man. He had a sharp wit and sense of humor. Adam was a beloved student at Ludington Area Catholic School, where he attended through the eighth grade and was a freshmen at Ludington High School at the time of his passing. He was a board designer and a member of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team at Ludington High School. Adam was an active participant in Spelling Bees, Math Counts, and was state finalist in the You Be the Chemist competition. Family and Faith were also the utmost importance in his life.

**Alberta Muzzin Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Ludington & Scottville Chamber of Commerce, who established the Alberta Muzzin Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

**Bethany Lutheran Church Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Bethany Lutheran Church Congregational Council, who established the Bethany Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

In the 1870s Danish immigrants to the Ludington area met to pursue a dream to worship God, provide Christian education and to support one another through fellowship. In 1878 they established the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, which later became Bethany Lutheran Church. Danish language worship services were held into the 1940s. A mural depicting Bethany's longest serving pastor, The Reverend John Christensen, can be viewed from the parking lot west of the James Street Plaza. The congregation continued to worship and serve the community from its 1101 South Madison location until 2018 when, due to declining membership and financial support, it sold the church building to the Salvation Army and accepted the invitation of Grace Episcopal Church to share its building. Bethany held worship services there until March of 2019. As a memorial to all those who were a part of Bethany's ministry and in support of young people desiring post-high school education, Bethany's last act of service was to establish an endowed scholarship fund through the Community Foundation for Mason County. May this scholarship be a blessing to you as you courageously pursue your educational dream. We wish you all the best as you continue your education and contribute to the betterment of society. If in the future circumstances allow, please consider paying it forward to encourage another young person to fulfill his or her dream.

**Craig L. Rasmussen Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Jack L. and Shirley Rasmussen, who established the Craig L. Rasmussen Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County in memory of their son, Craig.*

This scholarship is for artistic Ludington area students who plan attend a post-secondary educational institution.

**Danny McCarty Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Family of Danny McCarty, who established the Danny McCarty Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Deb Del Zoppo and her family established a scholarship in memory of her nephew, Danny McCarty, after he passed away at the age of 26 in a motorcycle accident in Colorado. Danny was involved in construction trades so the focus of the two year scholarship is to support students who are going into that field of study.

**Dr. Charles A. Paukstis Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Ludington Area School District, who established the Dr. Charles A. Paukstis Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is presented to graduating seniors of Ludington High School who will attend West Shore Community College. Awards may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and other expenses incurred for educational purposes.

**Drs. Ruth & John Carney & Irene Carney Kendrick Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Dr. John Carney, who established the Drs. Ruth & John Carney & Irene Carney Kendrick Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Carney's love of Ludington ran deep, and they served the Ludington community through their family medical practice for over 42 years. Dr. Carney valued education and wanted to help others achieve their dreams. John's encouraging spirit lives on through this scholarship, which was established in memory of his first wife and their late daughter, to create opportunities for adult students, students pursuing postgraduate degrees, or those facing barriers to getting a college degree.

**Elmer & Rose Peterson Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of David Peterson, who established the Elmer & Rose Peterson Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Elmer & Rose Peterson Memorial Scholarship was established by David Peterson, a Mason County Central (MCC) alumnus, to award a scholarship to MCC students who are inventive. This scholarship is in memory of his parents and honors his father, Elmer, who loved to invent things. Elmer's passion for inventing will continue forever in the form of scholarships for students pursuing that field of study.

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**Emily & Frank Smiddy Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Emily & Frank Smiddy who established the Emily & Frank Smiddy Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Frank Smiddy, former owner of ProAct Environmental Services located in Ludington, has always had a passion for STEM related learning and wanted to give back to the community where he owned his business. He and his wife Emily wanted to leave a legacy of students going into this type of field the best chance possible to get their college education with as little debt as possible so they established the Emily & Frank Smiddy Scholarship Fund. It is their hope that students receiving this scholarship will be motivated, when they are financially able, to give back to the community to help others see success.

**Epworth Fund for Ludington Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the residents of the Epworth Community, who established the Epworth Fund for Ludington Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Epworth Fund for Ludington provides scholarships to Mason County High School graduates and supports other projects within Mason County.

