

FUNDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Unrestricted Funds

General Mills Community Fund

The income from the fund will be distributed annually to worthwhile projects in Hillsdale County.

Hillsdale County Community Foundation General Endowment Fund

Provides grants to support projects or events of charitable organizations that fall within the mission statement of the Foundation and will benefit the residents of Hillsdale County.

Lavern and Robin Barber Haynes Memorial Endowment Fund

Distributed annually to support worthwhile Hillsdale County projects or programs.

Mildred Hawkes Barber Memorial Endowment Fund

Distributed annually for a worthwhile Hillsdale County project or program.

Field of Interest Funds

Benge Library Fund

Supports programming, special projects or additional materials for libraries in Hillsdale County.

Carl Densmore Memorial Christmas Wish Fund

Purchases articles such as food, clothing and toys for needy families at Christmas time.

Louise Hawkes Library Fund

Provides grants to libraries in Hillsdale County.

Healthy Senior Healthy Youth Endowment and Pass Through Funds

Provides grant money for projects that promote health and wellness in young people and older adults.

W.K. Kellogg Youth Advisory Fund

Provides grants to charitable organizations for projects or events that involve young people in the planning and implementation and will benefit the young people of Hillsdale County.

James and Ardath McCall Building Fund

Provides financial support for new construction, remodeling, or renovations of facilities for Hillsdale County Non-profit Agency grants.

Mary Alice Powers Pope Fund

Provides annual financial support to a minimum of four organizations that support the health and human service needs in Hillsdale County.

Team Hillsdale Small Business Development Fund

Provides financial support for economic development within Hillsdale County. Income from the Fund shall be disbursed as requested and paid to the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County for distribution to selected recipients.

Bernal and Agnes Wallace Memorial Fund

Provides financial support for parks or youth projects within the City of Hillsdale or administered by the city of Hillsdale or a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Designated Funds

Jack Beilfuss Memorial Davis Middle School Track Fund

Provides funds to purchase equipment and provide ongoing support to the Davis Middle School Track program.

Margaret Clay Memorial Fund

Supports the Hillsdale First United Methodist Church.

Fields of Dreams Endowment and Pass Through Funds

Provides ongoing support for the maintenance and expansion of the Fields of Dreams athletic complex.

Fillies Community Support Fund

Provides financial support for program expenses for those individuals with financial barriers participating in the Fillies program. Program expenses include, but are not limited to, uniforms and competition fees.

Gospel Barn Building Fund

Provides financial support to the Gospel Barn renovation project.

Grosvenor House Museum Fund

Provides support for the ongoing expenses of the Grosvenor House Museum, the only one of two historic buildings in Jonesville that is open for public viewing.

Hillsdale Community Health Center Community Fund

Provides financial support to the Health Center's Scholarship program and future capital equipment campaigns.

Hillsdale Community Library Endowment Fund

Provides income that will benefit the Hillsdale Community Library, or a District Library with which it might be merged.

Hillsdale Community Schools Foundation Fund

Provides grant money to support enrichment programs and other projects aimed at enhancing the quality of education and educational opportunities at Hillsdale Community Schools.

Hillsdale County Intermediate Schools Education Fund

Provides financial support for the Lochaven School, Special Education, Vocational Education, and General Education programs of the Hillsdale County Intermediate School District.

HHS Gymnastics Community Support Fund

Provides support for the continuation of the Hillsdale High School Gymnastics Program.

HomeTown Partnerships Fund

Provides financial support to the HomeTown Partnerships Program, a community-building approach to strengthening the areas of leadership, youth development, entrepreneurship, and the capture of charitable assets for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Hillsdale Rotary Club Projects Fund

Financially supports community projects and programs administered by the Hillsdale Rotary Club.

Herbert and Barbara James Family Endowment Fund

Provides annual ongoing support to designated charities.

