

# 2021 Novi High School Local Scholarship Directions

This year, Novi High School seniors will be eligible to earn up to 41 scholarships that are generously offered by school and community organizations or individuals.

All scholarship materials (including descriptions, application(s) and supplemental forms) can be found at <https://www.goingmerry.com/>

Seniors should complete their applications online, and submit them no later than **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.** Paper applications will not be accepted.

Below are specific directions to complete the scholarship application process. It is vitally important that seniors take the time to read all directions carefully, so that they can be eligible for the scholarship(s) of their choice. Please contact your counselor for further assistance. Good Luck!

## Application Procedures:

1. Create an account by going to: <https://www.goingmerry.com/> (Tip: click Sign Up with Google and you won't have to remember another password)
2. Read all scholarship descriptions (pages 3-11) and check the requirements carefully. Determine the ones for which you would be eligible. Make note of any supplemental materials that are required.
3. Add information to the Profile section of your Going Merry account. This will make up a large portion of each application.
4. Begin applying to scholarships. You can save a draft and come back if needed. However, you **MUST** hit submit before the deadline on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
5. Include all special/supplemental materials required for your scholarships. All required essays and/or letters of recommendation need to be submitted with your applications. It is your responsibility to see that these items are turned in by the due date.
6. If your application requires a recommendation letter – communicate with your recommender to ensure they are able to provide a letter, and then add their email address as a recommender in Going Merry. They will **NOT** need to create an account to upload your letter directly to Going Merry (you will not view or upload the letter yourself).
  - a. If your application requires a supplemental recommender *form*, please send the form to your recommender ahead of time so that they may upload a pdf of the form to Going Merry when you add them as a recommender.
7. All applications require your transcript to be attached. Create a Parchment account if you do not already have one here: <http://www.parchment.com/u/registration/99024/account> Request a “Self-view” and save the transcript as a pdf. Upload the pdf to your Going Merry application.

## REMINDER:

**Completed applications must be submitted no later than:  
Friday, January 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.  
Late applications will not be accepted.**

**Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Local Scholarship Breakfast  
planned for April 27, 2021**

# 2021 Novi Local Scholarship Descriptions and Criteria

Please review the scholarship descriptions below. All applications must be submitted on <https://www.goingmerry.com/> however it may be helpful to review this document to determine which scholarships you meet criteria for and any supplements needed. Each Scholarship title is linked directly to the scholarship application. All scholarships will include a space for a personal statement of up to 250 words that you will reuse for all scholarships: *Please share any information which you believe may help the committee evaluate your application. What are your goals? What is your chief personal strength?*

Please note the following:

1. For scholarships that require an essay, we recommend writing the essay in a google or word doc, then copy and pasting it into the Going Merry application page.
2. For scholarships that require a recommendation letter - communicate with your recommender to ensure they are able to provide a letter, and then add their email address as a recommender in Going Merry. They will not need to create an account to upload your letter directly to Going Merry.
  - a. If your application requires a supplemental recommender *form*, please send the form to your recommender ahead of time so that they may upload a pdf of the form to Going Merry when you add them as a recommender.
  - b. Supplemental form pdfs can be found in Schoology under the Local Scholarships folder and linked below. It is your responsibility to provide the correct form to your recommender.
3. For scholarships that require you to upload an SAR (Student Aid Report) you can save this from the FAFSA as a pdf and upload it within the application in Going Merry.
4. Scholarships indicating that applicants must have “accepted” status at the time of award, refer to when the scholarship is awarded in April – it is okay if you have not heard back from many of your applications yet!

Join Mrs. Tobis for an FAQ Zoom on Tuesday, December 8th at 2:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970624205?pwd=YW54M0tNZ29wcDB2YkpLcVZMNThtwdz09>

# ***Scholarships Offered by School Organizations***

## **1. NOVI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School senior who is committed to making a difference at our school through leadership and service. The intent is to reward a student who has gone above and beyond to build and promote a positive school culture. This scholarship is not based on financial need, nor is there an academic requirement. It may be used for college or vocational school. Preference is given to members of the high school student council.

