

Ann and Anthony LaPietra Scholarship

Description/ Qualifying Criteria: Scholarships awarded to Marshall-area graduating seniors or previous graduates pursuing majors/careers in community service and/or the arts, or who show signs of continuing these activities in the future in their essays. Recipients are chosen based on their current community activism and creative endeavors, such as, but not limited to, music, dance, theater and art. Applicant's financial need and future plans, including plan of study and intended careers, will also be a consideration. Conventional academic success is important, but not necessarily a determining factor. Students who receive this scholarship are encouraged to apply for further support in subsequent years.

Essay Question: Show how you fit the description of the scholarship (and will continue to do so in the future) in **one** of these ways. Please consider your ongoing commitment to creative endeavors or community activism and address this in your essay.

- 1) Write your own valedictory address.
- 2) Write what you'd like someone to say about your life at your funeral.
- 3) Pick an award, nomination, etc.; then write your acceptance speech and tell us how you won it.

Recommendation Letters: Two required- one from a **recent** school administrator/educator and one from an adult member of the community (not a family member).

Financial Criteria: *Yes, complete the Marshall Community Foundation Financial Information form (available to download from the MCF website) and return, along with the first page only of your FAFSA Student Aid Report, with scholarship application.*

Application Process: Return the completed Marshall Community Foundation **4-page application** (available to download from the MCF website), including recommendation letter(s), essay question(s), transcripts and any other qualifying criteria to: Marshall Community Foundation, 614 Homer Road, Marshall, MI 49068.

Deadline: March 1

Contact: Marshall Community Foundation 269.781.2273, e-mail: info@marshallcf.org, website: www.marshallcf.org