

The Greater Oxford Community Foundation has a variety of scholarships available to Talawanda High School Seniors. Carefully review each scholarship's eligibility criteria and application requirements and only apply for those which you fulfill all the requirements.

For questions or more information about the Greater Oxford Community Foundation scholarships, please contact us at 513-523-0623 or admin@oxfordfdn.org.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Graduating Talawanda High School Senior
- Pursuing higher education
- Enrolling as a full-time student at a college or university and/or vocational or trade school
- Demonstrated financial need
- Scholarships awarded in Spring 2025 must be used in 2025

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

All pages must be one sided only and secured with a binder clip or paper clip. NO STAPLES PLEASE.

- One copy of the completed scholarship application with the scholarships for which you are applying indicated
 - Typed responses are preferred. You may also use blue or black ink and be sure to write legibly
 - Applications may also be filled out online. Applications are available online at the Foundation website: oxfordfdn.org
- Application **must be signed** by applicant if 18 years or older or by parent/guardian if under 18 years old
- General Essay. **Must be typed**
- One copy of school transcript
- Verification from Administration for daily attendance
- Verification from Administration regarding office referrals
- Completed FAFSA page that shows your Student Aid Index (SAI) number.
- Two letters of recommendation. **One must be from a current classroom teacher.** Some scholarships require specific letters of recommendation (such requirements will be included in the scholarship description). Please make sure those requirements are met with your submission
- Scholarship specific essays. Be sure to **label these essays** for the specific scholarship and the essay **must be typed**. These essays are in addition to the general essay required in the application
- For other scholarship specific requirements, be sure to **label the requirements** for the specific scholarships. i.e., verification of playing a varsity sport

HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Applications must be to the **Talawanda High School Guidance Office by 3 pm, Thursday, February 20**
- Make sure all materials are included in your application packet and the application is signed for it to be considered

All information provided within the application will be held in strict confidence.
Applicants will be notified in writing if they receive an award.

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Deadline: Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 3 pm



Scholarship Application

Due to Talawanda Guidance Office by
February 20, 2025 by 3 pm

Personal Information	
Name of Applicant:	Nickname:
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email: <i><u>Do NOT</u> use your school email</i>	Phone:
Parent/Guardian #1 Place of Employment:	Position Held:
Parent/Guardian #2 Place of Employment:	Position Held:

Educational Information		
Intended University, College or Vocational School:		
Intended Major:	Living on Campus Commuting	Weighted GPA: ACT Composite:
Are you a first generation college student?	Yes	No
Financial Information		
Please include the page from your completed FAFSA that shows your Student Aid Index Number.		
Total Number of Financially Dependent Children in the Family:		
Of that number how many will be pursuing higher education next year:		

I affirm the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand misrepresentation may constitute fraud, which may result in the loss of scholarship or which may have legal consequences. I also give my permission to the Greater Oxford Community Foundation to publicize the acceptance of an award.

Applicant Signature
(Actual signature required – online signature not sufficient)

Parent/Guardian Signature
(If student is under 18 years of age)

Please explain your need for financial assistance:

Have you applied for other scholarships? Yes No
If yes, please list from whom and how much:

Have you been awarded any other scholarships? Yes No
If yes, please list from whom and how much:

Work Experience

List all of your work experience, if applicable

Employer	Dates of Employment	Job Description

Community Service

Please add an additional page if needed

Organization	Dates of Participation/ Hours	Description of Service

Extracurricular Activities

*Please include school activities, athletics, clubs, community organizations, etc.
Please add an additional page if needed.*

Activity	Dates of Participation	Leadership Position/Special Recognition/Special Awards or Honors

General Essay Question

Please provide a typed response, on a separate page, to the following question. The question should be answered once and will be considered with each scholarship for which you are applying.

Some scholarships have specific essay requirements, which are listed with the scholarship descriptions. An additional essay response should be submitted and appropriately labeled for each scholarship with specific essay requirements.