(Amount in 2021: 1 or 2 @ up to \$1000)

## **2. DEERFIELD PTO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Deerfield Elementary School for at least two years. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## **3. NOVI MEADOWS PTO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Novi Meadows for fifth and sixth grade. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## **4. NOVI WOODS PTO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Novi Woods Elementary School for at least two years. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## **5. PARKVIEW PTO ALUMNI and JOSEPH IMRICK SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Parkview Elementary School for at least three years. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**. For essay, students are asked to choose one of the [7 Habits](#) from Stephen Covey’s “The Leader in Me”.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

6. [PAUL R. LePLAE ORCHARD HILLS PTO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Orchard Hills Elementary School for at least two years. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**. There is an optional creative piece option with the supplemental essay.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

7. [VILLAGE OAKS PTO \(V.O.I.C.E\) ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who must have attended Village Oaks Elementary School for at least two years. The senior must have “accepted” status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded. The senior must not be applying for any other Novi PTO Alumni Scholarship. Applicants are also required to submit an **essay** and have a **parent complete a recommendation response**.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

# Scholarships Offered by Community Groups

## 8. [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN \(AAUW\) NORTHVILLE-NOVI \(A\)](#)

This scholarship will be offered to a female graduating senior who has attended Novi High School for at least one year. Applicants must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.50 with plans to attend college next fall. They should also have demonstrated leadership in school, an organization, or work experience and be available for an individual interview. Please submit a double spaced, no smaller than 12 point, one-page **essay** discussing a current women's issue; please focus on a concrete topic that you relate to personally. Essays longer than one page will be disqualified. Essays will be judged on coherence, clarity, concision, logical rigor, persuasiveness, and grammatical integrity. Recommendations from two teachers also required using the **Teacher Recommendation for AAUW-NN Scholarship** forms available here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/133-eQ11LxKFK6lf24EBH0q8wY8Ecz3C/view?usp=sharing> . (Recommendation form can be emailed directly to [andrea.tobis@novik12.org](mailto:andrea.tobis@novik12.org) from recommender)  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$1,000)

## 9. [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN \(AAUW\) NORTHVILLE-NOVI – NEEDS BASED SCHOLARSHIP \(N\)](#)

This scholarship will be offered to a female graduating senior who has attended Novi High School for at least one year. Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.00 with plans to attend an accredited community college, college or university. Financial need will be a consideration, as well as leadership in school, an organization or work experience. A complete description of financial need must be included in the application. If selected for an interview, documents demonstrating financial need will be requested. Please submit a double spaced, no smaller than 12 point, one-page **essay** discussing a current women's issue; please focus on a concrete topic that you relate to personally. Essays longer than one page will be disqualified. Essays will be judged on coherence, clarity, concision, logical rigor, persuasiveness, and grammatical integrity. Recommendations from two teachers also required using the **Teacher Recommendation for AAUW-NN Scholarship** forms available here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/133-eQ11LxKFK6lf24EBH0q8wY8Ecz3C/view?usp=sharing> . Decisions will be based on need, application, essay and individual interview. (Recommendation form can be emailed directly to [andrea.tobis@novik12.org](mailto:andrea.tobis@novik12.org) from recommender)  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$1,000)

## 10. [BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship will be awarded to a NHS senior who is pursuing a degree in Music. Students with a minimum GPA of 3.00 who have 4 years of participation in a high school band program and are pursuing a degree in Music are eligible. Please submit a 250 word **essay** discussing "How participation in band has contributed to my personal development." **One letter of recommendation** from a non-music teacher is also required. Applicants must also submit this google form: <https://forms.gle/VPnsQqZJJC68je3e8>  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

