

Mattawan Public Education Foundation
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The Caleb J. Kerwin Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500 Scholarship

The Caleb J. Kerwin Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of Mattawan High School who has demonstrated a commitment to the service of others through activities in the school or the outside community, plus demonstrated achievement in the classroom. It is intended to assist a graduate in pursuit of a college education, in any field of study.

As Caleb's parents relate, "Caleb was a healthy, active toddler when, at the age of 2 ½, he drowned in a swimming pool. He was resuscitated and for the next 12 years clung to life while being cared for by his family and friends. Each day was a struggle for him, but his presence in our lives taught us more than words can say. When he died at the age of 14, we wanted his memory to continue to enrich others. Our hope is the recipient of this scholarship will work towards a goal that will enrich the lives of others as well as his or her own."

Scholarship/Essay Criteria:

- Highlight the service activities in which you have been involved during your high school years. These may include any school, community and church projects or membership in any organization that has the goal of service to benefit other people or groups of people.
- Your reflection on your experience(s) and what you learned.
- Your thoughts on why you deserve this scholarship.
- Your personal and career goals as well as what you hope to accomplish in life.

How to Apply:

Create your application packet using the four-step format below. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Submit four copies of all pages of your application, blacking out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters. Your application will not be accepted without all four copies (the high school office cannot make copies).

Application Format (Complete all four steps and then make four copies of the application packet):

1. Cover Sheet

- Type the **Name of the Scholarship** for which you are applying
- Type the **Last four digits of your Social Security Number** (NO NAME please as a blind process is used. Attach a sticky note with your name to the finished scholarship application so that the high school office secretary can log in your scholarship application.)
- Type your **Date of Birth**
- Type the **College or University you plan to attend**
- Type your **Major or Course of Study**
- Copy the **Scholarship/Essay Criteria** exactly as listed above

2. Essay

On a separate sheet, type your essay according to the specific scholarship criteria listed on your cover sheet.

- Use 12 pt. font
- Double space
- Two page maximum
- Be sure to include the last four digits of your social security number in upper right hand corner of each page.
- A title for your essay should be centered at the top of the first page.

3. Letters of Recommendation

- Enclose two character references from someone outside your family, such as a group leader, advisor, coach, pastor, employer, etc. Please include their address and phone number on each letter. Do not include more than one reference from a teacher. Teachers should use the MPEF recommendation form provided on the school website.

4. Submit Four Copies of your Application Packet

- Make four copies of your application packet and submit them to the high school office.
- Make sure to black out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters.
- Your application packet will not be accepted without all four copies. The high school office cannot make copies.