**Everett J. Liebetreu Education Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Everett J. Liebetreu, who established the Everett J. Liebetreu Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

**George Dila Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Wayne and Jeanie Mortenson, who established the George Dila Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

George Dila was a close friend of Wayne and Jeanie. He was a longtime Ludington Daily News columnist who passed away on April 25, 2016 at the age of 77. George attended Wayne State University, and it was shortly after that he wed his wife Judith in Detroit on June 29, 1963 and then moved to Colorado. It was the desire to be closer to extended family that prompted a move back to the Detroit area after 17 years in Colorado. George took a position as the head of marketing for a carpet company based in the Detroit area. Then in 1998, George and Judith settled in Ludington after falling in love with the beach and cozy town. George worked hard to tap into the existing community of writers, and explored the prospects of bringing Michigan writers well-known in the literary world to do readings and workshops in Ludington. Several of his short stories were picked up by quarterly publications. He also published a novel and some collections of short stories. George was well-known for his spirited and sometimes controversial opinion pieces appearing in the Ludington Daily News each Monday. This scholarship supports students that exceled in Spanish.

**Hamlin Lake Preservation Society Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society who established the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Hamlin Lake Preservation Society is an educational organization that represents waterfront owners and interested friends of Hamlin Lake through monitoring water quality, weed distribution, producing a newsletter, and sponsoring activities on the lake such as fireworks and sailboat races. November 10, 2017, they established the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society Endowment Fund to provide a permanent, growing source of income to sustain their good work, and to provide scholarships to support Mason County Students pursuing a STEM related career.

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**Joe Lancour Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the family of Joe Lancour, who established the Joe Lancour Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Joe Lancour served our country in Afghanistan where he lost his life. Joe was active in sports and graduated in 2004 from Ludington High School. He was artistic in many ways and loved to cook. His mother Starla Owens championed this scholarship fund to honor his memory.

**Knizacky Family Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Fabian Knizacky, who established the Knizacky Family Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is presented to graduating seniors from any Mason County School, Manistee Catholic Schools or Manistee High School who have a Freesoil Community connection. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. He or she must demonstrate leadership ability, community involvement and extracurricular high school activities. The recipient may pursue any degree at any Michigan two or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/technical school with preference to Aquinas College.

**Lee Shipman Engineering Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Lee Shipman who established the Lee Shipman Engineering Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Lee Shipman has always had a love for all things electrical as far back as grade school when he added an additional phone in his family home so calls could be answered from more than one location! This eventually led him to get his degree in electrical engineering and a career at Dow Chemical in Ludington. He continued following his passion after retiring from Dow by working with a local Ludington business helping with the selection and modifications of equipment. Through this work, he recognized the real challenges that downtown merchants face. Lee is thankful for the people who have made a difference in his life, from his Latin teacher to coworkers to close friends and, because of this, he wants to give back to others. He established two Scholarship Funds for students pursuing electrical engineering and has also planned a future gift to support projects that will enhance the downtown business climate. Lee's scholarships will help students today and his planned estate gifts will support his scholarships and the Mason County Fund forever!

**Lee Shipman WSCC Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Lee Shipman who established the Lee Shipman WSCC Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

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**Ludington Education Association Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Ludington Area School District, who established the Ludington Education Association Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors of Ludington High School.

**Ludington High School Class of '59 Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Ludington High School Class of '59.*

This scholarship is for graduating seniors of Ludington High School with a proven good worth ethic.

**Margaret M. Lederle Ludington Area School District Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Mr. Arthur Lederle and the Ludington Area School District, who established the Margaret M. Lederle Ludington Area School District Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is presented to a graduating senior of Ludington High School. Recipients are eligible to receive unlimited renewals, based on renewal standards, as long as the student pursues his or her chosen course of study. It is Mr. Lederle's desire that recipients of this scholarship consider giving back to the Fund, if and when they find themselves in a position to do so.