Jonesville Area Community Fund

Provides funds for scientific, educational, artistic and charitable purposes in a manner that both promotes the spirit of philanthropy and meets the needs of the people of the Jonesville area.

Jonesville Community Educational Foundation Fund

Provides grant money to support enrichment programs and other projects aimed at enhancing the quality of education and educational opportunities at Jonesville Community Schools.

Mr. Ralph A. Kelley Fund

Provides funds to benefit three organizations. Income from this fund will be divided equally and annually between the Cambria Baptist Church, the Hillsdale Community Health Center, and the Reading Emergency Unit.

Kimball Camp Endowment Fund

Covers the expense of camp memberships or other outdoor educational opportunities for underprivileged children and supports the ongoing maintenance of Kimball Camp.

Litchfield Community Schools Education Fund

Provides funds to support enrichment programs and other program aimed at enhancing the quality of education at Litchfield Community Schools. Income from this fund cannot be used for salaries or operating expenses.

Litchfield District Library Support Fund

Provides financial support to the Litchfield District Library's building project and future library building maintenance.

Manor Endowment Fund

Provides support for the on-going expenses of the Manor Foundation, a private, non-profit residential treatment and special education facility located in Jonesville.

Mitchell Research Center Endowment and Pass Through Funds

Provides financial support for the Friends of the Mitchell Research Center.

North Adams-Jerome Education Foundation Fund

Will provide funds to support enrichment programs and other projects aimed at enhancing the quality of education at North Adams-Jerome Public Schools.

Purdy Family Recreation Fund

Provides grants for the City of Litchfield to be used for projects in the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Reading Community Schools Foundation Fund

Provides support for the ongoing operational expenses of Reading Community Schools.

George W. Romney Endowment Fund

Provides financial support for volunteer programs in Hillsdale County.

Sauk Theater Fund

Provides financial support for the operation of the Sauk Theater.

St. Peter's Clinic Community Support Fund

Provides for the ongoing expenses of the St. Peter's Free Clinic. The clinic serves people who are uninsured and underinsured by providing health care services, prescription drug assistance, and health education.

Waldron District Library Fund

Supports the operation of the Waldron District Library.

Warm the Children Fund

Provides financial support for needy families in Hillsdale County to receive warm, winter clothing.

Wright-Waldron Township Fire Department Fund

Provides grants to benefit the Wright-Waldron Township Fire Department.

Agency Funds

Community Action Agency Fund

Provides financial support for the Community Action Agency and its programs.

Hillsdale County Senior Services Center Agency Fund

Provides financial support for the operation of the Senior Services Center and its programs.

Key Opportunities, Inc. Agency Fund

Provides for work-related training and experience for Key Opportunities' most severely impaired clients.

Donor-Advised Funds

Beth Ann Blanchard Memorial Children's Fund

Supports projects that address the material, social, physical, and spiritual needs of young children and their families, as well as childhood educational issues in Hillsdale County and/or Detroit area counties.

VC & Velma Knight Memorial Fund

For projects that will benefit the residents of Hillsdale County.

City of Reading Community Improvement Fund

Provides grants to non-profit organizations in Reading for projects that will benefit the citizens of the Reading Community.

John and Marie MacRitchie Fund

Provides grants for support of projects that enrich the lives of young people and/or promote physical and emotional wellness for youth.

Ridley Family Fund

Used for projects that will improve the lives of Hillsdale County residents.

Dr. and Mrs. Terance M. Lunger Christian Charitable Trust Fund

Supports projects that put Christian principles into practice to help the communities in Hillsdale County.

Memorial Funds

Nash Memorial Fund

Created in memory of long-standing Hillsdale County community member George William "Bill" Nash.

Scholarship Funds

Karen Ansett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides one renewable scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Hillsdale County and is pursuing a four-year education in the field of music or science.

Jack Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior or a Hillsdale County student receiving a GED who seeks an education at a two-year college, tech, vocational or trade school.

