BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarship Listing

(Revised November 2026)

Jordan Allen Memorial Scholarship - established by the family of Jordan Wayne Allen, a former Dwenger Student who died of an undetected heart condition in 2005 during his sophomore year.

- Non-renewable; one $2,000 scholarship but may vary in number or amount
- Open to any current 9th grade student to receive as a sophomore; preference given to a Most Precious Blood student
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- B average

Jim and Pat Alspaugh Endowment Scholarship – established by Jim (CCHS '61) and Pat Alspaugh, who are past parents.

- Renewable; (2) $500 scholarships
- Practicing Catholic
- No grade parameters, but dedicated student

Gene Andert/Jack Didier Saint Alive! Scholarship – established by Saints Alive! to honor long-time Saints Alive! volunteers Gene Andert and Jack Didier.

- Renewable; one (1) $500 scholarship
- Must be enrolled in the Bishop Dwenger Career Academy
- Must demonstrate meaningful contribution to Saints Alive!

Dr. Justin E. Arata Memorial Scholarship - established in his memory of Dr. Arata by his children, Catherine (CCHS '62), Nancy (CCHS '66), Michael '68, Patrick '71, James '73, Mimi '76, and John '79.

- Renewable; $500 scholarship
- Preference given to student from a large family

Bishop Dwenger Alumni Scholarship - established through the generosity of Bishop Dwenger Alumni.

- Renewable; two new $1,000 scholarships allocated each year, for a total of eight scholarships in any given year
- For students who are the sons/daughters of a Bishop Dwenger alumnus/a
- B average

Leland Boren Scholarship - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Leland.

- Renewable, either two $500 scholarships or one $1,000 scholarship
- C average

The Tom Boyd Scholarship – established by Chuck McNulty ’82, in honor of Tom.

- Renewable, either two (2) $500 scholarships or one (1) $1,000 scholarship
- C average

Carol and Lyle Cornell Memorial Scholarship – originally established by Carol in memory of her husband Lyle, the scholarship was expanded to include Carol, a longtime Theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger, upon her passing.

- Non-renewable; one or two $500 scholarships
- Awarded junior year
- Must be in good academic standing

Steve and Ruthanne DeWald Memorial Scholarship - a gift from the estate of Steve and Ruthanne DeWald.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- Must be involved in an extracurricular activity
- Must be a practicing Catholic
- B average

Phillip and Sarah Erhman Scholarship – established by the Erhman family, in memory of Phillip and Sarah.

- Renewable; one (1) $500 scholarship
- Eligibility is open

Bob Eifert Memorial Scholarship - established in memory of Bob Eifert by his wife, Carol, and children: Sue ‘75, Lynne ’78, Greg ‘80, Mary Beth ‘82, and Mark ’84.

- Renewable; two $500-$800 scholarships
- For students who are active members of a Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic parish
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- C+ average

Mike Fisher Scholarship - established by Chuck McNulty ’82, in honor of Mike.

- Renewable; either two $500 scholarships or one $1,000 scholarship
- C average

Bishop Dwenger Foundation for Catholic Secondary Schools Scholarship (FCSS) - established through funds that were part of the Campaign for Excellence to benefit Catholic secondary schools in Fort Wayne.

- Open to any incoming freshmen
- Applicants considered on basis of need and scholastic ability
- One to three scholarships totaling $1,500 in non-renewable scholarships
- C average

John Gaughan Scholarship - established in honor of BDHS’s first lay principal.

- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- For active members of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- C+ average

Gillig Family Scholarship - established by the family of Mary and David Gillig who had six children graduate from Bishop Dwenger: Diana ’77, Chris ’78, Ed ‘79, Greg ’81, Steve ’84, and Phil ’87.

- Non-renewable; two $1,000 scholarships
- Student from St. Jude’s or Most Precious Blood
- C+ average

Bill and Ruth Ann Hayden Christian Spirit Scholarship - established by Marcia ’69, Joe ’70, Mike ’74, John ‘76, Lynne ‘80, and Lisa ’84, in honor of their parents.

- Renewable; two $500 scholarships
- Must be in good academic standing
- For junior or senior student who consistently demonstrates his or her Christian spirit by treating others with kindness, compassion, honesty, respect, and integrity

Coach Bob Herber Memorial Scholarship - established by former BDHS student athletes in gratitude of Coach.

- Renewable; one $1,000 scholarship
- Must be involved in school activities
- B average

Hope Scholarship - established to help families who teach in our Catholic Schools.

- May renew; multiple scholarships, amounts vary
- A parent must work for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- Preference will be given to students whose parents are Catholic school teachers

Kathy’s Cookies Scholarship - established by Kathy (Degitz ’69) Hyndman’s family; husband, Steve ’68, and daughters Diane ’92, Amy ’94, and Lisa ’98, as a tribute to her and to honor her legacy.

