



Branch County & St. Joseph Counties
2010 Available Scholarships

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Max W. Benjamin Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Engineering 1 \$1,000

Must be attending one of three Michigan schools¹

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable ²	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics ³	Financial Need
Coldwater	✓	✓	3 x	-	-	✓	-	3.2+ GPA	✓

¹ University of Michigan, Michigan State University, or Michigan Technological University

² the scholarship may be renewed for the same recipient up to 3 times, upon submission of new application and required documents

³ on a 4-point scale

Lyndsay Sharp Bingaman Nursing Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Nursing / documented acceptance or attendance in accredited nursing program* 1-2 \$500.00 – 1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Nursing	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
St. Joseph County	-	✓	3 x	✓	-	-	-	3.0+ GPA	✓

* Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE or National League for Nursing Accreditation (NLNAC)

Special Submission: **Personal résumé** must address goals within the field of nursing

Preference given to prior recipients, graduates of Mendon or Colon High School, acceptance in a **registered nursing** program, full-time enrollment, and applicants with financial need.

Renewals: Must submit new application, documentation of continued enrollment in the same school, and submit transcript that documents the applicant has maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

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Evelyn Jean Broker Memorial Fund **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Music or Art 1-2 \$1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Colon	✓	-	3 x	✓	✓	✓	-	3.0+ GPA	-

Lucile Burnside Scholarship Fund **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Education / Degree in teaching or other education field 2-4 \$1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Cert	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Bronson & Coldwater	✓	✓	3 x	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓

If no education applicants, those seeking careers in nursing or other health fields may be considered.
Two awards each year – one to eligible Bronson High School student and one to eligible Coldwater High School student

Shawn R. Cockrell Wrestling Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1-2 \$500.00 – 1,000.00

For senior-year participants in high school wrestling *

Payment deferred until after first semester transcript is submitted

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Quincy High School	✓	✓		-	✓	✓	-		

* if no wrestler applies, the award may go to other Quincy High School athletes (upon submission of a letter from a coach or athletic director affirming that applicant actively participated in high school athletics his/her entire senior year)

Special Submissions:

- letter from the coach or athletic director affirming that applicant actively participated in wrestling his/her entire senior year; exceptions may be made for injuries
- documentation of application to appropriately accredited community college, college, or university (for example, copy of first page of college application)

Note: Scholarship is payable after completion of first semester **with submission of transcript demonstrating a minimum 2.75 GPA**

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Dart Family Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** 1 **Amount** \$1,000.00

Field: Business

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Bronson/Coldwater/Quincy	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-

Special Submissions:

1. transcript or other documentation that demonstrates strong interest in accounting or other business-related career
2. letter of recommendation from a teacher; **business department teacher, preferred**. Letter must have been written no earlier than one year prior to submission.
3. letter of recommendation from a pastor or other community leader. Letter must have been written no earlier than one year prior to submission.
4. **HANDWRITTEN** personal résumé including statement of future goals, intended major, and expected graduation date. The document must be ***in the applicant's own handwriting*** using a pen or other writing instrument (***not*** typed or generated by computer or word processing software). Scholarship applications that don't include a **handwritten** personal résumé, **will not be considered**.

Kenneth Michael Daugherty Scholarship **# Awards** 1-2 **Amount** \$500.00 – 1,000.00

Field: Open

Active members and family members of Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan				Type of Degree				Based on	
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Open	✓	✓	1 x	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-

Special Submissions:

- proof of membership or family membership in Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan
- **personal résumé** must include statement of strong interest in off-road vehicles and at least two years of riding experience
- proof of United States citizenship
- documentation of application or acceptance to appropriately accredited trade school, community college, college, or university (for example, acceptance letter or copy of first page of college application)

Renewals: submit new application, college transcript, and college transcript or other documentation that demonstrates continued enrollment at appropriately accredited trade school, community college, college, or university

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Mildred Fiorell & Arnold Johnson Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1-8 \$1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Colon High School	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-

Special Submissions: **personal résumé**, transcript, or other submissions **must** demonstrate good character and apparent ability to successfully complete advance education.

Jason Gentz Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Award Amount**

Field: Open 1 \$400.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
St. Joseph County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2.0+ GPA	-

Special Submission: **HANDWRITTEN** personal résumé including statement of future goals, intended major, and expected graduation date. The document must be **in the applicant's own handwriting** using a pen or other writing instrument (**not** typed or generated by computer or word processing software). Scholarship applications that don't include a **handwritten** personal résumé, will not be considered.

Jeri L. Holt Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1-4 \$500.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Branch County	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓

Special Submission: Statement in **personal résumé** demonstrating interest in promoting acceptance of respect for human values, social diversity, and promoting full and inclusive participation of all persons in all life's endeavors.

Preferences (in order of importance):

1. applicants entering the Human Service field
2. applicants with financial need
3. applicants who participated in 4-H, especially equestrian activities
4. applicants with foreign or intercultural studies

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Mildred G. Hutchins Loan Fund **# Loans** **Loan Amount**

Field: Registered Nurse or Medical School 1 \$500.00

THIS IS A LOAN THAT MUST BE PAID BACK WITH INTEREST*

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Branch County	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	2.5+ GPA	-

* the interest rate shall be the same as the national student loans at the time the loans are made; no interest shall be computed on said loans or demand for payment shall be made until the individual shall complete the course of study or shall discontinue the course of study

Special Submission:

- documented acceptance or attendance in accredited nursing program – Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or National League for Nursing Accreditation (NLNAC) – or accredited medical school
- copy of high school transcript, certified diploma or other proof of graduation from a Branch County school
- copy of driver’s license showing residency in Branch County, Michigan
- most recent college transcript (showing GPA)
- statement in **personal résumé** demonstrating length of residency in and personal ties to Branch County

Special Note: If awarded the loan, recipients will be required to sign a statement agreeing, as a condition of the accepting the loan, to forego the use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs AND to not live with a person of the opposite sex unless married to that person.

