

2021 Senior Scholarships

Whitmer High School



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Scholarship Application Directions

1. Decide which WLS scholarships you are eligible for by reading the listed eligibility requirements.
2. Complete all scholarship application requirements including: essays, teacher recommendations, pictures, etc.
3. Login to your WLS student google account to access the Google Form applications
4. Click on the Google Form link for each scholarship you are applying for.
 - a. Enter in your information.
 - b. Attach any additional scholarship requirements.
 - c. Click “Submit”
5. **The deadline for all scholarship submissions is 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 18th 2021.**

Beverly A. Wojciechowski Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship looks to honor 1 to 5 Whitmer students per year with \$500-\$2,500 who plan to attend a local 2 or 4-year higher learning institution, or an attain a relevant technical certification.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Have a 2.75 GPA
- Work or participate in community service for at least 15 hours per week
- Plan to attend a local 2 or 4-year higher learning institution, or an attain a relevant technical certification

Application Requirements:

Essay

Why should you be considered for the Beverly A. Wojciechowski Memorial Scholarship?

Google Form Application: [Beverly A. Wojciechowski Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Candy Budd Memorial Scholarship

The Candy Budd Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up by family and friends of Candy Budd to carry on Candy's passion for Washington Local Schools especially for Monac Elementary and Whitmer High School. Candy Budd was a graduate of Whitmer High School and taught Physical Education at Monac as well as other elementary's for years before passing away in a snowmobile accident in 2012. Candy was a vibrant person who never feared embarrassment and encouraged others to be themselves. Her infectious zest for life always brought joy and laughter to her students as well as all who loved her. The scholarship is intended to support a WLS female student, who may have similar demeanor, in furthering her education.

Application Requirements:

Answer Prompts

- What was your favorite elementary school moment?
- Name somewhere you would like to travel to and why?
- If you could meet someone famous that is still alive, who would it be and why? Also include three questions that you would ask that person

Submit Photo

In the spirit of Candy Budd, please submit a photo of yourself that illustrates your zest for life.

Parent Recommendation

Please attach a recommendation (one typed page or less) from your parent or guardian explaining how they have been involved with your education.

Google Form Application: [Candy Budd Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Charlie Fackelman Memorial Scholarship

The Charlie Fackelman Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Whitmer Baseball player who ranks in the upper one-half of his class
- Has not received financial aid which exceeds one-half of the actual college expenses for freshman year (not including aid from parents)
- Be a team member for three separate seasons in Whitmer Baseball, or a recipient of a varsity letter in baseball, or a team member for at least one season and then withdrawing on the advice of a licensed physician due to injuries sustained while participating in a qualifying sport.

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Scholarship Committee reach a decision, students must submit a typed, double-spaced 400-500 word essay describing why you feel you are the best candidate for the scholarship.

Google Form Application: [Charlie Fackelman Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Diane Hamilton Excellence Scholarship

The Diane Hamilton Excellence in Social Studies Award and Scholarship is named after an amazing retired teacher who dedicated decades to helping Washington Local students and the community become better citizens by registering students to vote and educating them about the issues so they could go on to be well-informed, participating members of our community. Since retirement, Diane has continued to serve the community by promoting a charity through Sunshine Children's Home that has helped pay dental expenses for those with special needs. She also works with the League of Women Voters registering people to vote and educating the community about candidates and upcoming ballot issues. This award is to honor students who have also gone above and beyond in their Whitmer years exemplifying what it truly means to be a part of the Washington Local community. Each recipient has distinguished themselves from their fellow classmates and have shown promise to be future leaders or influencers of our community making an impact just as Diane Hamilton continues to be dedicated to the community as she moves through different stages of her own life.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Have a B or higher in American Experience, Global Issues/World History, and American Government
- Must have taken at least one social studies elective and earned a B or higher

Application Requirements:

Essay

Answer the following question in essay format. Please be thorough in your answer so that we can get a accurate picture of you.

Explain how 2 social studies courses you have taken at Whitmer have provided you with the skills needed to be successful in your future. This could be how you have applied what you have learned, skills that were developed, or a challenge to your prior knowledge that has led to a change in your behavior. Please be specific.