Gurney J. Arnold Recognition Scholarship Award

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Newburyport High School in Newburyport Massachusetts, who seeks an education at an accredited four-year college or university.

Jennifer Beach Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to two outstanding student athletes from area high schools.

Beck Family Wrestling Scholarship Fund

Provides merit scholarships to help offset the cost of wrestling camps or workshops for Hillsdale Community middle or high school students who plan to participate in the school's wrestling program.

Beth Ann Blanchard Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awards a scholarship for a graduate of any Hillsdale County or Detroit area school, regardless of age, pursuing a degree in early childhood education. Applicant must be in their third year of college or above.

Benjamin Blonde Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides financial aid for a graduating senior of Litchfield High School who has been accepted to any two or four-year college, university or certified trade school.

Roger Boyd Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of a Hillsdale County school or Hudson High School who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school.

Lee Bratton Music Fund

Provides merit scholarships to Hillsdale Community School students that are members of high school or middle school choir to offset the cost of summer music camps or yearly workshops that will improve vocal skills as well as provide musical enrichment.

Virginia Cascarelli Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund

Provides a one time renewable scholarship to a Hillsdale County resident, regardless of age, who seeks an advanced education in a program that can lead to certification as a registered nurse.

Sandra Caskey Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a student of a school district serving Hillsdale County who seeks a degree as a paralegal or legal/professional secretary or assistant at an accredited college or university.

Donald E. Caswell Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a one time renewable scholarship to a graduating senior of North Adams-Jerome High School who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, or vocational school. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in a medical field.

Andrea Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a Waldron High School graduate to attend a four-year college of their choice.

Robert G. Chase Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of Jonesville High School who seeks a bachelor's degree.

Margaret Allen Clay Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awards scholarships to one male and one female graduating senior from Hillsdale High School who excels in mathematics and has made substantial contributions to the overall math program.

Gery Claybaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service, is of good character, and seeks an advanced degree.

Tyler "T.C." Clendening Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Hillsdale High School who seeks an education at a two-or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school.

George and Harriett Cleveland Scholarship Fund

Supports one or more annual scholarships to county residents in their second year of college or above pursuing a degree in the field of forestry, environmental science, ecology or agricultural science. Preference will be given to forestry or a closely related field.

Cochran-Mahler Families Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hanover-Horton High School who demonstrates an eagerness to learn, determination in the face of adversity, and a genuine caring for others.

Jason Cole Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a renewable scholarship to a Hillsdale County resident who will be attending Western Michigan University and who intends to pursue a major in Computer Science or Business Information Systems.

Lola B. Cook AAUW Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides financial aid for a non-traditional female student furthering her education at a four-year college or university.

Kara Cretsinger Gymnastic Scholarship Fund

This award is given to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who has participated in a gymnastics program in high school and seeks an advanced education.

Leonard and Ruth Drake Rotary Scholarship Fund

Awards a scholarship to a graduating senior of Reading High School who has a 3.5 G.P.A., plans to attend a four-year college or university, and has satisfied entrance requirements as prescribed by the state universities in Michigan.

Bob Dunn "Unsung Hero" Memorial Award Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of a varsity sports team from Jonesville High School who has demonstrated hustle, dedication, pride, respect, cooperation, desire and spirit.

Harold S. and Lester E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship at a four-year college or university for students going into agriculture or a related field.

Brian Gendron Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Camden-Frontier High School who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school.

Ione "Ma" Gordon Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Pittsford High School who seeks an advanced education.

Laurice and Mary Gregg Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Hillsdale County and seeks a degree in the field of agriculture, agribusiness, or veterinary medicine. Preference given to Litchfield students.

Eva Raser Hakes Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to one Jonesville and one Concord graduating senior seeking a bachelor's degree.

Hames Family Music Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of music and who seeks an advanced degree.

