

College and scholarships

The MME and the Michigan Promise Scholarship

Each year in March all of the high school juniors in Michigan take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). We ask that juniors take this exam very seriously.

The Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to high school graduates. To qualify for the scholarship students must take the MME. **All students who take the MME have the opportunity to receive up to \$4,000** to pay for college expenses if they meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information on the Michigan Promise Scholarship please go to the website michigan.gov/promise.

Scholarships Windover offers

Each year during the graduation ceremony Windover staff gladly awards several scholarships and honors to graduates. A simple application is available at school for seniors to complete to be considered for these scholarships and awards.

The first scholarship is the Terrie Kaiser Family Scholarship. Our previous principal Terrie Kaiser and her family began this scholarship several years ago. Terrie's family believes deeply in Windover students. This is a \$1000 scholarship awarded to a Windover graduate to help assist with college expenses.

A scholarship to Delta College is also awarded. Delta generously gives Windover this scholarship to give away each year. The scholarship pays for 30 college credits which is almost a complete associate's degree. Windover staff decides who this award will go to.

The Kiwassee Kiwanis of Midland for the past 10 years have given a Windover graduate \$250. This scholarship is given to a student who has been a leader in helping create a good productive learning environment at Windover. The student who receives this award has been a conscientious student who is kind, respectful and helpful to fellow students and staff.

Several other awards are given including Bulldog of the year. Windover's graduation ceremony is a great celebration of tremendous work and success accomplished by Windover students and their families. Please pick up a scholarship application in the counseling office.

Midland Area Community Foundation scholarships

In February this year approximately 150 scholarships will be offered through the Midland Area Community Foundation. There are some very good opportunities among these scholarships for Windover students. If you are interested in learning more about these scholarships please go to the foundation's website www.midlandfoundation.org .

FAFSA and College

Students who plan to go to college after high school must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be awarded federal scholarship money. Many students qualify for Pell Grants once they complete this form. Pell grants can pay for most or all of a person's college expenses. The counselor at Windover will help students complete this form. Part of the form must be completed by parents and includes tax return information. **Please keep a copy of your 2008 tax returns – that is where the information needed for the FAFSA comes from.** For more information please see the following website: www.fafsa.ed.gov .