

Charlton Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship

A brief history

In 1999, the Charlton PTO was the recipient of a \$50,000 gift from the U.S. Generating Company. A sub-committee comprised of PTO members recommended the course of action to best utilize the gift to benefit children for years to come. The committee decided to earmark \$25,000 for future scholarship recipients. The funds were given to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF)*. The GWCF invests the PTO gift money and the returns help to continue its life. GWCF administers the selection exclusively without any input from the PTO board, its members, or school administration.

The PTO has not contributed funds to the GWCF since the initial gift. The PTO receives quarterly statements from the GWCF; the balance is published in the PTO Treasurer report.

Specifics about the scholarship criteria

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to two graduating seniors, one from Shepherd Hill Regional High School and one from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. To be eligible applicants must be Charlton residents who attended Charlton public schools for a minimum of 5 years during kindergarten through eighth grade.

Considerations:

- 30% Academics
- 30% Community Service
- 20% Character
- 20% Extra-Curricular Activities

SAT score or financial need is not considered.

Applications are available in the Greater Worcester Community Foundation publication, through the guidance offices in each of the high schools.

Past Scholarship Recipients

2001	K. Dearley and J. Sanborn
2002	M. Dmochowski
2003	J. Clough
2004	J. Boisclair and S. Mettel
2005	Lee Steien
2006	Anna Burakiewicz and Tara Conway
2007	Kara Brunell and Adriana C. Sodano
2008	Kathleen S. Walsh
2009	Eric Brigham and Stephen Zeveska
2010	Andrew Briand and Kelly Rambarran
2011	Amanda Spiewak

* The Greater Worcester Community Foundation formed in 1975 as a public charitable corporation with a mission to increase philanthropy and build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Central Massachusetts. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation achieves its mission in four primary ways:

- works with donors on tailored giving programs
- invests in local nonprofits organization through grants and technical support
- convenes people and organizations with shared goals to solve problems
- safeguards the assets in its trust.

Since 1975 the Greater Worcester Community Foundation has built a permanent, flexible endowment and has distributed grants and awards totaling more than \$45 million to a broad range of organizations and people throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.greaterworcester.org