Google Form Application: [Diane Hamilton Excellence Scholarship Application](#)

Diane Ruiz Adelante Scholarship

The Diane Ruiz Adeleante Scholarship Committee recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding Latino and Latina students during their years at Whitmer High School. The Diane Ruiz Adelante Scholarship is presented in remembrance and honor of Mrs. Diane Ruiz, a retired Whitmer High School administrator and longtime Spanish teacher who brought energy and excellence to foreign language instruction. Mrs. Ruiz was part of the Washington Local family for most of her career, first as a Spanish teacher in the mid-1960s. She became the chairman of the foreign language department and, in 1987, became associate principal of curriculum and scheduling. Mrs. Ruiz was known for being a dynamic and energetic teacher who traveled from classroom to classroom with Spanish-language books and a record player. Upon arriving at each door, Mrs. Ruiz would knock and enter singing songs in the language she loved. Mrs. Ruiz built genuine relationships with the students and was able to genuinely empathize with students experiencing hardships in their lives. It has been said that Mrs. Ruiz loved teaching because she loved kids. Each scholarship recipient will receive at least \$1,000 that may be used to pursue a degree in Spanish at any qualifying institution.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Plans to pursue a minor or major in Spanish at the collegiate level
- Must complete at least three years of Spanish by the end of their senior year

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Diane Ruiz Adelante Scholarship Committee reach a decision, you must complete a one-page, double spaced, **typed essay of 250-300 words**. The essay must be written in Spanish. Please answer the following questions in your essay:

- 1) What about the Spanish language is appealing to you?
- 2) Why did you choose to pursue a degree in Spanish?
- 3) How will you use your degree in Spanish like a professional?

Video Submission

To further help the Diane Ruiz Adelante Scholarship Committee reach a decision, you must submit a video to demonstrate your verbal fluency. Your video submission should be no longer than 8 minutes. During your video, you are required to answer the following questions in Spanish:

- 1) What is your name?
- 2) Where are you from?
- 3) What year will you graduate?
- 4) How would you describe yourself?
- 5) What are your favorite subjects in school?
- 6) What are your hobbies or favorite pastimes?
- 7) Who are your family members?
- 8) Why are you pursuing a major/minor in Spanish?
- 9) What has fueled your interest in Spanish? Have you participated in the Spanish Exchange program?
- 10) Are you involved in other activities related to Spanish? (missions, clubs, etc.)

Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher and the other from a second teacher, a counselor, employer, community leader, or other appropriate person. Recommendations from family members or friends are invalid.

Google Form Application: [Diane Ruiz Adelante Scholarship Application](#)

Diane Ruiz Latino Heritage Scholarship

The Diane Ruiz Latino Heritage Scholarship is presented in remembrance and honor of Mrs. Diane Ruiz, a retired Whitmer High School administrator and longtime Spanish teacher who brought energy and excellence to foreign language instruction. Mrs. Ruiz was part of the Washington Local family for most of her career, first as a Spanish teacher in the mid-1960s. She became the chairman of the foreign language department and, in 1987, became associate principal of curriculum and scheduling. Mrs. Ruiz was known for being a dynamic and energetic teacher who traveled from classroom to classroom with Spanish-language books and a record player. Upon arriving at each door, Mrs. Ruiz would knock and enter singing songs in the language she loved. Mrs. Ruiz built genuine relationships with the students and was able to genuinely empathize with students experiencing hardships in their lives. It has been said that Mrs. Ruiz loved teaching because she loved kids.

The Diane Ruiz Latino Heritage Scholarship Committee recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding Latino and Latina students during their years at Whitmer High School. Each scholarship recipient will receive at least \$1,000 that may be used at any qualifying institution for any field of study they choose.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a graduating Whitmer senior with Hispanic heritage

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Diane Ruiz Latino Heritage Scholarship Committee reach a decision, you must complete a one-page, double spaced, typed essay of 250-300 words. Please write on one of the following topics:

- 1) What does being Hispanic mean to you, and how do your life experiences shape your answer?
- 2) What field of study do you intend to pursue and why? How will the Hispanic community benefit?
- 3) As a Latino/Latina, describe your most valued community commitments, academic achievements and leadership activities. What and/or who motivated you to action?

Google Form Application: [Diane Ruiz Latino Heritage Scholarship Application](#)

Employee Memorial Scholarship

Every year the teachers of Washington Local Schools present the Employees' Memorial Scholarship to a deserving senior or seniors to honor the deceased employees who served our school district for many years.

Each award recipient will receive at least a \$500 scholarship. Scholarship winners may use their awards at any qualifying institution and for any field of study they choose.

The Washington Local Schools Scholarship Committee recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding students during their years at Whitmer High School. Any graduating senior may apply. Special consideration is given to the son or daughter of a Washington Local employee.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Special consideration is given to the son or daughter of a Washington Local employee.