General Essay Question

Describe your personal, career, and educational goals, and explain how and why a scholarship will be beneficial to you.

Please check the box next to the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

Tiffany Lynn Barrett Scholarship

Jim Beaton Memorial Scholarship

J.K. (Jnanendra) and Tripti Bhattacharjee
Math and Science Scholarship

Robert W. and Mary Louise Bogan
Scholarship

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James "Red" Wilcher Scholarship for the

Arts Marvin and Janet Wilhelm Scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Tiffany Lynn Barrett Scholarship

General Information

Terry L. Arthur Barrett and Gary W. Barrett established this endowed scholarship in 2019 in honor of their daughter, Tiffany Lynn Barrett, 1971-2015. Tiffany was an alumnus of Talawanda High School Class of 1989. While attending Talawanda High School, she lettered as a member of the Talawanda Girls Cross Country. This scholarship is to be awarded to a Talawanda Girls Cross Country Senior for excellence in academic and athletic pursuits.

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.5 GPA
- Lettered in Talawanda Girls Cross Country

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Three letters of recommendation, one from an educator, one from a teammate, and one from an employer**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Jim Beaton Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is given in memory of Jim Beaton of the Oxford Lions Club, whose life reflected the values and ideals of Lionism through selfless service to the greater Oxford community. The Jim Beaton Scholarship recognizes a graduating Talawanda High School Senior who has made plans for further formal education and has, throughout high school, demonstrated a willingness to assist others by giving freely of his or her time and labor in the causes of school and community service.

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Scholastic merit

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Signed statement from coach, advisor, or teacher regarding involvement in athletic, band, or music program(s)**
- **Signed statement from coach, advisor, or teacher regarding involvement in community service**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
J.K. (Jnanendra) and Tripti Bhattacharjee Math and Science Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was established by J.K. (Jnanendra) and Tripti Bhattacharjee. Strongly feeling the urgent need to strengthen America's competitive position in math, science, and technology, the former Miami microbiology professor and his wife set up this fund to encourage Talawanda students to take advantage of the new high school and its state-of-the-art science laboratories. "We want today's students to take special interest and take more than the minimum math and science courses. Like our own children, both Talawanda graduates, we hope more Talawanda students will move on to receive a college education, go beyond and pursue successful careers in global science and technology, thus maintaining America's leadership."

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Resides in the Talawanda School District
- Pursuing a degree in Math or Science

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must be from Science and/or Math instructors that include evidence of academic achievement in high school, completion of Science or Mathematics coursework and the applicant's commitment to pursue a career in a Science or Math field**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Robert W. and Mary Louise Bogan Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Bogan, former educators in the Talawanda School District. The intent is to encourage students who would like to become educators and who enroll in academic programs in the field of education.

Eligibility

- Pursuing a career in elementary or secondary education (e.g., teaching, guidance, educational psychology, etc.)

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Signed statement from coach, advisor, or teacher regarding participation in extracurricular activities**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Gene Burton Minority Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was established to honor Gene Burton, who was a long-time resident of Oxford. Mr. Burton passed away in March 2005. A 1959 graduate of Talawanda High School. He was active in high school dramatics and served as manager for the football team. Mr. Burton was always concerned with the welfare of others and helped those in need.

The Gene Burton scholarship is awarded to a graduating Talawanda student who has been disadvantaged due to race, color, creed, cultural background, or sexual orientation.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Pursuing a degree at an accredited two or four-year school of higher education
- Must be currently holding a full or part-time job(s)
- Scholarship will be renewed provided the student meets the grade point criteria of 2.0 or higher
- Maximum eligibility is limited to four consecutive years or graduation, whichever comes first

Amount to be Awarded

- One, \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for up to three additional years
- Total possible amount of award is \$4,000. *Process for renewal will be provided to award recipient*

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Marge and Al Cornett Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was established by Cher and Tom Uhl and family in memory of Cher's parents, Marge and Al Cornett, to recognize a student dedicated to furthering his or her education who has demonstrated academic achievement and financial need, completion of coursework, and a commitment to pursue a career in a chosen field.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Resides in the Talawanda School District
- Pursuing a degree at an accredited two or four-year school of higher education within the State of Ohio

