

\$4,000 Saugatuck Woman's Club

May Heath Memorial Scholarship Guidelines

May Heath, the granddaughter of Stephen S. Morrison, was author of the first history of Saugatuck and general chairperson of the 1930 Saugatuck Centennial Committee. One of the first presidents of SWC, she served as corresponding secretary for 21 years. She was also the first librarian for the SWC public lending library (housed in the Bruckman House on Butler Street). The collection evolved to become our Saugatuck Douglas District Library. May Heath, the local entrepreneur, church, and civic leader, artist and poet, considered the Saugatuck Woman's Club building to be a monument to the women of Saugatuck.

1. This scholarship will be awarded to a Saugatuck High School graduating senior who will be a full time student at an accredited two-year, three-year or four-year institution or trade school leading to a certificate of completion (diploma/degree).
2. The applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have been actively involved in the community and volunteerism. This scholarship is based on the Saugatuck Woman's Club objectives of mutual help, intellectual improvement, and unified effort for the welfare of the community.
3. There are no restrictions based on age, race, gender or need. The applicant must be a United States citizen and must include a copy of their SHS transcript with the completed application.
4. This renewable scholarship will be for \$1,000 per year to be given in two \$500 increments applied at the beginning of the first term and at the beginning of the mid term, dependent upon the division of school year, that is, either a semester, trimester or quarter system.
 - A. The student must provide verification of enrollment and/or evidence of good academic progress to the Saugatuck Woman's Club Scholarship Committee Chair before the monies will be sent to their institution in August and December/January each academic year..
 - B. This scholarship shall be applicable to only one school and is not transferable.

5. **This \$1,000 annual scholarship is renewable each academic year until the student has completed an academic program or certificate. The total of the award may not exceed \$4,000.**
 - A. **By August 1 of each year, the student must request a renewal, in writing, of the scholarship.** S/he must also include an official transcript to show evidence that s/he is making good progress, in a timely manner, towards a degree or certificate. (Transcripts are kept confidential.)
 - B. Students pursuing a two or three year program, may request a renewal in the same manner, for a total of a \$2,000 or \$3,000 award.
6. A committee made up of appointed members of the Saugatuck Woman's Club determines the recipient, after evaluating the complete applications that are submitted.
7. Selections will take into account the candidate's academic record, community and school service learning involvement, the essay, and two letters of personal character and qualification recommendation. (See application for specifics.)
8. A member of the SWC Scholarship Committee will present the award at the Scholarship award assembly. The recipient and family member(s) will be introduced at a regular SWC meeting during the summer following the award.