Application Requirements:

Essay

You must upload a one page, double-spaced, typed essay of 250-300 words. Please write on one or many of the following topics:

- Why you feel you are the best candidate for this scholarship
- Your goals
- Your accomplishments
- Your financial need
- Any unusual or special circumstance that will help the committee reach a decision

Google Form Application: [Employee Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Freedom Award Scholarship

The key to any social studies class taught at Whitmer is to instill our students with the knowledge and tools that will be necessary to make them engaged, productive citizens in their community. The Freedom Award and Scholarship recognizes those students who have exemplified excellence throughout their journey through high school social studies classes. These students have gone above the basic requirements set by the state or school district for Social Studies having not only taken additional classes but excelled in those classes by earning a B or higher.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Have a B or higher in American Experience, Global Issues/World History, and American Government
- Must have taken at least one social studies elective and earned a B or higher

Application Requirements:

Essay

Answer the following question in essay format. Please be thorough in your answer so that we can get a accurate picture of you.

Explain how 2 social studies courses you have taken at Whitmer have provided you with the skills needed to be successful in your future. This could be how you have applied what you have learned, skills that were developed, or a challenge to your prior knowledge that has led to a change in your behavior. Please be specific.

Google Form Application: [Freedom Award Scholarship Application](#)

Greenwood Alumni Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements:

- All applicants must have graduated from Greenwood after having attended for 3 years or more
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA

Application Requirements:

Essay

Describe how Greenwood impacted your life and what you have planned for the future after you graduate from Whitmer.

One Teacher Recommendation

Photo

Submit a photo of yourself that illustrates one of your favorite Greenwood memories.

Any student granted a scholarship will be required to attend the Greenwood 6th Grade Graduation Ceremony on the last day of school.

Google Form Application: [Greenwood Alumni Scholarship Application](#)

Jenny VanCleve Memorial Scholarship

The Jenny VanCleve Memorial Scholarship (amount varies) is for an outstanding female Whitmer athlete. If the female student receives a full athletic scholarship, then the next eligible female athlete receives the scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a female Whitmer athlete
- Will attend a two or four-year college in the US.

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Scholarship Committee reach a decision, students must submit a typed, double-spaced 400-500 word essay describing why you feel you are the best candidate for the scholarship.

Google Form Application: [Jenny VanCleve Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Jodi Francis Education Scholarship

The Jodi Francis Education Scholarship was awarded for the first time during the 2010-2011 school year. This scholarship is presented by the family of Mrs. Jodi Francis to honor Mrs. Francis's love of education. Mrs. Francis loyally served the Hiawatha community and Washington Local Schools for 11 years. She was an outstanding teacher best known for being a loving and compassionate educator who was devoted to providing the best education possible for her students.

The recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship that may be used at any qualifying institution to pursue a degree in education. Special consideration will be given to candidates that attended Hiawatha Elementary School.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be enrolled in the Teaching Profession Program
- Ranked in the top half of their senior class
- Demonstrate a commitment to community service
- Plan on pursuing a career in education

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Scholarship Committee reach a decision, students must submit a typed, double-spaced 400-500 word essay. Students may select from one of the following topics for their essay:

1. Describe the student that you met through your field experience that had the biggest impact on your decision to become an educator.
2. Describe the teacher that most inspired you to become an educator.
3. Describe the event(s) in your life that led you to the teaching profession.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Should you need assistance when editing your essay or application before submitting it to the Scholarship Committee, please consider asking any Whitmer teacher for help. Please note that Mrs. Tucker will not be available to help students with the essay.

Google Form Application: [Jodi Francis Education Scholarship](#)

Joshua Sorrell Memorial Public Service Scholarship

The Joshua Sorrell Memorial Public Service Scholarship is presented to deserving members of the senior class intending to pursue a career in public service to honor Joshua Sorrell's commitment to living a life of service. Joshua is a deceased Whitmer student that left the Panther family too soon. Joshua was a young man who truly knew how to be a friend. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him with his bright smile and laugh that always lit up a room. From the time he was a little boy, Joshua's passion had been to help people. He attended Monac Elementary School where he served the school community as a crossing guard. In high school he was a member of the Red Cross Club and helped organize blood drives, even donating his own blood. These life choices had inspired him to become a paramedic. A strong believer in faith and a true American at heart, he was an active member of First Congregational Church and Sons of the American Legion. Joshua was also an avid sports fan and participated in team sports such as basketball, baseball, track, football, and soccer. Scholarship winners may use their awards at any qualifying institution in the student's chosen field. The Sorrell family will award one \$1,000 scholarship. An interview may be held to determine the final recipient if multiple strong candidates apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Intend to pursue a career as a paramedic, firefighter, criminal justice professional, nurse, doctor, physical therapist, sports medicine professional or teacher
- Have a 3.0 or better GPA
- Demonstrate a commitment to community service by completing and logging at least 25 hours of community service

