

Gary and Dianne Anderson Scholarship for High Achievement

History and Purpose

Gary and Dianne Anderson established the Scholarship for High Achievement to reward and encourage academic excellence. They appreciate the hard work required for academic success and fully appreciate the opportunities academic success can provide. Gary graduated valedictorian of Kent City High School, Class of 1965. (Two of his sisters, Jean Anderson Afton and Joyce Anderson Lewis, also were valedictorians for 1949 and 1951 graduating classes, respectively). Academic scholarships allowed Gary to attend Michigan State University, where he earned a B.S. degree and the second-highest grade point average in the university's 1969 graduating class. Undergraduate successes created opportunities for Ph.D. study at Cornell University, and for a career in physiological research and teaching on the faculty at the University of California, Davis. Dianne's undergraduate studies at the University of California led to a rewarding career in genetic research at the university. They hope their scholarship will facilitate further academic successes for Kent City High School's highest achievers.

Scholarship Description

The Gary and Dianne Anderson Scholarship for High Achievement is intended to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of Kent City High School who has achieved the distinction of class valedictorian and plans to attend a college or university.

The scholarship amount will be reviewed periodically by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. If the growth of the fund is sufficient to support a larger or additional award, the scholarship amount awarded to the valedictorian may be increased and/or a scholarship may also be awarded to the class salutatorian.

Payment of Scholarship

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's eligible college or university and credited to the student's account.

Application and Selection Process

The Fremont Area Community Foundation will notify Kent City Schools of the availability of the Gary and Dianne Anderson Scholarship for High Achievement.

Kent City High School will identify the graduating class valedictorian and, when applicable, the salutatorian(s), and will forward its recommendation(s) to the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

Scholarship Criteria Established by the Donors

The following criteria were established by the donors and shall be used in determining the scholarship recipient(s):

- The scholarship shall be awarded to the graduating class valedictorian of Kent City High School who plans to attend an accredited college or university.
- If the valedictorian is ineligible for the scholarship or declines the award, the scholarship may be awarded to the class salutatorian.
- If there are co-valedictorians, a scholarship may be awarded to each co-valedictorian, subject to the availability of funds.
- If available funds are greater than deemed necessary or appropriate for a single scholarship, excess funds may be awarded as a scholarship to the class salutatorian.
- All scholarship awards are subject to the availability of funds and the policies and requirements of the Fremont Area Community Foundation.