

**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKET
2020-2021**



**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
Counseling Department**

LOCAL FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS OF METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL ONLY.

These scholarships are made available to Metuchen High School seniors planning to continue their education in college and other institutions of higher learning through the generosity of the Metuchen community.

PROCEDURE

1. A **student** may apply for any or all of the financial aid for which he/she can qualify. Please be sure to carefully read the description of each scholarship. **Please understand that applications filled out by parents will be ineligible.**
2. **A student must:**
 - a. Complete one copy of the uniform application for each scholarship for which he/she is applying. Click [HERE](#) for the application link.
 - b. When you fill out the google form, a **COPY** will be sent to you and then you can send it to the email noted in the scholarship instructions. Just filling out the google form does not submit your application. You **MUST** send the copy you receive to the email of the scholarship you are applying to.
3. **Read carefully the qualifying statements** for each scholarship for which you intend to apply. Some organizations require additional information rather than answers to certain items on the uniform application. Some may want certain information deleted. Be sure to read each one carefully. If you do not complete all necessary sections, your application will not be considered.
4. **Deadline** Your application(s) **MUST** be received by the appropriate contact person **NO LATER THAN** midnight on **Monday, May 3, 2021**, or the stated deadline. **No late submissions will be considered.** CAREFULLY READ WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION. ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE EMAILED.

NOTE: IN THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND THE SCHOLARSHIP NAME.

6. Award winners will be announced on Convocation or Graduation Day.
7. If you are fortunate enough to receive one or more of these awards:
 - a. **WRITE/EMAIL A THANK YOU LETTER TO THE ORGANIZATION AND A VIDEO RECORDING SAYING THANK YOU.**
 - b. Keep in touch with the organization from time to time after entering college.
 - c. Most of the checks will be included in the envelope, do not toss it!
8. Information in the bulletin should be self explanatory. However, should you require further information or assistance, please email Ms. Dean at adean@metboe.k12.nj.us. **DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO THIS EMAIL, ONLY QUESTIONS.**

**ALICIA CARMINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
“SHINE LIKE ALICIA”**

TBD Scholarships

The “Shine Like Alicia” Scholarship is given in loving memory of Alicia Carmine, a 1982 graduate of Metuchen High School who passed away on September 16, 2017. Alicia was a Scholar-Athlete, and varsity runner, who was a light in everyone’s life in so many ways. Her bright, radiant smile and personality lit up a room when she entered. She was a humble, kind, and genuinely caring person who always looked out for the underdog. To “Shine Like Alicia” means to treat all people with respect and kindness; to be an active citizen by giving freely of the best parts of themselves to those in need or facing personal challenges and to thrive on helping others.

This scholarship will be given to 1-college bound scholar-athletes who “Shine Like Alicia” by exemplifying her kind spirit and positive character.

Please include a short essay describing how you “Shine Like Alicia.”

Send application to: mryanesposito@gmail.com

BARBARA MAC IVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$200 Scholarship

Male or female, member of the current graduating class. Applicants must have at least a 3.4 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. Most important is involvement in community service. A letter of reference regarding community involvement is preferred.

Send application and letter to: kmielcarek1974@outlook.com

THE BERNIE HERZ MEMORIAL SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$500 Scholarship

The scholarship honors Bernie Herz, a longtime community activist. He was, among other things, noted for his support of swimming programs at area pools. This scholarship is available to a boy or girl, member of the high school swim team, who will pursue higher education, and who demonstrates a strong sense of community, and compassion towards his/her fellow man, as well as academic success.

Send application to: sherz4@comcast.net

***This scholarship also requires an interview which will be arranged after the applications are received.**

BILL ZATORSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$250

This scholarship is available to a student of the Metuchen High School Class of 2020 who participated in any of the school's sports programs. Student must be pursuing higher education. To apply, the application must include a short essay entitled, "How my participation in the Metuchen High School Sports Program prepared me for the future, describing your sport and personal experience."

Please send application to: kimzeustace@gmail.com

THE BORDEN FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2-\$500 Scholarships

This scholarship honors the mother and maternal grandparents of Brett Greiner, MHS Class of 1987. Applicants should have strong academic credentials, compassion for others and a serious desire to pursue a career in medicine, nursing or another field which involves the hands-on aspect of rendering medical care or assistance to other people.