Sara and Dale Harmelink Fund

Provides merit scholarships for the cost of regular or summer music camps or special instructional music programs for middle or high school students who are actively participating members of a Hillsdale County Orchestra or are pursuing string lessons with private instructors within Hillsdale County.

Brian Hayward Memorial Award Fund

Provides an annual award to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has a passion for and excels in the vocational field of mechanics.

Kurt Herbener-Thelma Herbener Education Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who seeks a four-year college education in the field of elementary education or music.

Hillsdale County Community Foundation Trustee Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a student of a school district serving Hillsdale County who seeks an education at a two-or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school. Preference will be given to past or present Hillsdale County Community Foundation YOUTH members.

William R. Hill Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awards an annual, renewable scholarship to an Auto Wares part-time employee with at least two years of employment or a child of an Auto Wares current, full time employee with at least two years of employment.

Hillsdale County Scholarship Fund

Provides two renewable scholarships to Hillsdale County high school graduates attending a two or four-year college or university.

Hillsdale High School Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual award to a Hillsdale High School graduate who seeks an education at a two or four-year college or university.

Kay Hobby Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides financial assistance for Hillsdale County residents, regardless of age, attending a community college or a licensed and certified vocational program leading to an associates degree or certification.

Sgt. Michael P. Hodshire Memorial Education Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of a Hillsdale County school who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school. Preference will be given to North Adams-Jerome graduates.

L. Dean and Joan Hurst Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a student who resides in the Reading school district and attends Reading Community Schools who seeks an education at a two-or four-year accredited college or university.

Constance M. Hutchinson Future Teacher Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of Jonesville High School who is pursuing a degree in education at an accredited two or four-year college or university.

Herbert Jennings Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual renewable scholarship to a full time college student who is a Michigan resident, attending a four-year college or university in Michigan and is a child or grandchild of a Michigan Recreation and Park Association professional member. Preference will be given to a student majoring in Parks and/or Recreation.

Jonesville Community Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a current or past graduate of Jonesville High School who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational, or trade school and is pursuing a career in public service.

Larry Jose Music Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships to students who have excelled in any of the music programs at Jonesville Community Schools and wish to further their skills by attending an instrumental or vocal music camp or workshop.

John Karabetsos Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund

Given to a graduating Hillsdale High School senior who is an accomplished varsity athlete and will be attending a four-year college or university.

Wayne Kinjorski Memorial Art Award Fund

An annual merit award for an outstanding art student of Hillsdale Community School's Davis Middle School to offset the cost of tuition for attending a summer art camp or a year-round workshop.

Kiwanis Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of a Hillsdale County High School who is a Hillsdale County resident and seeks an advanced education.

Pauline Ridley Kropschot Scholarship Fund

Provides scholarships to graduating seniors of Litchfield High School who are seeking an advanced degree.

Tim Lehman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to the son or daughter of a city, county or state police officer in Jackson or Hillsdale County that is enrolled at a four-year college or university criminal justice program.

Lint Family Music Fund

Provides merit scholarships to attend special instructional camps or workshops to middle or high school students who are actively participating members of a Hillsdale County orchestra or are pursuing string lessons with private instructors in Hillsdale County.

Litchfield High School Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a past or current graduate of Litchfield High School who seeks an advanced degree.

Litchfield Oddfellow and Rebekah Scholarship Fund

Provides two scholarships, preferably to two graduating high school seniors who are related to a present or past member of the Oddfellow Lodge #555 or the Rebekah Lodge #134 of Litchfield. Second preference shall be given to a graduating senior of Litchfield High School, regardless of associations to either lodge.

Dana G. Lunger Alumni Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a previous or current graduate of Jonesville High School seeking an advanced degree.

Alice Mac Neil Memorial Track Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a High School graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the school track program.

Walter and Annamarie Martinen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a Hillsdale High School senior who has a passion for and excels in a foreign language and has studied said language for at least three years.