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must be from instructors and include evidence of academic achievement in high school, completion of coursework, and the applicant's commitment to pursue a career in a chosen field**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$2,500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Melford T. Edwards Excellence in Education Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship honors long-time Talawanda educator Melford T. Edwards. Established by Mel's friends, 2022 was the first time the scholarship was awarded. A role model with contagious enthusiasm, Mel enjoyed a long and successful career as physical education teacher and football coach in the Talawanda School System. Mel also brings joy to countless others as a DJ and musician in a variety of settings from weddings to retirement homes. He was a member of Miami University's football team when he was a student, and he is still connected with his Miami teammates. As Steve Kramer, one of those teammates and the initial contributor to the Melford T. Edwards Excellence in Education Scholarship stated, "Mel has made a multi-generational contribution to the youth of Oxford for the past 40 years."

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Planning a career path in education, coaching, or other education role with preference toward those focused on health/physical education or music
- Additional consideration will be given for those planning to attend Miami University and/or who have had personal and/or financial hardship

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$2,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Marilyn Cromer Elzey Scholarship

General Information

This new scholarship was created to honor the beloved long-time Talawanda High School Teacher Marilyn Cromer Elzey.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Good attendance
- Pursuing further education at either college or vocational school
- Performed regular and consistent community volunteer work or part time employment
- Preference for a first-generation college student showing financial need

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Captain David C. Foley Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is given in memory of Captain David C. Foley. Captain Foley graduated magna cum laude from Talawanda in 1983, was a 1987 graduate of Miami University, and a career Naval Intelligence Officer. The scholarship, established by friends and family to honor Captain Foley's life, his love for nature, his devotion to family and friends, his strong faith, and enthusiasm for life, is intended for students wishing to pursue a career in the field(s) of work related to environmental studies – defined as, *the science which studies the interaction between man and the environment, emphasizing the links between different subjects related to this issue, including ecology, economics, geography, geology, meteorology, politics and sociology.*

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Resides in the Talawanda School District
- Pursuing studies toward a career in the field of environmental studies
- Demonstrated accomplishments, including education, any work experience, volunteerism, particularly any activity highlighting contributions made to preservation/conservation of environment

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must be from teachers (preferably at least one from a science teacher)**
- **Personal statement on goals in the field of environmental studies**
- **Signed statement from coach, advisor, or teacher regarding involvement in extracurricular activities and community involvement**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Jeff Gross Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was created by the family of Jeff Gross to honor his memory. Jeff was a 1980 graduate of Talawanda High School and graduate from the University of Cincinnati Business School. Jeff believed that education is the key to opportunity. He passed away in May 2018 from a rare and aggressive cancer.

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Pursuing a degree in Business, Accountancy, or Marketing
- Have been personally affected by cancer, through their own experience or the experience of a loved one or close friend

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Essay explaining how you have been adversely affected by cancer**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Nancy Kane Continuing Education Award

General Information

This award provided by friends and colleagues of Nancy Kane as a tribute to the long-time educator in the Talawanda School District. Nancy worked with at risk students and students who could not, for many reasons, complete high school and whose only alternative to further their education was to complete the GED. She was inspirational to her students and fellow co-workers because of her tenacity, her care for her students, her integrity, and her gentleness.

The purpose of the Nancy Kane Continuing Education Award supports non-traditional or at-risk students who are enrolled in continuing education or job skill training following high school graduation (or completion of a Graduation Equivalency Diploma – GED).