11. [BUFFY LIND BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship will be awarded to a NHS senior in honor of a former Band Booster and her many years of dedication to the NHS band program. Students with a minimum GPA of 3.00 who have 4 years of participation in a band program are eligible. Please submit a 250 word **essay** discussing “How participation in band has contributed to my personal development.” **One letter of recommendation** from a non-music teacher is also required. Applicants must also submit this google form: <https://forms.gle/VPnsQqZJJC68je3e8>  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

12. [DARLENE EPHRAIM ASCENSION PROVIDENCE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship is offered to seniors committed to becoming a health care professional. These students must have taken or be currently taking the Medical Career Explorations course at Novi High School. Write a **personal statement** of up to 500 words (typed and double spaced) exemplifying what will make you a unique and contributing member of the medical field.  
(Amount in 2021: 2 @ \$1000)

13. [DAVID LANGHAM MEMORIAL BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship will be awarded to a NHS senior in memory of David Langham, a 1999 NHS graduate. David continues to inspire fellow students by the passion he demonstrated for band and the arts. Students with a minimum GPA of 3.00 who have 4 years of participation in a band program are eligible. Please submit a 250 word **essay** (typed and double spaced) discussing “How participation in band has contributed to my personal development.” **One letter of recommendation** from a non-music teacher is also required. Applicants must also submit this google form: <https://forms.gle/VPnsQqZJJC68je3e8>  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

14. [FRIENDS OF THE NOVI LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP](#)

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior residing in Novi who has indicated an interest in Education, Library Science, Information/Knowledge Management, Literacy, or other related areas. The student should have a 3.00 GPA in high school and is asked to furnish **two letters of recommendation from teachers**. The student is also asked to submit a short **essay** describing his/her goals in the chosen field. Financial need may be a consideration.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$1000)

15. [FUERST SCHOLARSHIP - Novi Educational Foundation \(NEF\)](#)

Any Novi Community School District resident pursuing post HS education at an accredited community college, college, university, technical, or vocational school is eligible. Decision for scholarship will be based on **NEED**, application, and interview. Requirements: **Local Scholarship Application, two letters of recommendation, High School Transcript, FAFSA including the Student Aid Report (SAR) showing expected family contribution (EFC), and IRS Form 1040. PLEASE black out SS#s on all forms submitted.**  
(Amount in 2021: \$250- \$3,000 per student; total of \$15,000).

## 16. [NOVI ATHLETIC BOOSTERS' SCHOLARSHIP](#)

The purpose of the Novi High School Athletic Boosters' Scholarship is to recognize 4 student-athletes, 2 females and 2 males, who have demonstrated their ability to achieve success at academics, athletics, and school/community involvement during their high school years. Minimum requirements are participation in one or more varsity sports for a minimum of 2 years, one of which must be senior year. Also required is participation in additional school/community activity or volunteer work. You must write a 1-2 page, 1.5 spaced **essay** describing a time of personal adversity during your playing career. How did being a part of a team/individual sport help you manage, or conquer it, and what you learned from it. Additionally, you must submit a **Coaches Evaluation Sheet (if you are in multiple sports, please have each coach submit one)**, which is available here (Evaluation sheet can be emailed directly to [andrea.tobis@novik12.org](mailto:andrea.tobis@novik12.org) from coach): <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12r7oiw0WLskllaRKWq6XpMizFxxOnkUs/view?usp=sharing>  
(Amount in 2021: 4 @ \$1000.)

## 17. [NOVI POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION](#)

The Novi Police Officers' Association established their scholarship in 1985 to recognize a senior who has been an outstanding citizen. The recipient of this award would be a model of community involvement and moral behavior.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$1,000)

## 18. [ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP #1](#)

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School senior who is currently an orchestra student. The intent is to reward a student who, while perhaps not planning to continue a musical career in college, has benefited from involvement in the high school orchestra program. This scholarship is not based on financial need. Preference will be given to students who have actively participated in orchestra activities. In addition to the local scholarship application, a one-page typed **essay** on how the orchestra program has made a positive difference in the student's high school career is required.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## 19. [ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP #2](#)