Application Requirements:

Essay

Submit a 500-1000 word essay that answers the following questions:

- What does the phrase "to live a life of service" mean to you personally? Provide at least two examples of how you live this philosophy.
- Why are you interested in pursuing a career in public service?
- What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve these goals?
- How will your career in public service have a positive lasting effect on your community?
- Why are you deserving of the Joshua Sorrell Memorial Public Service Scholarship?

Google Form Application: [Joshua Sorrell Memorial Public Service Scholarship Application](#)

Joshua Sorrell Memorial Soccer Scholarship

The Joshua Sorrell Memorial Soccer Scholarship is presented to deserving members of the Whitmer soccer program to honor Joshua Sorrell's passion for soccer. Joshua is a deceased Whitmer student that left the Panther family too soon. Joshua was a young man who truly knew how to be a friend. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him with his bright smile and laugh that always lit up a room. From the time he was a little boy, Joshua's passion had been to help people. He attended Monac Elementary School where he served the school community as a crossing guard. In high school he was a member of the Red Cross Club and helped organize blood drives, even donating his own blood. These life choices had inspired him to become a paramedic. A strong believer in faith and a true American at heart, he was an active member of First Congregational Church and Sons of the American Legion. Joshua was also an avid sports fan and participated in team sports such as basketball, baseball, track, football, and soccer. Scholarship winners may use their awards at any qualifying institution in the student's chosen field. The Sorrell family will award one \$1,000 scholarship. An interview may be held to determine the final recipient if multiple strong candidates apply for this scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Played a minimum of two years on either the men's or ladies' panther soccer team
- Have a 3.0 or better GPA
- Demonstrate a commitment to community service by completing and logging at least 25 hours of community service

Application Requirements:

Essay

Submit a 500 word essay that answers the following questions:

- What does the word "team" mean to you?
- What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve these goals?
- How has participation in the Whitmer soccer program help to develop your leadership skills and positively affected your life?

Google Form Application: [Joshua Sorrell Memorial Soccer Scholarship Application](#)

Kenneth E. Bishop Scholarship

The Kenneth E. Bishop Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship in honor of Mr. Bishop's many years of leadership and service to Washington Local Schools as a Treasurer and Superintendent. The scholarship seeks to recognize the leadership and service of students to Whitmer High School and the community and recognize staff members who have inspired, encouraged, and supported students in those efforts.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be in the top 100 students in the class
- Must be in good standing with Whitmer High School
- Must have demonstrated leadership and service to Whitmer and/or the community over the past years
- Preference will be given to students majoring in Education first, and then Business/Finance.

Application Requirements:

Essay

1. How you have demonstrated leadership and service to Whitmer High School and/or the community
2. Reasons for going into Education or Business/Finance
3. A past teacher that had a positive impact on you and why
4. Other considerations for needing this scholarship

Google Form Application: [Kenneth E. Bishop Scholarship Application](#)

McGregor Alumni Scholarship

The McGregor Alumni Scholarship has been established to honor former McGregor students who attended McGregor Elementary, continued their education with Washington Local Schools, and will be graduating from Whitmer High School. The scholarship recipient will be awarded \$500.

Eligibility Requirements:

- At least a 3.0 GPA
- Attended McGregor Elementary School for at least three years

Application Requirements:

Essay

Explain how McGregor impacted your life and describe your plans for the future after you graduate from Whitmer High School.

Teacher Recommendation

Photo of a McGregor memory

The award recipient is required to attend the McGregor 6th grade graduation.

Google Form Application: [McGregor Alumni Scholarship Application](#)

Monac Alumni Scholarship

The Monac Alumni Scholarship has been established to honor former Monac students who attended Monac Elementary, continued their education with Washington Local Schools, and will be graduating from Whitmer High School. The scholarship recipient will be awarded up to \$1,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Graduating from Whitmer High School
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Must be in good standing with Whitmer High School
- Must have attended Monac Elementary from grades 1-6 and continued their education with Washington Local Schools from grades 7-12

Application Requirements:

Essay

Describe your educational journey through the Washington Local School system.

