**The Annual Roberta Steffen Inspirational Teacher Scholarship**

Teachers are given a wonderful opportunity to help educate and mold people into the person they will become. Occasionally, a student will have a teacher who will go above and beyond what is expected. They help launch students in a direction they may have never expected. I had one such teacher; her name was Mrs. Steffen.

Mrs. Steffen’s 20-year career at Ida High School started in 1990. She taught various subjects including English and Geometry. She earned her teaching degree from The University of Michigan in 1965 and started teaching right after graduation. Along her journey, Mrs. Steffen started a family and raised three children. She now has five grandchildren. Perhaps Mrs. Steffen’s best-known tradition at Ida was her Monday dress attire. Depending on the result of the weekend’s University of Michigan football game, Mrs. Steffen’s dress code would vary from a proud maize and blue outfit to celebrate a win or a somber all black outfit to mourn their loss.

I chose to create this scholarship in honor of Mrs. Steffen because she was the teacher who went beyond her basic duty of an educator to help me succeed and become who I am today. Mrs. Steffen was an excellent teacher in the classroom. She made difficult curriculum enjoyable to learn, especially geometry, as I am proof (pun intended). Mrs. Steffen took extra time out of her very busy schedule to help me create and proofread college application essays, scholarship application essays, and also my Eagle Scout proposal. Without the additional assistance and inspiration Mrs. Steffen afforded to me, I am unsure if I would have completed my journey to becoming a physician.

**Scholarship Information and Eligibility**

This scholarship will award a single $500.00 to a graduating Ida High School Senior. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a graduating senior from the Ida High School in Ida, Michigan. You must also be enrolled into a trade school, community college, or university starting the following academic year. There are no restrictions as to your expected course of study, college choice, or state of enrollment.

Application must be submitted by February 15th 2025. No late submissions will be accepted. The application may be turned in to the Ida High School Office. The winner will be notified using their preferred notification method as outlined in the application. Award disbursement will be made directly to the college or university on behalf of the winner. The student receiving the award does not have to be accepted or committed to a trade school, community college, or university at the time of the scholarship decision. However, if the winner has not enrolled into a trade school, community college, or university by the time of graduation, the award will be forfeited and given to a reserve applicant.

If you have any questions or inquiries about this scholarship please forward them to the guidance office.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City State Zip

Home Phone: ( )

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Preferred method of contact:

Mail Email Phone

High School GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank/Size\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Colleges applied to: (please write “accepted” if applicable)

Anticipated major or course of study:

Any anticipated minor course of study:

Please answer all of the following questions. You may submit answers on a different sheet of paper.

Please list and describe the extracurricular activities you have participated in while attending Ida High School (Clubs, Band, Sports, etc.). Please provide the dates you participated in these activities.

Please list and describe the extracurricular activities you participated in outside of high school (Church, Scouts, Volunteering, or Employment). Please provide the dates you participated in these activities.

If you held any special positions, offices, or titles while participating in your extracurricular activities, please outline these positions below. Please provide a brief description of your responsibilities and the dates that you held these positions.

Please describe any special awards, honors, or distinctions you have earned. Include who or what organization awarded these honors to you and when you earned them.

Briefly discuss your interest and hobbies and why they intrigue you.

What is your favorite book or novel? Briefly describe why you enjoyed this favorite book or novel.

Michigan or Ohio State?

Tell me a joke.

Supplemental Materials

* In approximately half of a page, please write a brief essay describing yourself, your goals, and how you think this scholarship will help you achieve your life goals.
* This scholarship was created to share how a teacher can go beyond what is expected of them to help a student succeed. Using a 1-page essay, share an example of when your life has been changed by a teacher who has gone beyond what was expected for you.
* Along with this application please submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher who has inspired you during your education at the Ida Public Schools. This can be a current or former teacher.

I agree by signing below and attest all of the information I have provided within this application to be honest and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_