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School senior who is currently an orchestra student. The intent is to reward a student who plans to continue a musical career in college. This scholarship is not based on financial need. Preference will be given to students who have actively participated in orchestra activities and who have been accepted into a musical degree program at the university level. In addition to the local scholarship application, a one-page typed **essay** on how the orchestra program has made a positive difference in the student's high school career is required.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## 20. [PAASN – PARENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS IN NOVI](#)

Parents of African American Students in Novi will award a Novi High School senior a scholarship who has demonstrated support in the area of social justice through community service. The student must write a typed, double spaced, one-page **essay** sharing how they have participated in community service related to social justice issues. Preference will be given to students who have participated in the PAASN Tutoring program.  
(Amount in 2021: 2 @ \$200)

## 21. ROTARY CLUB / INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships will be awarded to students who show substantial community service over the years. Include a one or two page double-spaced **essay** discussing “What is Rotary, how it benefits our community, and how the student has used the Rotary 4-Way Test in their own life.” Students should also include their own contributions to the Interact Club or other community service. Information is available at [www.novirotary.org](http://www.novirotary.org) which has a link to Rotary International’s website. Students must be available for an **interview**. One scholarship will be awarded to a student who has been an active member in the Interact Club for at least two years. Two additional scholarships will be awarded to students who exemplify the Rotary ideals and will take into consideration academic achievement and/or financial need.

(Amount in 2021: 3 @ \$1,000)

## 22. STAGE NOVI THEATRE BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP - PERFORMANCE

This scholarship is to be awarded to a Novi High School senior who has performed in theatre in or out of Novi Schools. This is intended for students whose plan is to attend a post-secondary education. No particular field of study needs to be identified. This scholarship is not need based. No minimum GPA required. Applicants must submit a brief **essay** (300 words or less) explaining how their experience participating in theatre has helped them grow as a person and what skills obtained in the theatre program will be useful to them in their post-secondary education and beyond.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

## 23. STAGE NOVI THEATRE BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP - TECHNICAL

This scholarship is to be awarded to a Novi High School senior who has worked in the technical aspect (behind the scenes) in theatre in or out of Novi Schools. This is intended for students whose plan is to attend a post-secondary education. No particular field of study needs to be identified. This scholarship is not need based. No minimum GPA required. Applicants must submit a brief **essay** (300 words or less) explaining how their experience participating in theatre has helped them grow as a person and what skills obtained in the theatre program will be useful to them in their post-secondary education and beyond.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

# ***Memorial Scholarships***

## **24. CHIP SWITZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship honors Chip Switzer, a 2009 Novi High School graduate who passed away in 2011 due to a genetic heart condition that was unknown at the time. Chip was a talented musician, a great friend, and a loving brother, and while he excelled in academics and athletics he never took himself too seriously and always marched to the beat of his own drum. This scholarship was created to recognize and reward students who, like Chip, did something that was off the beaten path and/or excelled at activities and hobbies that others may find “odd”, “offbeat”, or even “strange”! This scholarship is not based on financial need or any academic requirements. It may be used for a college, university, or vocational school. Applicants must submit a one-page **essay** explaining a hobby, interest, or project they have pursued in their life that fits the above criteria.  
(Amount in 2021: 2 @ \$1,000 each)

## **25. CLASS OF 2008 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School senior whose life has been impacted by substance abuse. The Novi Community, and the Class of 2008 particularly, has lost several of its members to the opioid epidemic in its mere 12 years since graduation. The intent of this scholarship is to positively impact a student who has been affected by substance abuse or aspires to reduce the impact of addiction within their community. Please submit a 250 word **essay** describing an aspect of how you have been affected by drug or alcohol abuse, or how you aspire to reduce substance abuse through your future work. Essays will not be shared outside of the scholarship committee. This scholarship is not based on financial need, nor is there an academic requirement. It may be used for college or vocational school.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$750)