Send application to: greiner@njlawyers.com

BOROUGH IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

1 - \$1000 Scholarship

Graduating student, good citizenship, financial need, to be used in the **FALL** following graduation for higher education, pursuing a career in education, medicine, or social services.

Submit a short statement or essay about why the BIL should select you for the scholarship as it relates to your goal of having a career in education, medicine or social work.

Send applications to: info@boroughimprovementleague.org

CAMPBELL SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

1-\$400 Scholarship

This scholarship is available to a student who attended Campbell School who plans to attend college and major in education. Financial need is a factor.

Send application to: eporowski@metboe.k12.nj.us

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY-
VINCENT P. UTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

1 - \$830 Scholarship

Recipient shall be a member of the current graduation class with financial need, attending an institution of higher learning in the Fall.

Send application to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

*This award is made payable directly to the educational university once proof of college enrollment is mailed to the donor.

**CONOR MCCADDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE**

2-\$500 Scholarships

Conor McCadden was a Metuchen High School student who exemplified courage and perseverance as he battled cancer. He was and continues to be an inspiration to his family, friends, classmates, teachers and all who knew him.

To honor his memory, two scholarships will be awarded to Metuchen High School seniors who have also shown courage and perseverance in some aspect of their life.

Eligibility for the award is as follows:

1. The students must be attending a 2 year or 4 year college in the fall immediately following high school graduation.
2. The students must submit the Metuchen High School Scholarship Application
3. The students must submit an essay (no more than 500 words) which describes how they have displayed courage and perseverance.

The recipients will be chosen solely based on the essay. Please do not provide any other information.

Send application to: epswitzer@optonline.net

DENNIS MICHAEL WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$500 Scholarship

This memorial scholarship honors Dennis Michael Walker, an 18-year resident of Metuchen and 30 year Hackensack firefighter who was a 9/11 first responder and participated in the Ground Zero search and recovery efforts. He was married to Metuchen High School Graduate, Beth Anne (Buzzi) Walker, Class of 1981.

The Dennis Michael Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund will award one \$500 scholarship to a member of the graduation class of 2021 who will be attending an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2021. Consideration will be given to candidates who have consistently volunteered a significant amount of time in our community.

To apply, the application must include a 2-3 paragraph essay describing the applicant's community service experiences(s). A letter of reference (in addition to the essay) regarding community involvement is also recommended.

Send essay and reference letter to: laporta0812@gmail.com

DONALD AND JOYCE WERNIK SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$400 Scholarship

The recipient should be a member of the varsity tennis team, should demonstrate a strong work ethic and community service, be in good academic standing, and plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the **FALL 2021**. Financial need is a factor. The donor would prefer the application to be emailed.

Email application to Bruce Wernik at: Brucelaw8@mac.com

GARDEN CLUB OF METUCHEN AWARD

1-\$300 Scholarship

The recipient of this award will be a member of the current graduating class, planning to pursue a 2 or 4 year degree program in environmental science, horticulture, landscape design or other related field. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 and must demonstrate interest in these fields through community service or involvement.

Send application to: cvland4700@aol.com

JOHN AND IRENE K GAZDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2 - \$500 Scholarship

John and Irene K. Gazda were longtime residents of Metuchen, active members of the Metuchen Bulldog Booster Club, and other community committees. They exemplified perseverance through disability and care for one another in the home and community.

This scholarship is to be awarded to two students in the current graduating class who have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 and are pursuing a degree in higher education for the Fall 2021 semester. Consideration will be made to those who have held part-time employment along with involvement in co-curricular activities. Financial need is a factor to receive this scholarship.

Essay required: Describe, in a minimum of 200 words, how your life experiences thus far have prepared you for your future pursuits.

Send application to: vagazda@metboe.k12.nj.us

JACK WALDMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$400 Scholarship

Graduating senior who has participated in the band, chorus or orchestra program. Must be planning to attend a program of full-time post high school education to pursue a career in music. Include a two or three paragraph essay with the application describing your career goals in the music field.

Send application to:

Ms. Ashley Jaye
ajaye@metboe.k12.nj.us

JAMES AND THERESA KELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$1000

This scholarship is designated for a graduating senior who has shown significant academic achievement and is dedicated to teaching as a profession. Please include a short essay on why you have chosen the teaching profession.

Send application and essay to: jimkbusinessvision@gmail.com

JOHN C. NOVAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1 - \$500

Male or female, member of the current graduating class who intends to pursue higher education. Applicants must have participated in the high school athletic program.