Eligibility

- Resides in the Talawanda School District
- High school graduate or GED recipient (no age limit)
- Priority consideration will be given to non-traditional students or students who have overcome personal, financial, or academic challenges to complete high school or the GED
- Must be accepted into one of the following programs:
 - Post-high school continuing education
 - Adult education
 - Trade School or job skill training (certification through accredited programs)
 - Vocational/technical school
 - Community college or four-year college
 - Other career readiness programs such as an internship or apprenticeship

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must include one educational and one personal**
- **Write at least a one-page paper explaining your educational and career goals, your financial need, and the intended use of the funds**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$200 award

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Logan David Keebler Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is given in memory of Logan David Keebler, a 2016 Talawanda High School graduate who tragically lost his life in an industrial accident at the age of 21. Logan grew up in Darrtown and Hanover Township attending Marshall Elementary, Talawanda Middle and Talawanda High Schools. He played football, basketball, and baseball beginning in the recreation leagues through high school, lettering in three sports. Logan was a good student and had a great attitude and work ethic in everything he did. He was supportive and helpful to his family and friends and was all-around well liked. Logan began working part-time at a Butler County manufacturer during high school, then joined the company full time after graduation. Because of his work ethic and natural mechanical ability, he was soon responsible for maintaining the plant machines and equipment, a job he absolutely loved. Shortly before the accident, with his organizational skills and demeanor with the other workers, the owner had promoted him to a supervisor.

To honor and remember Logan, this scholarship was initiated by his grandparents with funds they had been saving since his birth for his post-high school education. Its purpose is to help graduating Talawanda seniors pursue a degree or certificate from a vocational, technical or trade school leading to a productive career in a field including but not limited to: agriculture, construction and mechanical trades; automotive or equipment technician; machining, manufacturing, and welding trades, dental or medical technician; or first responder. Thanks to the generous donations from family, friends, and the community at large, and through fundraisers organized and supported by Logan's parent's friends, the scholarship fund grew remarkably, and will live to provide support for Talawanda graduates forever.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA with a good attendance record
- Graduating Talawanda Senior accepted to an accredited vocational, trade, or technical school in pursuit of an associate degree or other certificate
- Award based on a combination of financial need; academic achievements; school participation including sports, clubs, and other activities; community service; and self-help (work) experience
- Demonstrated good character record

Amount to be Awarded

- Up to two, \$2,500 scholarships with the opportunity for a second-year renewal for two-year programs
- Total possible amount of award is \$5,000. *Process for renewal will be provided to award recipient(s)*

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Tammy McCartney Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is provided by family, friends, and community members on behalf of Tammy McCartney. Tammy was a career teacher for 24 years in the Talawanda School District, dedicated professional and devoted wife and mother. Her life exemplified a persevering attitude and a tremendous work ethic. This scholarship has been established to memorialize her determination and positive attitude.

Eligibility

- Award Criteria - Applicants must demonstrate:
 - Academic and personal growth
 - Compassionate service to organizations, groups, or individuals
 - Active participation in clubs, hobbies and/or organizations

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words using one of the three topics listed below as your inspiration**
 - **Overcoming obstacles**
 - **Helping others**
 - **The importance of family**
 - **The two letters of recommendation must address the award criteria (see above), specific examples are encouraged**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship and one, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
David Osborne Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is provided by the family of David Osborne, a 1965 graduate of Talawanda High School. David's father went bankrupt while David was president of his 8th grade class. From that time on, he was on his own. During high school, David worked as much as he could – mostly at restaurants – and still managed to play football and wrestle. His grades suffered, but he did what he had to do to get through high school, and to still play sports, which was what he really loved doing. He eventually went on to own a restaurant in Oxford. Wherever he went, he made friends. After his death at age 42, his family and friends created a scholarship in his name.