## **26. DAVID LANGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship honors David Langham, who despite an ongoing battle with kidney disease was a 1999 NHS co-valedictorian and a devoted member of the band, choir, and thespian programs. It recognizes students who, like David, have succeeded in school and life despite a serious obstacle, and/or have demonstrated over time a true passion for performing. Applicants must submit a brief **essay** explaining how they meet these criteria, supported by one **letter of recommendation**.  
(Amount in 2021: 2 @ \$1,000 each)

## **27. JANET BAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship honors Janet Ban, a devoted educator for Novi Community Schools. Throughout her career, Ms. Ban was an advocate and a champion for all students, but especially for those students who were not always the honor roll student. Ms. Ban prided herself on teaching at the alternative education center here in Novi and then at Novi High School. She lived generously by the motto of "pay it forward" and encouraged her students to do the same. Janet Ban, over her years, taught English and Social Studies. She was also a class sponsor for several years and in charge of the yearbook. In her classes, students were challenged and encouraged to not just be better students, but be better individuals. This Scholarship recognizes individuals that have persevered and overcome academic challenges throughout their high school career. The requirement for this scholarship is that a student has a grade point average **no greater than 3.0 and not less than 2.5**. Applicants must submit a brief **essay** explaining how they have persevered and overcome challenges throughout their high school career.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$3,000 each)

## **28. JONATHAN LICHOROBIEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be awarded to one NHS senior in memory of Jonathan Lichorobiec, a 2008 NHS graduate. Applicants are required to have a GPA of 3.00 or higher, be pursuing a post HS education and must submit an **essay** of approximately 250-500 words. Applicants must detail in their essay how they have overcome a significant adverse situation (either personally or in their family), i.e. serious illness/death, addiction, abuse, etc. and still have made a positive impact at Novi High School or within the community.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 at \$2,000)

**29. NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is being provided in honor of the Class of 2019 to acknowledge a student who has worked towards balancing success and happiness. Applicants must submit a brief **essay** responding to the following prompt: "Now that you are nearing the completion of your high school journey, what advice would you offer to your younger self on how to be happy in the midst of substantial stress? In 500 words or less, please describe how you successfully navigated your high school experience while balancing your life. Please be sure to define what success and happiness means to you and share specific strategies on how to find balance." Your essay may be read to incoming freshmen next fall.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$750)

**30. NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE / NANCY OKRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

NYA initiated this scholarship in 1998 in memory of Nancy Okray. NYA offers this award to an individual for vocational school or college. The scholarship is based on financial need and the individual's contribution of time and energy in community involvement.  
(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)

**31. RICHARD ERWIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is presented to one male and one female Novi High School senior who has a 3.0 GPA or higher and who has been a member of SADD for at least two years. Priority will be given to students who have been on an athletic team for at least two years and have earned at least one athletic letter.  
(Amount in 2021: 2 @ \$500)

## **Scholarships offered by Local Businesses**

### **32. HINO MOTORS U.S.A. SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Hino is a medium-duty truck manufacturer with its Corporate Headquarters located in Novi, MI.*

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School Senior who has attended Novi HS for all four years. The student must have an accepted status at an accredited community college, college, university, technical or vocational school. Applicants must write an **essay** about leadership (not more than 3 pages) to include:

- The student's definition of leadership
- Identify a leader in their life and explain why she/he is a leader
- The definition of leadership should correlate with the leader identified
- Explain what quality(ies) of that leader the student hopes to emulate or mirror.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$2,500 each)

### **33. WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS SCHOLARSHIP**

*Sponsored by Cindy Haebler and Family*

This scholarship is offered to a Novi High School senior who is planning to become a professional in the field of women's health & wellness, including but not limited to gynecology, obstetrics, urology, research, psychology, education and/or nutrition. Requirements: Typed local scholarship application, a detailed list of extracurricular activities and community volunteer activities, and a typed double-spaced 1-2 page **essay** outlining your education/career goals and explaining what motivates you to pursue a career in women's health & wellness. The senior must have 'accepted' status at an accredited institution of higher learning at the time the scholarship is awarded.

(Amount in 2021: 1 @ \$500)