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## The Dundalk Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund



was founded by and for the members of the Dundalk Senior High School Class of 1962, for the purpose of providing a scholarship yearly to a graduating senior at Dundalk High School. The Fund is managed by a Board of Trustees elected from alumni of the Class of 1962.

Membership consists of all persons who graduated in 1962 from Dundalk Senior High School in Dundalk, Maryland. Each member of the Class of '62 is entitled to vote for members of the Board of Directors.

The Class of '62 numbered over 600 students. Now in our twelfth year, the Scholarship Fund presently awards a \$7,500 scholarship, funded last year through contributions from 46 class members and 5 additional donors. In 2014 we also presented the first of five \$2,000 Barbara Wernecke Durkin Memorial Scholarships, funded through the generosity of Barbara's husband Bill Durkin.

The Class of 62 Scholarship Fund is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code as a charitable organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

## History

Several years ago, a small group of volunteers from the Dundalk Senior High School Class of 1962 agreed to create a fund from which to award a yearly scholarship to a graduating senior at their alma mater. They believed it would be a great way to “give back” to the Dundalk community, and at the same time, provide tangible encouragement to the current DHS senior class members. Through the diligent efforts of that initial group, led by Richard Sizer, the Class of 62 Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Because any overhead expenses are donated by the members of the Board of Trustees, every penny collected is used solely to fund scholarships. Many Class of '62 members made initial 5-year pledges. All contributions, no matter how large or small, are welcome; individual donations have ranged from \$10 to \$1,000. Some donors have chosen to make multiple donations throughout the course of the year. A few class members have even included the Fund in their estate planning.

Out of nearly 600 remaining Class of '62 members, 101 individuals have supported this effort since the Fund was established. Additional contributions come from other donors, including some past scholarship recipients, and friends who send annual

contributions in memory of Richard Sizer. We continue to reach our annual fund raising goal, presently set at \$7,500 per year. Thanks to some individuals giving more than their share, we have been able to accumulate extra funds which will enable us to continue the mission of the foundation as the years go by, and class numbers and incomes shrink.

Following an initial \$4,000 scholarship, payable over 4 years as long as the recipient remained in school, six scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$5,000, payable in four \$1,250 increments. In May 2009, the award was increased to \$6,200, also payable in 4 annual installments. Recognizing the ever-increasing costs encountered by college students, the Board increased the award to \$7,500 in May 2014. With the May 2014 scholarship presentation and the first Durkin Memorial Scholarship, the Fund has awarded over \$78,500 in scholarships to 18 graduating Dundalk High School seniors.

## Scholarship Recipients

### \$4,000 Scholarship (4 years @ \$1,000)

Katie Paterka Roppelt, Towson University, 2002-2005

### \$5,000 Scholarship (4 years @ \$1,250)

Justin Wilson, Lehigh, 2003-2006

Michael Gliniecki, Johnson & Wales, 2004-2007

Kasey Ann Mikula, Salisbury, 2005-2008

Hanna Gerlach, U. of Maryland, 2006-2009

Shannon Pijanowski, Clemson, 2007-2010

Hortensia Maria Montoya, St. Mary's, 2008-2011

### \$6,200 Scholarship (4 years @ \$1,550)

Avia Marie Esposito, Stevenson, 2009-2012

Amanda Briocche, U. of Miami, 2010-2013

Sadia Ahmed, Towson, 2011-2014

Kirsten Elan Taylor, St. Edwards, 2012-2015

Ijaz Ahmed, U. of Maryland Baltimore County, 2013-2016

### \$7,500 Scholarship (4 years @ \$1,875)

Jacob Bass, UMBC, 2014-2017

### \$1,000 Richard Sizer Memorial Scholarships, May 2005

Nicole Lynn Boblits

Amber Paige Kersey

Kenneth Moll

Angela Jean Smith

### \$2,000 Barbara Wernecke Durkin Memorial Scholarship, May 2014

Denisse Jimenez, St Johns in New York City