We felt the scholarship should reflect his life and struggles. The awardee is a student with great need who participates in sports, band, or cheerleading, and holds down a job.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Great drive, initiative, and potential
- Must hold part- or full-time job
- Must have participated in athletics, band, or cheerleading at the high school

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time scholarship for a minimum of \$3,000

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Oxford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

General Information

The Oxford Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping local business thrive. Businesses need good employees. That is why the Oxford Chamber of Commerce created this scholarship fund. This fund will help an individual work toward a degree at a trade school so that they can bring new knowledge and expertise to local businesses.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Resides in the Talawanda School District
- Pursuing a career in a technical or vocational field: funds to be used for education and skill building

Amount to be Awarded

- Four, one-time \$1,000 scholarships

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
The Dale Plank Award

General Information

The Dale Plank Award was established in 2013 with a gift from Marjorie and Ned Webb. Ned and Marjorie's children, Chris Webb (Talawanda Class of 1986) and Kalinde Webb (Talawanda Class of 1984), have worked closely with Dale Plank: Chris as a runner, Kalinde as a fellow coach. The Webb family admires Coach Plank's dedication to student athletes and his long service to the Talawanda School District. Dale Plank taught science at Talawanda Middle School for 38 years before retiring in 2012; he retired from coaching in 2014.

Eligibility

- Students must be nominated to apply
- Pursuing a degree at an accredited two or four-year school of higher education
- Outstanding effort and achievement in Cross Country and/or Track and Field
- Academic achievement – the selection committee is looking for students of outstanding character, who give attention to academics but who are not necessarily top scholars
- Consistent with Dale Plank's concept of character, a student having outstanding "character" is defined as a student who –
 - Works hard towards goals through training as well as active communication with coaches and teammates
 - Does the right thing simply because it's right, not because of a reward or recognition
 - Leads effectively, whether through action or quiet role modeling
 - Looks out for the team by balancing individual desires with team benefits
 - Keeps family in balance with personal time commitments

Nomination Process

- Students will be nominated by the Coaches' Council. Nominees will be notified by the Council and asked to apply by writing an essay in response to questions designed by the selection committee.
Selection Committee (four to seven people)
 - Oxford Community Foundation Scholarship Committee member
 - A Cross Country and/or Track Coach
 - A counselor or teacher
 - A community member and/or a member of the Webb family

Amount to be Awarded

- One or two, one-time \$1,500 scholarship(s)

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Rotary Club Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is provided by the Oxford Rotary Club's Hefner Fund to recognize students for their academic achievements as well as for good citizenship and service to the school and community. Since Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self," service to school/community is a strong consideration. The Club's goal is to award five or more \$2,000 scholarships annually with some being presented to traditional college bound seniors and some to students bound for nontraditional vocational education and training.

Eligibility

- Pursuing further education at either a two or four-year institution
- Scholarships will be based on a combination of financial need, academic achievement, school participation including clubs and sports, community service, and self-help (work) experience

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Include an essay addressing your:**
 - **Educational goals including type of degree/certification sought**
 - **Financial need**
 - **School activities including club and sport participation**
 - **Community service activities**
 - **Work experience**
 - **Other scholarships received**
- **The two letters of recommendation must include one from a math, science, or language arts teacher and one from a person of your choice such as a teacher, coach, employer, pastor, or neighbor**

Amount to be Awarded

- The intent is to present five, one-time \$2,000 scholarships

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Snyder Career Development Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was created by Deb Snyder to recognize the partnership between the Talawanda School District and Butler Tech and the benefits students receive by completing coursework through Butler Tech.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Completion of at least one course **through** Butler Tech

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Essay showing alignment between education plan and career goals, such as course(s) taken and intended major and how they correlate**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Robert F. Southard Memorial Scholarship

General Information

Established in memory of Robert Fairbairn Southard by Edna Carter Southard and their children, David and Jared Southard, this scholarship recognizes a graduating high school student intent on pursuing a liberal arts education in the humanities, social sciences, history, literature, languages, art, music, or theater, in order to make a contribution to the betterment of society and culture. The student should show an appreciation for the core values of a liberal education, extracurricular activities beyond the classroom and community involvement and demonstrated financial need including part-time work history. Robert F. Southard was a beloved teacher husband, father, and friend to many people in all walks of life. An accomplished scholar and writer, he was Professor of History and Jewish Studies at Earlham College.

