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## **Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Awards 2022 Scholarships**

**GRAND HAVEN, Mich. — Aug. 26, 2022:** The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) has announced its scholarship recipients for the 2022-2023 school year. 229 area students received an award, totaling over \$655,000.

"After receiving my scholarships from the Community Foundation, the storm clouds in my head began to clear and the reality of my life began to settle in," said Elena Yu, Grand Haven High School graduate and recipient of both the Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship and Millicent Mary Schaffner Endowed Scholarship. "This is what amplifies the importance of [donors'] donations. [They] make our dreams come to fruition. I speak for myself, and for many others when I say that without [this] support, our paths to success would be far less paved."

The GHACF, Allendale Community Foundation and Coopersville Area Community Foundation hold over 130 scholarship funds with varying criteria, such as financial need, academic achievements, and field of study. Another factor our scholarship committee considers is if a student would be among the first in their family in their generation to continue their education after high school and 31 first-generation students received awards this year.

To celebrate the scholarship recipients and their families as well as recognize the donors who established scholarship funds, the GHACF hosted an ice cream social on July 26 at Mulligan's Lodge in Grand Haven. "We are all so grateful to be able to thank our donors for their generosity to their scholarship fund and, in turn, their commitment to our area students," said Hadley Streng, GHACF President, "and we are excited to congratulate our scholarship recipients and wish them well in their upcoming endeavors."

The next scholarship application will open in early December 2022. Visit <https://www.ghacf.org/scholarships/> for more information.

### **About the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation**

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 community foundation in the nation and is the eighth largest community foundation in Michigan. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, GHACF offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information visit [ghacf.org](https://www.ghacf.org).

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