Send application to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

JOSEPH GAWRONSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$1000

This scholarship will be awarded to a scholar athlete who is attending college in the fall. The recipient of this award should demonstrate high academic achievement and be a member of the basketball, softball or baseball team.

Send application to: ggawro5150@gmail.com

KAREN GERMAIN-CAFARO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1 - \$100

Male or female planning to attend an institution of higher learning in the **FALL** following graduation, and will pursue a career in the sciences. Financial need must be demonstrated, as well as good academic standing and standardized test scores.

Send applications to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

MHS CLASS OF 1964 MASON PRICKITT SCHOLARSHIP

2-\$500 Scholarships

The recipient, male or female, should be accepted and plan to attend an institution of higher education. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who has best demonstrated the values of faith, perseverance, optimism and integrity embodied in the individual for whom the scholarship is named.

Send application to: Jill.prickitt@gmail.com

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PARENTS (MMEDO) SCHOLARSHIPS

ED LOGUE SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$500

Scholarship

TOM WASILISHEN SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$500

Scholarship

Please respond to both of these questions.

1. List all the ways in which you participated in the Metuchen High School music program(s) and the number of years for each (e.g. Chorus 4 years, Concert Band 2 years, Orchestra, Marching Band, Color Guard, Indoor Marching Band, Winter Guard, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Choral Club, Tri-M Honors Society, Section Leader, Drum Major etc...).

2. Write a two to five paragraph essay answering the following:

What did you learn from the Metuchen High School Music Program and how will you use it in the future? Please include why, how, Metuchen Music has impacted your time as a member of one of the Music related programs at Metuchen High. Include an example of a specific occurrence or event during a music-related activity that had a particular impact on you and explain why.

Student does not have to continue his/her study of music after high school.

Send application to: Karen McNamara at president@mmedo.org

METUCHEN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

1-\$150

Scholarship

Applicant must be a child of an educator. Boy or girl, must be planning to attend a school of higher education.

Send application to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

**METUCHEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
VERICE MASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship**

1-\$500

Applicant must be a member of the current graduating class who intends to pursue higher education. Consideration will be given to minority students who have experienced academic achievement (3.25 GPA or higher), have participated in extracurricular activities, and been involved in community service.

Include a typed essay describing your dreams and aspirations for college and your career path.

Send a typed application to: MEFscholarship2021@gmail.com with your name in the subject field.

**METUCHEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP**

2-\$500 Scholarships

Applicant must be a member of the current graduating class who intends to pursue higher education, preferably with a major in education. Consideration will be given to individuals who have experienced academic achievement (3.25 GPA or higher), participated in extracurricular activities, and been involved with youth (such as student mentoring, coaching, tutoring, or other youth oriented activities).

Include a typed essay describing your dreams and aspirations for college and your career path.

Send a typed application to: MEFscholarship2021@gmail.com with your name in the subject field.

METUCHEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP

EILEEN DUFFY MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$500

Applicants must be a member of the current graduating class who intends to pursue higher education, and plans to major in the sciences. Consideration will be given to individuals who have experienced academic achievement (3.25 GPA or higher), participated in extracurricular activities, and been involved with youth (such as student mentoring, coaching, tutoring, or other youth oriented activities).

Include a typed essay about what influenced you to go into a science field, including your aspirations for college and your career path.

Send a typed application to: MEFscholarship2021@gmail.com with your name in the subject field.

METUCHEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION MARICA HOLTZMAN MEMORIAL
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD
Scholarship

1-\$500

Applicant must be a member of the current MHS graduating class who intends to pursue higher education, preferably with a major in Education. Consideration will be given to students who have experienced academic achievement (3.25 GPA or higher), have participated in extracurricular activities, and have been involved with youth (such as student mentoring, coaching, tutoring, or other youth-oriented activities).

Include a typed essay about what influences you to choose a major in Education and your career aspirations.

Send a typed application to: MEFscholarship2021@gmail.com with your name in the subject field.

METUCHEN H.S. BOYS SOCCER
“BLACK AND BLUE” SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$200

Applicant must be a member of the Metuchen High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team. They must be a graduating senior who intends to further their education at an institute of high learning. The recipient will be a person who has enhanced the

quality of life in the Metuchen community by demonstrating leadership, compassion, integrity, and perseverance both on the soccer field and in the classroom.