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Pursuing a liberal arts education
- Resident of Oxford or Oxford township
- Enrolled full time in an accredited four-year private or public college or university

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must be from instructors that include evidence of academic achievement and promise, completion of coursework, and commitment to the value of a liberal arts education**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Mitzie Statum “Spirit of Goodwill” Memorial Scholarship

General Information

Mitzie Statum was a 1980 graduate of Talawanda High School, known for her infectious smile and her love of people. Mitzie was born in Munich, Germany to Joe and Alma Statum who were stationed in Munich with the U.S. Army. At 18 months old Mitzie contracted spinal meningitis, which nearly took her life. Though she overcame the disease, she had to deal with its effects until her death on August 28, 2009. This scholarship has been established to honor Mitzie’s deep sense of respect and caring for others. Her example helped to promote positive relationships in her classes and with school personnel.

Eligibility

- Graduating Talawanda High School Special Needs student that has demonstrated goodwill toward their classmates and promoted positive relationships in class and with personnel during their high school years
- This student should display a strong desire to succeed
- The selection of the recipient shall be made by a Guidance Counselor and a teacher in the Special Education Program, based on letters of recommendation from other teachers and staff at Talawanda High School
- The scholarship will be used to defray expenses the honoree will incur pursuing educational, vocational, or employment opportunities upon graduation

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$250 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Talawanda Alumni Hall of Achievement Promise Scholarship

General Information

The Talawanda Hall of Achievement Promise Scholarship represents a collaborative effort between the Greater Oxford Community Foundation and the Talawanda Hall of Achievement, a group of Talawanda High School (THS) alumni and retired teachers who wish to recognize the accomplishments of THS graduates.

Kristine Rose Winkler (84) and David Winkler (76), who have spearheaded this project, shared with us, “This award is for students who show great promise in changing the world. Our hope is that students get a boost they were not expecting and are recognized for talents they don’t even know they have. We want to encourage students to reach for the stars and see that their community is behind them.”

Unlike traditional scholarships focused solely on academic merit or financial need, this scholarship celebrates students who demonstrate exceptional potential and unique gifts. Nominees are identified by educators, administrators, and coaches who recognize their remarkable promise. Candidates are evaluated not on their proficiency in communication or writing, but rather on their potential to effect positive change in society.

The GOCF takes great pride in supporting this uplifting scholarship initiative and eagerly anticipates full realization.

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Talawanda Athletic Boosters Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is provided by the Talawanda Athletic Boosters. The boosters will award four scholarships of up to \$1,000 each, to two male and two female student athletes. The recipients will have demonstrated determination, dedication to the classroom, and leadership. They will have demonstrated these qualities both in and outside of their athletic endeavors.

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Participation in at least one varsity sport at Talawanda High School with a signed statement of participation from a coach

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Signed statement from coach regarding participation in at least one varsity sport at Talawanda High School**
- **A full-page essay describing how participation in athletics at Talawanda High School has impacted you as an individual and explain how receiving the Talawanda Athletic Boosters Scholarship would assist you in achieving your academic and career goals**

Amount to be Awarded

- Two, one-time \$1,000 scholarship for a male athlete
- Two, one-time \$1,000 scholarship for a female athlete

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Talawanda Memorial Brick Scholarship

General Information

Established by the Talawanda School District from the proceeds of the sale of bricks from the old Talawanda High School for the purpose of supporting graduating Talawanda High School students wishing to attend a four-year institution or vocational school

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must have 95% daily attendance
- Must not have office referrals

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **The two letters of recommendation must be from instructors, principal or counselor(s) and include evidence that applicant is an individual with drive and potential to succeed**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Steven J. Termeer Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship honors long time local educator and coach Steven J. Termeer. Steven and his wife, Pamela, graduated from Miami University and remained in Oxford to start their careers and raise their three daughters. A long-time and popular Talawanda High School basketball coach and math teacher, he focused on all levels of geometry, algebra, and computer science. Steven was also an instructor at Miami University for four years, specializing in math classes for secondary education majors. He spent 20 summers as a teacher for SEPTL, a math and science camp at Miami University for gifted elementary students. Steven was an active community volunteer, and a daily runner on Oxford's streets. He passed away at 52 of a rare illness, but through the Steven J. Termeer Scholarship, his dedication to youth and education continues.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Student with good attendance and community volunteer work or part time employment
- Preference for first generation college student showing financial need
- Plans to attend college or vocational school

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Charles Warren Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship is provided by the Oxford City Council based on city ordinance #2503. The intent is to recognize students who, like the late Charles Warren, are committed to serving the community, and to encourage students who plan to pursue careers in public service.

