

MARLBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY (1980 - 2008)

YEAR	NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	WINNER	\$	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	CRITERIA
1980	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Patrick Denis Curran	\$500	Marlborough High School	Boston College	essay
1981	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Steven O'Mara		Marlborough High School	St. Anselm's College, NH	shoe industry
1982	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Lawrence Gennari		Marlborough High School	North Adams State	Marlboro Teenagers - a Product of their Time and Community
1983	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Jennifer LaCoutre				
1984	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Andrea C. Giorgi			Wellesley College	The History of the Marlborough Public Library
1985	Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship	Patricia E. Zschau		Marlborough High School	College of the Holy Cross, Worcester	
1986	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Wendy Flagg	\$500	Marlborough High School	Worcester State College	essay
1987	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Todd A. Keigwin	\$500	Marlborough High School		history of Marlboro from the Indians to Digital
1988	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Richard A. Terry		Marlborough High School	Assumption College	founding of Marlboro Fire Dept.
1989	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Betsy A. Lynch		Marlborough High School	Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT	
1990	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Debbie Gluszcak	\$500	Marlborough High School	Worcester State College	Regina LaBossier, her grandmother's life in Marlboro
1991	Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship	Shishir C. Gundavaram	\$500	Marlborough High School	Boston University	Marlboro Sports Hall of Fame
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2000	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship	Jacqueline Boyd	\$250	Marlborough High School		
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2002	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship	Alyse M. Laliberte	\$250	Marlborough High School	Westfield State College	
2003	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship	Kristin McCarron	\$250	Marlborough High School	Southern NH University	
	<i>From the Society Newsletter: Congratulations to Kristin McCarron, who was chosen by the faculty of Marlborough High School to receive the Society's Annual Scholarship of \$250. Kristin will be attending Southern New Hampshire University where she will major in Social Studies Teacher Education and hopes to teach history to high school students.</i>					
2004	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship	Matthew Giancola	\$250	Marlborough High School	UMass Amherst	
	<i>From the Society Newsletter: Congratulations to Matthew Giancola who was chosen by the faculty of Marlborough High School to receive the Society's Annual Dorothy Medill Memorial Scholarship of \$250. Matthew is attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.</i>					
2005	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy Memorial Scholarship	Ryan Walsh	\$250	Marlborough High School	Providence College	this student was chosen by faculty
	Ryan Walsh was the first to receive a mock check, but it wasn't at a meeting. A few of us met at the Homestead for a photo shoot only. (This was done because the publicist wanted the photo for the newspaper.)					
2006	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy/ Frank Valianti Memorial Scholarship	Andrew Harvey	\$500	Marlborough High School	Syracuse University	History of the Marlborough Country Club
	<i>From the Society Newsletter: Andrew Harvey, the winner of our Scholarship Fund, was presented with a mock check. He'll receive the real one when he completes his first semester. We received ten wonderful essays from Marlborough students, but Andrew's, which was on the history of the Marlborough Country Club, was unanimously voted the best. All of the essays were on display for the meeting.</i>					

2007	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy/ Frank Valianti Memorial Scholarship	Lindsey C. Cunningham	\$500	Marlborough High School	Endicott College	Marlborough, MA: A Truly Perfect Hometown
<p><i>From the Society Newsletter: President Janet Licht presented scholarship winner, Lindsey Cunningham, a facsimile check for \$500 for her essay on Marlborough History, which she was then gracious enough to read for us. Lindsey was the first to read her essay at the meeting.</i></p>						
2008	Dorothy Medill/ Claudia McCarthy/ Frank Valianti Memorial Scholarship	Devon Blake	\$500	Marlborough High School	Brigham Young University	Mayor Charles L. Bartlett

The scholarship program appears to have begun in 1980 and was originally the Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship. It appears that it was \$500 per year up through 1991, although I have not seen records to that effect. I'm not sure what happened at that point, but it seems that it was discontinued.

In the Nov-Dec 1999 Newsletter there is a notice from Frank Valianti, who was president at the time, to the effect that the Marlborough Historical Society would grant a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student at the Marlborough High School studying history or historical interests in advanced learning. It was to be known as the Marlborough Historical Society Scholarship in honor of Dorothy Medill and Claudia McCarthy. (Claudia had died in 1995.)

When Peggy Ayres joined the board in 2005 she took over the scholarship duties and suggested the essay idea and that the Historical Society, rather than the school, pick the winner. Also in 2005 we had a big celebration at the annual meeting to honor as many of the original founders as we could find. This was also the first year when the winning student appeared and read his or her essay.

In 2006 Frank Valianti's name was added to the other two, the amount was raised to \$500, and the eligibility criteria was revised to include all Marlborough students planning to graduate from high school and go to college.