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### Qualified Individuals Seeking Higher Education Can Apply For Highfields' Aldinger Scholarships

*Onondaga, Michigan – March 18, 2016* –Highfields awards Aldinger Scholarships for up to \$1,500.00 to individuals who have received services or have a family member who has received services through Highfields. The purpose of this fund is to support individuals to pursue educational opportunities. These educational opportunities may include, but are not limited to, adult education or enrichment programs, college courses, vocational training programs or trade schools.

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.

Last year, Jackson resident Michelle Hopkins received an Aldinger Scholarship and is currently enrolled in Jackson College.

“I was awarded the Aldinger Scholarship at a time when I wasn’t going to be able to attend school without that extra help,” said Michelle. “The scholarship I was awarded through Highfields saved the day. A year later I’m still here, studying my heart out and excited about the future.”

Highfields will award several scholarships annually depending on the availability of funds. Each scholarship application will be reviewed by the Endowment Committee and in special circumstances additional funds may be made available. Funds that are approved will be sent directly to the educational institution in the applicants’ name.

The hope is to use all of these funds to help individuals and families gain additional educational opportunities. To apply for a scholarship, please submit an application by Thursday, March 31, 2016. The application can be found at: [www.highfields.org/resources](http://www.highfields.org/resources).

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 10 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit [www.highfields.org](http://www.highfields.org).

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