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37 - Number of scholarships granted to northshore students by the Northshore Community Foundation.

\$370,000 - Amount of monies granted to northshore students by the NCF.

8 - Number of unique scholarship funds the NCF holds at this time.



Education Collaboration

AS ANYONE WHO VALUES our quality of life on the northshore would agree, our region's long-term success and prosperity depend greatly on future generations and a well-educated workforce. All too often, however, local students who are full of potential lack access to higher education learning experiences and the kinds of sufficient educational resources that will enable them to thrive well into their futures.

Based on the belief that motivated individuals should have the opportunity to further their educational goals, and by removing some of the financial burdens associated with going to, surviving in and graduating from college, the Northshore Community Foundation plays a vital role in increasing two- and four-year college access and success for dozens of local young adults.

Since our beginnings, the Foundation has helped these dreams become a reality for more than 40 local students. Almost \$400,000 in scholarships have been granted to deserving applicants in the northshore region in our nine years of philanthropic work. In high school, these students began their journey of academic excellence, positive leadership and dedication to service. They are continuing throughout their careers to serve others and realize their full potential to change the world and create an

enduring legacy.

The varied scholarship opportunities available through the Foundation speak loudly to the hearts and passions of generous donors throughout our region. The specific niche of each available scholarship is determined by the very people who create the opportunity. These funds are often created in memory of someone or used to support a specific educational institution, a group with a shared experience or a specified course of study. From cancer survivors, swimmers in Slidell or standouts from Bogalusa, each scholarship's criteria are developed around the priorities of the good folks who establish the scholarship itself.

A FEW WORTHY RECIPIENTS

Ironically, a life-altering diagnosis opened a door to the opportunity of a lifetime. It was her cancer diagnosis that made Alexandra Dedinsky eligible for one of the St. Tammany Cancer Fund Scholarships, which are awarded to students with cancer to help lend extra support during their college or university journey. She received a full scholarship in 2015 to the Savannah College of Art Design to study architecture. In her second quarter at Savannah College, Alexandra has a 4.0 GPA and is thriving both physically and

academically. "I am so honored to be a recipient of the St. Tammany Cancer Fund Scholarship. It truly means the world to me. I've worked very hard due to my cancer history and receiving this scholarship gives me a sense of pride in my perseverance all these years. I couldn't be more thankful for all of your generosity; it truly warms my heart," says Dedinsky.

Through the support of a group of community leaders in St. Tammany Parish, in 2015 eight deserving students were awarded scholarships for vocational training and industry-based certifications or associate degrees. The Irma Cry Education Foundation honors Irma Cry, a resident of Slidell and visionary leader, public servant and tireless volunteer who has dedicated her life to empowering others and working to foster positive change within her community.

When a neighborhood realized the sale of their local pool was becoming an administrative nightmare, they knew that something creative had to be done. So the smart leaders of the homeowners' association came to the Foundation for help. Red tape eliminated, the pool was sold and the South Slidell Swimming Scholarship Fund was created. Now, each year, student swimmers from the Slidell area are awarded scholarships to any accredited two- or four-year college or university from the proceeds of the sale of a pool. This year's recipient is Alexis Tymkiw.

These are just a sampling of some of the many diverse scholarship opportunities available. To learn more about existing opportunities or how to start a scholarship yourself, visit the Foundation website scholarship page at northshorefoundation.org. You can also contact Carla Mouton with any questions at 893-8757 or mail cmouton@northshorefoundation.org.

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