

THE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



CELEBRATING THE 2025 MARSP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Nine public school employees from across Michigan received professional development scholarships in 2025 thanks to the generosity of MARSP members like you!



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Help us make an even greater impact during the 2025-2026 season by sharing MARSP and the Foundation's mission and programs with your network!

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KATE DIXON - ROSCOMMON, MI
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER

"More than ever our students need understanding and empathy to grow, learn, and become successful adults. Without the scholarship, I would not be able to afford to attend the Michigan Art Education Association's Annual Fall Conference. Attending the conference would allow me to collaborate and share ideas with colleagues, as well as learn new techniques that I can incorporate into my curriculum to keep my students engaged."



VERONIKA JOHNSON - MUNISING, MI
K-1-2 GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER

"I'm a first year teacher and I'm self-paying for my graduate school. This scholarship would support my growth as an educator."

I'm always looking for ways to improve my teaching methods, stay updated on educational trends, and further my knowledge. I love being a teacher and I wish I would have made the career change 10 years ago."



LAUREL CARPENTER - CHARLOTTE, MI
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

"Teaching children how to learn is my passion and as someone that went the alternative route to becoming an educator, I want to get a master's degree in the field of education."



RYAN GARRISON - BRIGHTON, MI
HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

"I am passionate about active learning and I am deeply driven to help students think critically about our past, connect with our present globalized world, and prepare for a future of new technologies."

By helping me complete my Masters of Educational Technology, these funds would help me infuse emerging technologies in my teaching and to familiarize my students with tools to help them thrive in this technological world."



KALEIGH PASSARELLI - WATERFORD, MI
7TH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER

There is nothing in the world I would rather do than be a teacher and help students learn and grow. The National Teacher Certification is broken into 4 sections of \$475 each. That is a lot of money to pay when you are in the early years of being a teacher. This scholarship will help me become the best teacher I can to help my students."



ALYSSIA PEAK - BATTLE CREEK, MI
CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

"This scholarship will help me accomplish my goal of becoming a 1st grade teacher."



EVAN KNIGGE - HUDSONVILLE, MI
TEACHER ASSISTANT

"Right now, I am so close to completing my degree. This would help push me over the finish line and allow for more flexibility and time to dedicate to my studies and job. It will allow me to continue supporting special needs students, particularly those with some form of emotional impairment. My goal is to continue working in public education, hopefully at the ISD."



DERRICK LARR - CADILLAC, MI
DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION PARAPRO

"This scholarship is crucial as my state grant funding has ended, and I lack the financial resources to complete my Master's in CTE. It will help me advance my career and improve my ability to guide students in digital media, ensuring they gain real-world skills for success."



MADISON BLONDE - OSSEO, MI
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

"I have always had a love of learning and I enjoy sharing that love and knowledge with young students. This scholarship will help to pay for my last semester of college. Once finished, I will have my degree and begin my career as a teacher."