- May renew; one $500 scholarship
- For a sophomore through senior student who has received the Saint Theresa of Calcutta Award for service

Koch Family Memorial Scholarship- in memory of Benjamin R. Koch and Richard B. Koch ‘85, established by their family.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship allocated each year.
- Student must be in good academic standing

Melissa Koors Memorial Scholarship – in memory of Melissa Koors ’97, established by her classmates, after her tragic death in 2005. At the time, Melissa was a preschool teacher at Most Precious Blood Catholic School.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship
- Preference to student from Most Precious Blood or St. Charles
- C+ average

Richard J. Krouse Scholarship – established in honor of BDHS’s first Athletic Director.

- Non-renewable; one $1,000 scholarship
- B average

George Lebamoff Scholarship - established by Chuck McNulty ’82 in honor of George.

- Renewable; Either two $500 scholarships or one $1,000 scholarship
- C average

Richard E. Lee Scholarship - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of Richard.

- Renewable; either two $500 scholarships or one $1,000 scholarship
- C average

John Lehman Scholarship - established by Chuck McNulty '82, in honor of John.

- Renewable: either two $500 scholarships or one $1,000 scholarship
- C average

Monsignor J. William Lester Scholarship - established in honor and in memory of former Catholic School Superintendent.

- Non-renewable; one $1,000 scholarship
- Must be an active member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- C+ average

Mary Magdalene Scholarship - established by an anonymous donor.

- May renew; number allocated, and amount vary depending on number of students eligible
- For students, whose parent(s) work(s) at either Electric Motors & Specialties or Mossberg Industries, both in Garrett, Indiana
- Or student from one of the following schools/parishes: St. Joseph, Garrett; St. Mary, Avilla; St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo; Immaculate Conception, Auburn; St. Anthony of Padua, Angola
- B average

Mastrangelo Family Scholarship - established by Dr. Michael and Mrs. Grace Mastrangelo.

- Renewable; one new scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year, up to a full tuition scholarship
- B average

Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship - Available to incoming freshmen students based on results of academic scholarship exam; amounts vary; not needs-based.

Haley M. Nellum Memorial Scholarship - established by Haley's 2016 classmates in her memory after her tragic death in 2014.

- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- Awarded during sophomore year
- Preference will be given to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award recipients

Adele C. Nelson Memorial Scholarship - provided by memorial gifts from family (sons Brian '81, Eric '82, and granddaughter, Lily Motley) and friends to honor Del Nelson, a long-time and beloved Bishop Dwenger teacher, staff member, and past parent.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship
- For incoming freshman who plans to take Spanish in high school

Our Lady of America Scholarship - established by the Kathy and Tom Fean family in honor of their son, Greg Fean ’14.

- May renew; scholarship amount and number allocated may vary
- Financial need is not a requirement
- Only allocated to a student who is/has battling(ed) cancer
- Special documents may be requested

Michael and Kathy Panther Family Scholarship - established by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Panther who had two sons graduate from Bishop Dwenger: Shawn ’92 and Kyle ’99.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- Must have attended Catholic grade school
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- B average

Brian Penisten Memorial Scholarship - established in memory of Brian Penisten ’93 by his family

- Non-renewable; two (2) $500 scholarships
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- C average

The Maxine and James Poinsatte Memorial Scholarship -established in memory of Maxine and Jim Poinsatte by their eleven children: Anne (CCHS ’66), Gene ’68, Elaine ’70, Kristine ’71, Denise ’72, Rosemarie ‘77, Karen ’74, Janet ’75, Phil ’82, Rick ’85, and Robert ’86.

- May renew, one or two $500 scholarships, generally given to freshman
- Must have a positive attitude, strong in his/her spirituality, good citizenship, and a strong academic record
- Letter of recommendation from his/her parish priest

John Patrick Porter Memorial Scholarship - in memory of Patrick ’11, who died in 2013, established by his family: Angela ’95, Jim ’97, Nika ’98, Joe ’01, Daniel ’03, Chris ’06, Brian ’09, and father, John.

- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- For a senior student who engages in activities at BDHS

M. E. Raker Scholarship - established by the Raker Foundation.

- May renew; five to ten $500 - $1,000 scholarships
- Open to any current student in 9th, 10th, or 11th grades
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- B average

Jim Reifenberg Scholarship - established by his wife, Jeanie, and children, Michael ’76, Steve ’77, Phil ’79, Karla ’80, and Rick ’83, in his memory.

- May renew; multiple $500 scholarships
- For a student who goes above and beyond the service requirements of BDHS and demonstrates a commitment to service in our community
- Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior

- Essay must be written about volunteer service

The Theresa J. Roberts Teaching Scholarship – established by the family of former teacher Theresa J. Roberts, in honor of her years of service at Bishop Dwenger High School.

- Renewable; one (1) $500 scholarship
- Eligibility is open, given to those who aspire to become a teacher.

Ross Family Scholarship - established by Andi and Bob Ross when they were grandparents of Saints.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- Preference to large families with multiple children in Catholic schools
- For students who embrace the pillar of "An Active Life"

Gerald J. Schenkel Memorial Scholarship - established by his children: Sam '85, Sarah Reith '88, Pete '91, and Josh '93, to honor their father.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship
- B average
- Student from St. Vincent de Paul school

Marguerite Schenkel Memorial Scholarship- established by the family of Marguerite Schenkel, in her memory.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- C average

Karen Schleinkofer Memorial Scholarship – established by Michael Schleinkofer '76 in memory of his mother Karen.