Blanche Marie Jones Garn/Glema E. Jones Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Elementary Education 1-2 \$500.00 – 1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Bronson School District	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	-

Special Submissions: **personal résumé**, courses completed (for example Branch Area Careers Center transcript), or other submissions must demonstrate applicant’s interest in elementary education.

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W. H. Judd Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1 \$400.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Colon High School	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	2.75+ GPA	-

Special Submissions:

1. letter from a teacher or other proof of participation in at least two school-sponsored extra curricular activities
2. statement in **personal résumé** or other documentation demonstrating above average citizenship grades or awards
3. copy of high school transcript must demonstrate minimum of three years' attendance at Colon High School
4. verification from Colon High School that student has never been expelled from school
5. letter of acceptance to appropriately accredited community college, college, or university

E. John Klein Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Business 1 - 3 \$500.00 - \$1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Coldwater	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓

If no business applicants, those seeking a degree that will lead to teaching, nursing, or business-related health field (e.g. hospital administration may be considered).

Special Submission: **HANDWRITTEN** personal résumé including statement of future goals, intended major, and expected graduation date. The document must be **in the applicant's own handwriting** using a pen or other writing instrument (**not** typed or generated by computer or word processing software). Scholarship applications that don't include a **handwritten** personal résumé, will not be considered.

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Blaque & Arlouine Knirk Educational Fund **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1-10 \$500.00 - \$1,500.00

50% IS A LOAN THAT MUST BE PAID BACK*

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Quincy School District	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓

*Fifty percent (50%) of the award must be paid back within thirty (30) months after graduation from college or upon termination of a continued course of study toward a college degree. Recipients will be required to sign a promissory note to receive the award.

Special Submission:

- **personal résumé** or other submissions must demonstrate leadership and good character/integrity

May E. and John Losey Moore Family Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1 \$1,000.00

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Type of Degree				Based on	
				Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Union City School District	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	3.0+ GPA*	-

* on a 4.00 scale or minimum "B" average

Special Submission: **personal résumé** or other submissions must demonstrate good citizenship and participation in community affairs

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Milvayeti Rice Scholarship for Understanding							# Awards	Amount		
Field: Foreign Language							1	\$500.00		
							Type of Degree			Based on
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need	
Branch County	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-		

Special Submissions:

Personal résumé or other submissions should demonstrate:

- interest in different cultures and/or international events
- participation in Mock UN events
- excellent skills in working with people of all backgrounds

High school transcript or other submissions should demonstrate:

- successful completion of four years of courses in a single foreign language
- high academic achievement

Catherine Russell Memorial Scholarship							# Awards	Amount		
Field: Open							1	\$500.00		
							Type of Degree			Based on
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need	
Branch County	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	

Special Submission: **personal résumé, high school transcript, or other submissions** should demonstrate applicant's

- love of music, theater, or visual arts through participation in art education in high school or in extracurricular activities in these avenues during high school
- volunteer activities in the community

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Kenny Ryan Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1 \$500.00

Available for Colon High School senior girls' basketball players Type of Degree Based on

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Colon High School	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-

Special Submission: a letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or athletic director must recommend applicant on the basis of her showing the best team playing spirit and enthusiasm

Alice C. Schafer Memorial Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Art 1 \$500.00

Type of Degree Based on

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Bronson	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓

Special Submission: Transcript or other submissions must show evidence of pursuit in education in oils or water color

Janette Molby Stevens Scholarship **# Awards** **Amount**

Field: Open 1-3 \$500.00 – 1,000.00

Type of Degree Based on*

Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Coldwater	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓

* primary considerations are applicant's merit and need

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Weston, McCurley, Gerth Scholarship				# Awards				Amount	
Field: Open				1				\$500.00	
				Type of Degree				Based on	
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Branch County	✓	-	✓*	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-

* priority is given to new applicants unless there is sufficient income for more than one award

Special Submissions:

- documentation of applicant’s **attendance at a Head Start program** for at least one year (examples of documentation: • Head Start attendance certificate • elementary transcript showing Head Start participation • a letter from a teacher or administrator employed at the time applicant attended the Head Start program • Head Start class photo that includes student names)
- three (3) letters from adults in three different life areas – for example employer, teacher, and pastor
- up-to-date photo of applicant

Ralph & Gene Widener Memorial Scholarship				# Awards				Amount	
Field: Open				1				\$250.00	
FFA participation required				Type of Degree				Based on	
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Bronson	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	(see Preferences)

Preferences:

- those who can demonstrate they **do NOT** qualify for financial aid; FAFSA SAR or other documentation must be submitted.
- those who can demonstrate participation in athletic programs; letter of recommendation from a coach, athletic director, or adult in similar role must be submitted

Special Submissions: letter of recommendation, certificate, or other submission must document membership in Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust Lester Wise Scholarship				# Awards				Amount	
Field: Business				1				\$500.00	
Required specialization in banking or finance				Type of Degree				Based on	
Area/School District	HS Seniors	Adults	Renewable	Trade	2-Yr	4-Yr	Grad	Academics	Financial Need
Branch County	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-