**Marlene Schoenberger Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Tamar Schoenberg, who established the Marlene Schoenberger Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County in memory of her mother, Marlene.*

This scholarship is presented to students in Mason County who are pursuing the Fine Arts and Performing Arts.

**Mason-Oceana-Manistee Board of Realtors Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the members of the Mason-Oceana-Manistee Board of Realtors, who established the Mason-Oceana-Manistee Board of Realtors Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Mason-Oceana-Manistee Board of Realtors created this Scholarship Fund to benefit graduating seniors from any Mason, Oceana, and Manistee County High School. This fund supports a student from each county every year.

**Merry E. Petersen Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Frank Petersen, who established the Merry E. Petersen Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The Merry E. Petersen Memorial Scholarship was founded on the belief that persons wishing to serve others in the benevolent field of nursing should be given the chance to achieve it. Merry was a graduate with honors from St. Francis School of Nursing in Illinois. During her lifetime, she was devoted to the nurturing care of others and her family wanted to encourage others to pursue this important profession!

**Michael and Rebecca Magee Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible Michael and Rebecca Magee, who established the Michael and Rebecca Magee Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

**Miller Family Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Michael K. Miller, who established the Miller Family Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is presented to instrumentalists graduating from Ludington High School.

**Noble Arent Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Ludington Area School District, who established the Noble Arent Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This fund shall provide scholarships to a graduating senior of Ludington High School who is a member of National Honor Society. This student must be pursuing a degree in the Field of Education at any four-year accredited college or university.

**Oriole Foundation Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Oriole Foundation, who established the Oriole Foundation Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

**Richard and Helen Daron Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Ludington Area School District, who established the Richard and Helen Daron Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is presented to graduating seniors of Ludington High School. Award recipients must be pursuing a degree or certification at any two or four-year accredited college, university or vocational/technical school. Award recipients are eligible to receive up to three renewals.

**Rick & Mary Ann Randall Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Rick and Mary Ann Randall, who established the Rick and Mary Ann Randall Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

As quoted by Rick and Mary Ann Randall..."We value education and the opportunities it provides. We believe that all students who wish to pursue higher education should be able to do so, regardless of their academic standing or financial resources. Therefore, we offer scholarships to deserving students who show a strong desire to continue their education beyond high school."

**Robert J. and Norma E. Bazzett Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Robert J. and Norma E. Bazzett, who established the Robert J. and Norma E. Bazzett Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Robert, a 1959 graduate of Ludington High School, said he always had the idea in the back of his mind to establish a scholarship fund for the "average" student. "I always felt there was a need for that," Robert said, "because there are a lot of kids like me that were just average C students in high school." "We were cut out of the scholarship picture because our grades weren't good enough, but that didn't mean that we were not worthy of getting a scholarship."

**Rotary Club of Ludington Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the Rotary Club of Ludington, who established the Rotary Club of Ludington Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

The fund was established to provide scholarships to Mason County Residents.

**Sharon Bradley Johnson & Carl Johnson Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Sharon Bradley Johnson & Carl Johnson, who established the Sharon Bradley Johnson & Carl Johnson Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

There is a high demand for Board Certified Behavior Analysts. Sharon Bradley-Johnson and Carl Johnson, retired CMU professors who live in our community, are passionate about this work. They established a scholarship for students entering the Board Certified Behavior Analyst field of study and are helping educate youth in our area about this career path. Their investment will impact the future of our students forever.

**Thomas Thompson Family Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of Thomas Thompson, who established the Thomas Thompson Family Scholarship of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

Thomas Thompson, a Ludington Area Schools alumnus, created a scholarship fund in his family's name because many of his family members have received scholarships over the years. Because of his first-hand knowledge of the difference financial support for college meant, he wanted to share in the good feeling that comes from making a difference for future generations. "It is one of the things I wanted to do in my life," said Thomas. The first scholarship from his family fund will be awarded spring of 2019.

**West Shore Community College Foundation Scholarship**

*This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of the West Shore Community College Foundation, who established the West Shore Community College Foundation Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation for Mason County.*

This scholarship is for Mason County residents attending West Shore Community College.