# Andover Educational Fund

# Fall 2023

#### **STUDENT FEATURE**



Philadelphia. For a long time it has been my dream to work in the sports industry and the Andover Ed Fund is helping me pursue that dream by granting me scholarships. I am extremely grateful for the help that the Andover Ed Fund has offered me in my pursuit of a Sports Management degree. They have removed most of the financial worry, allowing me to focus on my education and my future. I am extremely grateful for the Andover Ed Fund." - Dillan

DILLAN SMITH

# 2023 CAMPAIGN AND CUTTING ENDOWMENT

We are pleased to share with you the results of the Andover Educational Fund, Inc. (AEF) 2023 campaign – together family and friends of Andover raised \$31,928!

When supporting AEF's annual campaign, you are providing one of the most unique scholarship opportunities that exists between a small town community and its students, anywhere in the world.

The Cutting Endowment offered each student up to \$4,000.00 per year for 4 years to further their education beyond high school. This amazing opportunity is a reflection of the trusting partnership that exists between scholarship Supporters, the AEF board and their ability to effectively administer the donations received.

We hope you will consider helping us continue supporting post high school education in the form of a donation in 2023-24.



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## ADULT EDUCATIONAL FUND

#### Restoring Support for Adult Education – Picking Up Where the Cutting Endowment Leaves Off

Starting in the mid-1990s, AEF supported adult education through a dedicated channel of funding, generated through grants and donations from generous individuals like you. Unfortunately, in 2012 the fund was suspended, a victim of its own success.

But you can't keep a good idea down, and in 2014 the AEF Board of Directors elected to restore the Adult Education Fund in a thoughtful, more sustainable model like that of the Cutting Endowment. We know that the need is there – for working adults who want to advance their current line of work, make a mid-career pivot, or who simply need a little financial assistance to earn an industry credential or license. And for those who found their calling a little later in life, the Adult Ed fund will be able to help you get back to college and on the path to success.

We're looking forward to updating the application process and issuing scholarships. But first, we absolutely must build a solid foundation with a base funding amount of at least \$10,000. And we're almost there at a current funding level of \$8,735. We're asking for your support to help us bridge the gap so we can once again begin offering a helping hand to our neighbors who aspire to a better future. If you'd like to direct your annual gift – or a portion of it – to the Adult Ed Fund, just let us know when you make your donation. And don't forget, you can now donate online at https://www.andoveredfund.org/ where there is a space for comments.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to Adult Ed Coordinator Penny Percival at adulted@andoveredfund.org.

## SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## John & Eunice Fox Prize Scholarship

A new award amount as of September 15, 2023 of \$4,000.00 known as the John and Eunice Fox Prize Scholarship will be given to a high school senior from the Town of Andover, who will be attending an accredited degree granting college or university in the fall, and who has, in the judgment of the Andover Educational Fund Board of Directors, made the greatest contribution to the Town of Andover while he or she has lived there. The prize is not divisible, nor must it be awarded each year.

The Board of Directors requires that interested seniors submit an essay stating individual or organizational contributions. The essay may be mailed to the Andover Educational Fund, Inc., PO Box 32 Andover, ME 04216, and must be received by May 1st.

#### 2023/24 CUTTING ENDOWMENT FUND

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ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Virginia Owings

Anna Thurston Memorial Scholarship Virginia Owings John & Eunice Fox Prize Scholarship Virginia Owings Sweatt Family Memorial Scholarship

#### Dear Supporters of the Andover Educational Fund,

Benjamin Franklin once said "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." For more than 65 years the board members of the Andover Educational Fund and its supporters have been investing in the future of our Andover students. On September 6th, 1957 the Andover Educational Fund, Inc. filed as a Nonprofit Corporation in the State of Maine, in the Town of Andover. Over the years the board has changed, we have had some great success and some bumps in the road, but the dedication and mission of the board has continued.

Over the decades we have seen so many people help us support the education of our Andover students. Many of you continue to support us and our mission year over year. We are extremely grateful for your support. The board of directors would like to extend our condolences to the families of Frances Kerchner, Joyce Morgan, Bill Thurston and John Fox. Their long time support of the Andover Educational Fund, the Town of Andover and its students will forever be remembered. The donations that we have received from these long-time supporters, their families and friends, and others like them, will help us to impact the education of our youth for years to come.

Each year we receive many donations that are marked "In memory of". It is with pride that we attempt to play our part in extending the legacy of these individuals by supporting the education of Andover's youth. These donations, combined with those from our other loyal supporters, provide the funds to continue the work of Andover Educational Fund by assisting students of Andover to further their education beyond high school.

We would also like to extend our gratitude and thanks to Larry Costa who made an extremely generous donation this year. Together, with Larry's donation and the other family and friends of Andover we were able to raise \$31,928! Thank you!

In our effort to modernize the Andover Educational Fund, we launched our first official website and with this technology, we can now accept online donations. This has already enabled us to reach supporters that we would have otherwise missed. In addition, we will be able to better serve the students and their families in the years to come as we look to improve communication and streamline our processes.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member Penny Percival, she brings experience in nonprofit organizations and an enthusiasm to the board that is contagious and welcomed.

Sincerely,

The Andover Educational Board of Directors

Thank you for supporting scholarships for our Andover Students!

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#### **OUR MISSION**

To successfully assist all Andover students, regardless of their financial need or their educational success, with equal access to funding to further their education following high school graduation in a field of their choice, in the setting of their choice.

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Our new website www.andoveredfund.org This Fall 2023 newsletter will be there for viewing and sharing.

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