

## Scholarship and Education Fund Committees

Keith Rauseo, Chairman

Thomas Churchill

Dr. John O'Connor (beginning 7/1/2010)

Dr. Christine McGrath (through 6/30/2010)

The Tewksbury Scholarship and Education Funds came into being when the October 2003 Special Town Meeting voted to accept Mass. General Law Chapter 60, Section 3C. In early 2004, the Selectmen created the Scholarship and Education Fund Committees, which determine the criteria and distribution of awards from the funds. School Superintendent Dr. John O'Connor is a member of the Committees per state law, and the Selectmen have appointed the other members.

The Committees met periodically in 2010. In May 2010, donation forms were included in property owners' tax bills. At the end of 2010, the balances in the funds were:

Scholarship Fund:           \$1,977.23

Education Fund:           \$2,102.94

Thank you to all the donors who have contributed to these funds even in this difficult economy. Thanks especially to Homeyer Consulting Services, Inc., which made a \$750 contribution to the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund Committee had planned a Team Trivia Night as a separate fundraiser, but unfortunately, it had to cancel that event. The Committee will continue to investigate other fundraising opportunities beyond the forms included with property tax bills.

The Scholarship Fund Committee awarded seven \$250 scholarships at the end of the 2009-2010 school year – its highest number of awards since the fund's inception. The Committee received 45 applications for these awards, and after a thorough review chose seven worthy recipients. Because the awards exist through the generosity of the community, the Committee considered community service activities of foremost importance when making its selections, along with strong academic achievement. The 2010 winners were all honors students with exemplary participation in extracurricular activities.

The 2010 Tewksbury Scholarship Fund recipients were:

- o Emily Boudreau, 55 Jefferson Road, TMHS Class of 2010, studying International Relations at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- o Megan Chan, 8 Sharon Street, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Medicine at Assumption College
- o Jocelyn Haversat, 1100 Livingston Street, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Animal Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- o Emily Locke, 51 Debra Drive, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Finance and Accounting at Bentley University
- o Eric Paquette, 31 Windsor Drive, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Civil Engineering at the University of Maryland
- o Rebecca Quigley, 11 Breckinridge Road, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Visual and Performing Arts at Roger Williams College
- o Lyndsay Robinson, 147 Catamount Road, Shawsheen Tech Class of 2010, studying International Law and Politics at St. Anselm College
- o Erin Tibbetts, 177 Pike Street, TMHS Class of 2010, studying Pharmaceutical Research at the University of Rhode Island

In honor of former Superintendent of Schools John W. Wynn, a charter member of the Scholarship and Education Fund Committees who passed away in September 2007, the Scholarship Fund Committee created a special award designation in 2008 – the John W. Wynn Memorial Leadership Award. The Committee will attach this designation to one of its scholarship award recipients each year, in recognition of that student's achievements in the area of school leadership in academics, school life, and extracurricular activities. For 2010, the Committee named Eric Paquette the recipient of the Wynn Memorial Leadership Award.

In honor of former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine L. McGrath, a charter member of the Scholarship and Education Fund Committees who retired from the Tewksbury Public Schools after the 2009-2010 school year, the Scholarship Fund Committee created a special award designation in 2010 – the Dr. Christine L. McGrath Service Award. The Committee will attach this designation to one of its scholarship award recipients each year, in recognition of that student's achievements in the areas of school and community service. For 2010, the Committee named Emily Locke the recipient of the McGrath Service Award.

In 2011, the Committee will make scholarship applications available on-line and at various locations throughout town. Any resident attending an accredited institution beyond the high school level is eligible to apply.

The Committee members would like to acknowledge and extend their gratitude to Finance Director Donna Walsh, Treasurer Janet Smith, Collector Dorothy Lightfoot, and Assistant to the Town Manager Sandra Barbeau for their assistance during the year.

Finally, the Committee members are hopeful that our residents and business owners will continue to donate to the funds so we will be able to help our students with scholarships and help our educational system with program grants. Look for those donation forms in the May 2011 tax bills!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Rauseo, Chairman