Mr. Graf decided to create this scholarship as a way of expressing his gratitude for making his coaching experience such a great one that he will never forget.

Send applications to: Ken Graf at lingr123@aol.com

**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2021 SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarships**

2-\$500

A current member of the graduating class who has made a commitment to bettering his/her community.

Send application to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
DAVID WEISSMAN ART SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship**

1 - \$500

Candidates must be enrolled in Innovative or Portfolio Art and members of the National Art Honor Society. Students planning on continuing to major in art in college will be given preference.

Send application to:

Ms. Kelly Murphy
kmurphy@metboe.k12.nj.us

**METUCHEN PARENT-TEACHER COUNCIL
Scholarships**

Multiple

The Metuchen Parent-Teacher Council ("PT Council") is offering scholarships to Metuchen High School students in two categories. The first category is an Academic Merit based scholarship. This is traditionally awarded to graduating seniors with a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average. The second category is the Verice Mason Community Service Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors who have consistently volunteered a significant amount of time in our community.

This scholarship is for students who have taken the initiative and volunteered their time in at least three projects during high school. The minimum grade point average is 2.7.

You may apply for only one of the above scholarships provided: (i) a parent/guardian is a paid PTO member by December 1, 2021 as stipulated on the PTO membership form; and (ii) you include a brief essay which addresses one of the following topics:

Academic Merit: Please tell us which high school class inspired you to excel academically, and explain how you think that class will affect your future academic endeavors.

Verice Mason Community Service: Describe the community service project that has inspired or affected you the most, and how it will affect your future volunteerism.

Please include your email and a parent/guardian email on your essay. In addition to your essay, please attach your resume.

Please also note that each recipient will be awarded only one scholarship which will either be a PT Council Scholarship or a Named Scholarship.

Send application to: MPTCSeniorScholarships@gmail.com

METUCHEN SOCCER CLUB

**TONY BLACK MEMORIAL FUND
Scholarships**

Multiple

The Metuchen Soccer Club (MSC), the recreational soccer program in Metuchen, awards a number of scholarships each year in honor of Tony Black, the tireless, fun-loving founder of MTSC back in 1992. Tony's commitment to the game, the children of Metuchen and the spirit of sport in this community led to MTSC becoming a program with over 500 players today. In his memory, MSC awards college scholarships to several MHS seniors for their community service, academic achievements and love for the game of soccer. Young women and men who are varsity soccer players, have demonstrated these qualities and are planning on going to college next year are encouraged to apply.

Please submit a resume that includes your high school activities including sports and clubs, your community service record and any other relevant information like your employment history to:

Mr. Jerrerd Cook at Jerred.cook@metuchensoccer.com

**RAYMOND V D'AGNES MEMORIAL BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarships**

2-\$1000

Two scholarships will be awarded to 4-year college bound seniors, who plan to pursue a career in the business field.

The following criteria will also be considered:

1. Grades (3.6 GPA minimum to apply)
2. Active member of the school or surrounding community through involvement in athletics, or the arts (music or theater)
3. Financial Need
4. Include a short paragraph explaining how your high school and or life experiences have led you to consider pursuing a business degree/profession.

Send application to: dagnessscholarship@gmail.com

REILLY FINANCIAL GROUP SCHOLAR THESPIAN AWARD 2-\$500 Scholarships

This scholarship will be awarded annually to one boy and one girl thespian who has demonstrated a high level of achievement and leadership in dramatics and scholastics, and who, through conduct, sets an example for his/her fellow classmates to follow. Please include a short paragraph on the back of the application explaining why you feel you are a strong candidate for the award.

Send application to: Robert Knoll at bobk@reillyfinancialgroup.com

**REILLY FINANCIAL GROUP SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD
Scholarships**

2-\$500

This scholarship will be awarded annually to one boy and one girl who demonstrates a high level of achievement and leadership in athletics and scholastics and who through conduct, sets an example for his/her fellow classmates to follow. Please include a short paragraph on the back of the application explaining why you feel you are a strong candidate for the award.

Send application to: Robert Knoll at bobk@reillyfinancialgroup.com

RICHARD HEROLD - CHARLES SCHULTZ SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$1000

The mission of the Richard Herold - Charles Schultz Scholarship fund is to honor two brave, young Vietnam War veterans from Metuchen High School, Class of 1962, who served in the military during a time of social upheaval. Through this scholarship we wish to preserve their memory and, in a small way, thank them for their sacrifice. We also wish to recognize and thank all of our classmates who served in Vietnam.

