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Highfields names five Aldinger Scholarship recipients

Lansing, Mich. – Five individuals have been chosen to receive the Aldinger Scholarship from Highfields, Inc.. The scholarships, totaling more than \$3,800, go toward educational opportunities each individual has plans to pursue.

The Aldinger Scholarship was created in 1996 in the name of local philanthropist, John Aldinger. Aldinger was a successful businessman who believed in the power of education. He made generous contributions to Highfields before his death in 1995.

The recipients include Autumn Ball, Michelle Hopkins, Russell Patterson, Rebecca Russell and Shelley Webb. To apply, each recipient wrote an essay explaining their educational goals and how the scholarship will help. Four of the five recipients are parents who want to set good examples for their children.

“I think it’s teaching my kids to take their education more seriously,” said Webb. “It’s teaching them that education is not something that ends.” Twice a year, Highfields awards Aldinger Scholarships for up to \$1,000 to individuals who have received services or have a family member who has received services through the organization. Scholarships are decided by Highfields’ endowment committee, which reviews each application essay and determines which ones best reflect the objective of the scholarship.

Highfields is a human services nonprofit organization serving 11 Michigan counties through their residential treatment program, community services and educational services. More information about Highfields can be found at www.highfields.org.

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