If chosen, the recipient(s) will be required to prepare and deliver a speech to the Monac 6th grade class telling about their educational journey through the Washington Local School system.

Google Form Application: [Monac Alumni Scholarship Application](#)

Paul R. Schlegel Scholarship

Every year the principal of Whitmer High School has the opportunity to award one graduating senior the Paul Schlegel Scholarship. The award recipient will receive an award that will total \$5,000.00 that will be spread over 24 months. Scholarship funds will be issued in increments of four (4) consecutive semesters, which may or may not include summer semesters.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must plan to attend a local college or university such as Bowling Green State University, Lourdes University, Owens Community College, The University of Toledo
- Must plan to live at home while attending college

Application Requirements:

Essay

Submit a 300-word essay sharing your future goals and what led you to the decision to stay local and live at home while attending college.

Google Form Application: [Paul R. Schlegel Scholarship Application](#)

Science Memorial Scholarship

Paul Zielinski/Jim Terry/Vince Maraugh

This scholarship is being offered in the memory of Paul Zielinski, Jim Terry, and Vince Maraugh who were dedicated science teachers in the Washington Local School District. The purpose of this annual, non-renewable scholarship is to provide a monetary award to a deserving science student who will pursue a science-related degree. Consideration for this scholarship will be based on academic performance in science classes, an essay, recommendation from four teachers (at least one a science teacher) and if a finalist, an interview.

Please turn in a hard copy of the teacher recommendation and signature form to Mrs. Terry in room S 133. The rest of the application is to be submitted on-line.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a graduating Whitmer senior.
- Applicant must have been accepted to a 2-year or 4- year college or university. Applicant must intend to major in science or a science-related field.

Receipt of an application does not guarantee an award of scholarship monies. Finalists will be contacted for a brief interview.

If awarded a scholarship, a check will be made out to the University or College listed to the applicant in his/her name.

Application Requirements

Essay Question

Tell us about experiences that have influenced your decision to pursue a career in science and how these experiences will help you in this career. Essay must be word processed. It should be typed using double spacing and a 12-point font. Essay is to be submitted on-line.

Teacher Recommendation

Please obtain the recommendation of four teachers by having them sign the recommendation form. One of these **MUST** be a Science teacher. You can get recommendation forms from Mrs. Terry in room S-133. Completed forms should be turned in to Mrs. Terry in room S-133 by March 18. Recommendation forms are hard copies.

Google Form Application: [Science Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Science Memorial Scholarship Application Teacher Recommendation Form

Please obtain the recommendation of **four** teachers by having them sign the recommendation form. **One of these MUST be a Science teacher.**

You can get recommendation forms from Mrs. Terry in room S-133. Completed forms should be turned in to Mrs. Terry in room S-133 by the application deadline. Recommendation forms are hard copies.

To the teacher- You are recommending the student named in this application to be considered for the Paul Zielinski/Jim Terry Memorial Science Scholarship.

Teacher name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Whitmer Science Department is true and correct.

Printed name of scholarship applicant _____ Signature of

scholarship applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Reighard Family Memorial Scholarship

A graduating senior will be awarded a scholarship (amount varies) to pursue a college education as a full-time student in the US.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must pursue a college education as full-time student in the US
- Be a well-rounded student with academic achievement, involvement in the community, and involved in school activities and athletics

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Scholarship Committee reach a decision, students must submit a typed, double-spaced 400-500 word essay describing why you feel you are the best candidate for the scholarship.

Google Form Application: [Reighard Family Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Trilby Sportsmen's Club Scholarship

One male and one female will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship to pursue a college education at any two or four-year college as a full-time student.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Pursue a college education at any two or four-year college as a full-time student
- Excellence in academics, athletic participation, character and leadership, service to school, and attitude

Application Requirements:

Essay

To help the Scholarship Committee reach a decision, students must submit a typed, double-spaced 400-500 word essay describing why you feel you are the best candidate for the scholarship.

Google Form Application: [Trilby Sportsmen's Club Scholarship Application](#)

WLXC Scholarship

The Washington Local Cross Country Scholarship will award one male and one female athlete with a \$500 scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have ran cross country for 2 years (including senior year)
- Have shown good sportsmanship and core values
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Must be accepted into a 2 year or 4-year college/university (applicant does not have to continue running career in college)

Application Requirements:

Essay

Include a short essay as to how being a student-athlete has contributed to preparing you for college.

Google Form Application: [WLXC Scholarship Application](#)