The Richard Herold - Charles Schultz Scholarship Fund will award one \$1000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior of Metuchen High School who demonstrates high scholastic achievement, as well as leadership in school and community activities. Consideration will be given to candidates who either plan to enter the military or who have relatives who have or are currently serving in the military. Please write 2-3 sentences on the back of application regarding your plan to enter the military or about the relative who is currently serving or has served in the military in the past. Consideration will also be made based on financial need.

Send application to:

The School Counseling Department
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

RICHARD SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1-\$1000

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Irish descent who is attending college in the fall. The recipient of this award must have a parent or grandparent who is a Veteran. Please list on the back of the application who the relative is and when they served in the military.

Send application to: ggawro5150@gmail.com

ROGER W. RALPH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1 - \$1000

This scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior who will pursue higher education in the fall of 2020. Applicants should have achieved a good academic career and participated in extracurricular activities throughout high school.

Each applicant must attach to his/her application form a brief response to the following question: What inspires you to succeed every day?

Send application to: Mr. Dan Ralph at danralph@gmail.com

SCOTT J. DOPART BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$1,800 Scholarship

Recipient must be a player in the varsity baseball program. This person must exhibit good baseball skills, not necessarily the best hitter, pitcher or fielder, but one who puts the most heart and soul in every practice and game. He should also be a strong student who intends to further his education, and is respectful of coaches, teachers and peers.

***This scholarship will require proof of college enrollment mailed directly to the donor in order to receive the money.**

Send application to: dnkleo@aol.com

STEVEN KRAVET MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$200 Scholarship

Member of the senior class who has been involved in any part of the Metuchen High School music program, or a senior who plans to major or minor in the study of music in college.

Send application to: ajaye@metboe.k12.nj.us

KELLEY MCCAFFREY SCHOLARSHIPS

1-\$500 Scholarship

The Metuchen Travel Soccer Club has established the Kelley McCaffrey Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Kelley's past accomplishments in travel soccer and in the Metuchen community. Kelley was a long-time member of the Metuchen Galaxy girls travel soccer team, joining the team as a U10 player and playing with the team through the U19 level. We lost Kelley in a tragic auto accident on September 6,

2004. Kelley's fierce dedication to team is an example to all of us who participate in team sports, and who see the importance of dedication to team, to family, as an outstanding character trait—on and off the field. Such dedication led to Kelley's being named Captain of her varsity soccer team at Bishop Ahr High School. To remember Kelley's unique and long-lasting contributions to soccer in Metuchen, and to continue to spread her spirit of dedication to the team, the MTSC will award several scholarships each Spring in Kelley's name. Awarded to the women's varsity senior soccer player demonstrating the highest level of commitment to the team during her senior season.

Send application to: Juan Hidalgo at scholarship@metuchensoccer.com

DURST FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

1 - \$1,500 Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a member of the graduating class who is attending college in the fall and planning on pursuing a career in public education. The recipient should have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Financial need is a factor.

Send application to: Elizabeth Jensen at durst.elizabeth@gmail.com

DONNA ALDERISO NOVAK (MHS '69) MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship

1 - \$1,000

Awarded annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a serious interest in and appreciation of art and significant ability as an artist.

1. Take at least three full years of art courses at MHS
2. Be a member of the MHS National Art Honor Society
3. Plan to major in art in college
4. Submit an example of their work (copy) from their senior portfolio

Send application to: The MHS Guidance Department at
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

METUCHEN ELKS LODGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - 2-YEAR COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP

1-\$1,000 Scholarship

Awarded to a student with financial need planning to attend a 2-year college, GPA Range 2.5-3.2

Please write a short essay (approximately 250 words): What were some challenges you faced during COVID and how did you overcome them as a student at MHS?

Send application to: The MHS Guidance Department at
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us

**METUCHEN ELKS LODGE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - PROTECT AND SERVE
SCHOLARSHIP** 1 - \$1,000 Scholarship

Awarded to a student attending or enlisting the one of the 7 branches of the United States Military.

Please write a short essay (approximately 250 words): How some of your high school experiences influenced your decision to serve our Country?

Send application to: The MHS Guidance Department at
mhsscholarships@metboe.k12.nj.us