Clare E. Monroe Agricultural Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a current or past graduate of Pittsford High School who seeks a degree in any of the branches of Agricultural Sciences (i.e. animal husbandry, dairy, poultry, farm crops, soil management, forestry, horticultural, floriculture, veterinarian and agricultural teacher) from Michigan State University.

Clare E. and Evelyn Monroe Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship for a graduating senior of Pittsford High School seeking a degree in the teaching profession.

Dorothy Morine – Pittsford Area Schools Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior from Pittsford High School who intends to pursue a career in the teaching profession.

Lloyd Morningstar Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has shown an interest in vocational education and seeks an advanced education at a vocational school.

Rob Nagle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a full time college student who is a Michigan resident, attending a four-year college or university in Michigan, and majoring in Parks and/or Recreation.

Nye Family Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a student of a school district serving Hillsdale County who seeks a degree in the life sciences (i.e. nutrition, oceanology, biology, zoology, environmental, etc) at a four-year accredited college or university.

William Fitzgerald Palmer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a resident of Hillsdale County who seeks an education at a two-to-four-year accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.

Carl M. Peggs Football Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has lettered in varsity football, has demonstrated an overall contribution to the football program, and is seeking an advanced education.

Mark and Martha Pitts Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduate of Litchfield High School who seeks an education at a two-to-four-year accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.

Pittsford Area Scholarship Fund

Provides a renewable scholarship to a graduate of Pittsford High School who is seeking an advanced education.

Reading Area Scholarship Fund

Provides a renewable scholarship to a graduate of Reading High School who is seeking an advanced education.

Ron Rothfuss Social Studies Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who excels in the area of social studies and is seeking an advanced education.

Shannon Rowe Memorial Industrial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a Hillsdale County graduating senior who seeks an associate's or bachelor's degree in the field of Industrial Studies.

Cale Peter Scharp Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who plans to attend a community college or a licensed and certified trade/vocational program leading to a two year associate degree.

William P. Shannon Humanitarian Prize Fund

Provides a grant to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has proven themselves a natural humanitarian in the highest sense through clear and consistent evidence of concern for others and their welfare.

Harold "Holly" Shigley Humanitarian Scholarship Fund

Awards a scholarship to a graduating senior of Reading High School who is of good character and demonstrates humanitarian attributes.

Bonnie Silliven Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a graduating senior female athlete of Hillsdale High School who has lettered in two or more varsity sports and has demonstrated an overall contribution to the athletic program by means of dependability, loyalty and leadership.

Doug Spears Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Jonesville High School who has earned at least two varsity letters in sports and seeks an advanced education. Preference will be given to those who participated in the minor sports (sports other than football and basketball).

Hattie Marie Spiteri Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has a passion for and excels in Language Arts and seeks an advanced education at a four-year college or university.

D.E. and Helen Spotts Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Jonesville High School who seeks a degree in the field of education.

Jeannie Pratt Steel Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a non-traditional female student who seeks an undergraduate degree at an accredited school.

Robert and Mary Swartz Scholarship Fund

Provides a scholarship to a graduating senior of Litchfield High School who is seeking a degree in the field of education that will lead to a teaching career.

Emily B. Williams and Percy Stough Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides one or more annual scholarships to previous or current graduates of Jonesville High School who seek an education at a four-year college or university.

Richard Wade Construction Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship of a variable amount to a Hillsdale County, Calhoun County or Branch County resident seeking an advanced degree in Building Trades. Residents must attend a two or four-year college or university, business, vocational or trade school to qualify.

Tom Wilmer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Litchfield High School who seeks an advanced education with the goal of becoming a law enforcement officer.

V. Ennis Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides an annual scholarship to a graduating senior of Litchfield Community Schools who seeks an education at a two or four-year accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school.

Cheryl Yearling Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Provides an annual scholarship to a Hillsdale County resident, regardless of age, who seeks an education in nursing at a two or four-year accredited college or university. Preference will be given to Pittsford area residents.