- Renewable; three scholarships ranging from $500 to $1,000

Karen A. Schleinkofer Memorial Scholarship - established by her husband, Dr. Robert Schleinkofer, and their children: Michael '76, David '82, Lynne '83, and Rob '89.

- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- Awarded to a senior who was ranked #5 in his/her class at the end of their junior year
- Financial need is not a requirement

Karen A. Schleinkofer Saints Alive! Scholarship - established by her family in honor of her service to Bishop Dwenger High School, especially Saints Alive!

- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- For sophomore, junior, or senior considered to be a valuable resource to Saints Alive! as recommended by the Development Office

The Henry and Josie Schmitt Memorial Scholarship - established by John Schmitt '71 in memory of his parents Josie and Henry Schmitt.

- May renew; two $500 scholarships
- Applicant must be interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) or a skilled trade such as pipefitter/welder, automation, electrician, or millwright

- A/B average

James R. Shields Scholarship - established by James R. Shields, a long-time supporter of Bishop Dwenger High School.

- May renew; multiple scholarships each year, amounts vary
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- C average

Margaret A. Shields Memorial Scholarship - established by her son, Michael J. Shields '67, in her honor and memory.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship

Timothy E. Shields Memorial Scholarship - established by Tim's wife, Beth, and their children: Katie '96, Kelly '99, and Tim '01 in his memory after his premature death in 2020.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship per grade level for a total of four
- C average

Dominic Simone Memorial Scholarship - established by the Lucy and Gerald Gase family, Kevin '07, Phil '09, and Kenny '13, in honor and memory of her father, and the children's grandfather.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship
- Must be involved in extra-curricular activities
- B average

The St. Peter's Parish Educational Grant – This scholarship was established by the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish.

- Non-renewable; one (1) $500 scholarship
- Eligible to all incoming 9th grade students

The St. Sebastian Scholarship – established by Fr. Bob Garrow.

- Renewable; one (1) $1,000
- Preference is a freshman male, to be renewed each year.
- Male athlete, preference: football, basketball or baseball.
- Practicing Catholic, preferably member of the Cathedral, St. John's New Have or St. Jude.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Must maintain a C or better average.

The John Sullivan Courage Scholarship- set up by his family, designed to award a student that has shown courage in the face of adversity; that puts forth steadfast effort despite obstacles life can give.

- Renewable; one $500 scholarship allocated each year.

Robert and Jane Sunderland Memorial Scholarship- in memory of Robert and Jane Sunderland, established by their family.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- Must be an active member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- Family must have four or more children

- C+ average

J. Fred Tone Memorial Scholarship - established in honor of BDHS's second lay principal.
- Renewable; multiple scholarships, amounts vary
- B average

Anthony and Shirley Wagner Memorial Scholarship - in memory of Tony and Shirley Wagner, established by their 7 children and 22 grandchildren.
- May renew; number of scholarships and amounts vary by year. Typically, 1 or 2 scholarships up to $1,000 each for freshmen; and 1 to 3 scholarships up to $2,000 each for upper class students
- Applicant must be involved in parish, preferably as an altar server
- Preference will be given to sophomore through senior students who have received the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award for service
- B average

Stephen Weissert Memorial Scholarship - in memory of Stephen Weissert '75, established by his family.
- Renewable; one new $1,00 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year. Must be an active member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- B- average

The Euell Wilson Compassion Scholarship – in memory of Euell Wilson '92.
- Renewable, one (1) $500
- Demonstrates the qualities that Euell Wilson did; compassion, courage, strength just to name a few.

Winkeljohn Family Scholarship - established by Bob and Diane Winkeljohn in honor of their six children, Rob '83, Terry '84, Wendy '85, Tony '86, Holly '87, and Andy '89.
- May renew; one $1,000 scholarship and three $500 scholarships
- For students who are members of Queen of Angels parish and are graduates of Queen of Angels grade school or its religious education program
- Must be involved in school/parish activities
- B average

Jeanine Winkeljohn Memorial Scholarship - established in memory of Jeanine by her husband, Terry '84, and their children, Greta '15 and Peter '17.
- Non-renewable; one $500 scholarship
- For an active and involved St. Vincent de Paul incoming freshman student
- B average or better

Winkler Family Foundation Scholarship - established by Jane and Don Winkler for those students who might not be able to attend Bishop Dwenger High School due to financial constraints.
- May renew; number and amount of scholarship(s) depends on available funds and circumstances
- Preference given to student whose family is struggling with medical expenses due to illness

Tim Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship- in memory of Tim Zimmerman ’67, established by his classmate.

- Renewable; one new $500 scholarship allocated each year, for a total of four scholarships in any given year
- C+ average

Fort Wayne Catholic Primary School Scholarships - There are scholarships administered and awarded by local diocesan grade schools that may be applied to Bishop Dwenger High School Tuition. Check with your school for scholarship specifics including eligibility and requirements.