

PAWS Increases Scholarship Fund for Wakefield Students

In celebration of PAWS' 40th anniversary in 2022, the Wakefield-based animal welfare organization recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield, Inc. PAWS has participated in the program since 2008, when they established a permanent scholarship in PAWS' name. Over the years, the PAWS Scholarship has been awarded to Wakefield students attending or planning to attend post-secondary school, preferably to study veterinary medicine.

"PAWS is so proud to support the Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield," said Susan DiMeo, PAWS president. "The late Esther Nowell, who founded PAWS, was a lifelong resident of Wakefield and was dedicated to education. This is a wonderful way to honor Esther's memory while helping Wakefield students meet the costs of higher education."

Since 1960, the Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield has awarded \$15.6 million in scholarships to more than 12,500 local residents and students. Scholarships are granted based on financial need, and this year's awards ranged from \$500 to \$4,200. **The recipient of the 2022 PAWS Scholarship is Paige Carlson from Wakefield High School's class of 2020. A former PAWS volunteer, Paige will attend UMass Amherst this fall.**

The Scholarship Foundation of Wakefield, Inc., is a non-profit community organization that provides financial assistance to help residents of Wakefield meet the costs of higher education. Scholarships are established by individuals and businesses as a way to honor and remember community members, families, and local organizations. As of July 2022, 602 scholarship funds have been created to aid Wakefield residents.

A note from 2022 Scholarship Recipient, Paige Carlson