Eligibility

- Pursuing a public service career (e.g., teaching, law, nursing, medicine, public administration)
- Record of strong service to school and community

Amount to be Awarded

- One-time \$2,700 scholarship to be divided equally among a minimum of two recipients

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Eric Wasser Memorial Scholarship

General Information

This scholarship was established by family and friends in memory of Eric Wasser, a member of the Talawanda class of 1984, who was killed in an automobile accident just prior to his senior year at Talawanda. During high school Eric was a member of the yearbook staff and enjoyed photography, playing soccer and programming computers.

Eligibility

- Academic promise
- Potential success as a person is more important than success as a scholar

Amount to be awarded

- One, one-time \$1,000 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Marjorie and Ned Webb Writing Award

General Information

The Marjorie and Ned Webb Writing Awards were established in 2013 with a gift from Marjorie and Ned Webb to honor their children, Kalinde Webb (Talawanda Class of 1984) and Chris Webb (Talawanda Class of 1986), and to celebrate the writing education each received with many Talawanda teachers in both the English and Social Studies Departments. The Webbs would especially like to recognize the impact of Marilyn Elzey as a teacher and mentor. This award also celebrates the ongoing tradition of all Talawanda teachers, regardless of department, who offer students excellent writing instruction.

Every year, through a teacher nomination process, the English Department of Talawanda High School selects two senior writers who have demonstrated excellence across a wide variety of genres, for all four years of high school. This award is accompanied by a financial gift to be disbursed to any institution of higher learning for work in the major field of the writer's choice, because good writing is essential to success in any field.

"If people cannot write well, they cannot think well, and if they cannot think well, others will do their thinking for them." -- George Orwell

Nomination Process

In the spring, there will be a call for nominees within the English Department. A Talawanda teacher who nominates a student must submit a writing sample from the student and a brief cover letter outlining the teacher's rationale for nomination. An effort will be made to name a CP student as well as an Honors/AP student, though exceptions might be made for two unusually talented CP students (or two unusually talented AP students). There will be no designation of AP/CP in the awards list.

Selection Committee

- One member from the Greater Oxford Community Foundation
- Talawanda English Department

Amount to be Awarded

- Two, one-time \$2,000 scholarships

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
James "Red" Wilcher Scholarship for the Arts

General Information

James "Red" Wilcher was born on March 3, 1940, in Miamisburg, Ohio and died on December 6, 2005. He is a graduate of Miami University and resided in Oxford from 1958-1962. He later returned to Oxford to pursue a Master's Degree in Theater. While a student at Miami, he assisted with Miami University Children's Theater Program, served as a mentor to numerous local students, and would best be remembered for the inspiration he provided to them. It is designed to encourage an individual's artistic goals.

Eligibility

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Pursuing an arts related career (e.g., theater, dance, music, art, graphic design, etc.)

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Provide statement of history of your involvement in a form of artistic interest and your future goals of being involved in the arts**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$300 scholarship

Greater Oxford Community Foundation
Marvin and Janet Wilhelm Scholarship

General Information

A scholarship honoring Marvin, a former Talawanda High School Principal, and his wife Janet Wilhelm.

Eligibility

- Plans to attend a four-year college majoring in a helping profession
- Recipient will exhibit willingness to help people by having volunteered their time throughout the year

Additional Requirements for Application:

- **Short essay addressing your goals for the future and why you believe you should be considered for this scholarship**

Amount to be Awarded

- One, one-time \$500 scholarship