

**ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
Fran Anderson Making a Difference Scholarship**

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How Many and What kind of Scholarships Will be awarded and from Whom?

Holiday Extravaganza announces four one-time, \$5,000, "Fran Anderson Making a Difference Scholarships" sponsored by the Fran Anderson Legacy Fund for 2023.

These scholarships are awarded to one qualified high school student from each of our community partners of **Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Waterford and White Lake.**

Each of the scholarship recipients will also represent his/her respective community as a Junior Grand Marshall during the Holiday Extravaganza Parade in downtown Pontiac on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

The late Fran Anderson, in whose memory the scholarships are named, was an inspirational woman who epitomized the phrase, "Making a Difference". She was a superb teacher in the Pontiac School District and an extraordinary volunteer and advocate for numerous civic and community organizations, including the Holiday Extravaganza, as a founder and Board Member serving with passion and distinction.

Who Can Apply and How?

To qualify for the Fran Anderson Making a Difference Scholarship, an individual must:

- Be a high school student who resides in one of the following communities: the **City of Auburn Hills, the City of Pontiac, Waterford Township, or White Lake Township;**
- All scholarship recipients **must be present at the Holiday Extravaganza Scholarship and Awards Ceremony and PARADE on Saturday, December 2, 2023.**
- Complete the application and submit it, either online or as a pdf, to **he@holidayextravaganza.org** no later than **12:00 p.m. (NOON) on Wednesday, November 1, 2023; and**

Submit, with the application, a 500 word essay, in the applicant's own words, **on what the applicant has done to "make a difference" in his/her local community.**

How are the Recipients Selected?

Officials from Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Waterford, and White Lake will 1.) evaluate essays that high school students from their respective communities submit on or before the due date, and 2.) select their community's scholarship recipient, based solely on the quality of his/her essay. The essays will be submitted as anonymous entries to the officials, whose decision is final.

When is the Scholarship Awarded?

The Fran Anderson Making a Difference Scholarships will be awarded during a program that will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Historic Strand Theatre in downtown Pontiac, prior to the parade.

When is the Scholarship Paid and to Whom?

The proceeds of the Fran Anderson Making a Difference Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipients' educational institutions, no sooner than the start of their fall term. Questions should be directed to Linda Zabik, Executive Director for Holiday Extravaganza - 248-421-7198 or he@holidayextravaganza.org

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