

Mattawan Public Education Foundation
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The Robert C. Cretsinger Scholarship
\$1,000 Scholarship

The Robert C. Cretsinger Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at Mattawan High School who is furthering their education at a community college, has at least a 2.5 GPA, and has demonstrated school involvement and good citizenship through participation in school sponsored activities. Applicants may have been involved in athletics or any of the co-curricular or club based activities. It is intended to assist a graduate in pursuit of a college education in any field of study.

The scholarship has been created in honor of Bob Cretsinger's passion for education. In 1992, Bob was instrumental in founding the Mattawan Public Education Foundation. He then served as its Executive Director for the first decade of its existence. Through his vision and energy, the foundation flourished and grew, reaching more and more students every year. It is now Bob's desire that a thoughtful, dedicated student be afforded the opportunity to enrich their life with the aid of this scholarship.

Scholarship/Essay Criteria:

- The school-based activities in which you have been involved during your high school years. These may include any athletic, co-curricular or club-based activity.
- Your reflection on your experience(s) and what you learned.
- Please indicate academic grade point (must be a least a 2.5)
- Your thoughts on why you deserve this scholarship.
- Your personal and career goals as well as what you hope to accomplish in life.
- Indicate school you plan to attend.

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 one character reference from someone outside your family, such as a group leader, advisor, coach, pastor, employer, etc. Please include his or her address and phone number on each letter.
- Ask one teacher to fill out the MPEF recommendation form provided on the school website. The teacher will send this form directly to the office. It will not be included in the packet of materials you submit, but will be added to your packet by one of the office staff. This recommendation form is specific to this scholarship application, as we cannot accept a letter the teacher may have written for you for another purpose (i.e., a reference letter from a teacher to be used for college admission).

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.