



2026 Aldinger Scholarship Fund

Our mission is to provide opportunities to children, youth, and families to become more responsible for their own lives and to strengthen their relationships with others.

Highfields awards Aldinger Scholarships for **up to \$1,500** 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, including, but not limited to, adult education or enrichment programs, college courses, vocational training programs and 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.

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 and Student ID.

Our hope is to use these funds to help individuals and families we have served gain additional educational opportunities.

**To apply for a scholarship, please submit an application no later than
Friday, March 13, 2026**

Send the Application to:
The Aldinger Scholarship Fund
Highfields, Inc.
5123 Old Plank Road
Onondaga, MI 49264
Fax: 517-628-2257
Email: dtiffany@highfields.org

Sincerely,

Brian D. Philson, LMSW, ACSW
President and CEO



Aldinger Scholarship Application

Applicant Information					
Name					
Address		City		State	
Phone	Home:	Work:		Cell:	
Email				Date of Birth	
Name of Participant Involved with Highfields					
Your Relationship to Participant					
Highfields Program Participated In					
Dates of Participation			Highfields Worker		
Our Policy					
It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.					
Brief statement regarding your involvement/adjustment in the community.					
Please give a brief statement regarding your involvement/adjustment in the community since your participation in the Highfields program. If you did not directly participate in a program, please give a statement about your current involvement in the community and how it relates to Highfields.					

Detailed statement describing your need for this scholarship

Please include this specific information in your statement of need:

- The ***educational program*** you are pursuing (include ***institution name***)
- Your educational ***goal***
- ***Why*** should your request be approved by the committee
- The ***total cost*** of this program
- The ***amount*** of funds you are seeking from this scholarship (up to \$1,000)
- The ***semester*** in which this scholarship is needed
- ***Other funds*** you have obtained or are applying for

Use a separate sheet if needed.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a scholarship recipient, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in immediate loss of scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____