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FROM: Sgt. John Weatherwax, Police Community Relations Advisory Commission

SUBJECT: Police Community Relations Perseverance Scholarship

We at the Police Community Relations Commission (PCR) believe that every person has an important purpose - a purpose greater than they can achieve on their own.

Therefore, for one high school student attending Holland area schools, we wish to show our support by providing a \$2,000 non-renewable scholarship.

The PCR wishes to both encourage and support students on the path to becoming contributing members of their communities. Our scholarship is meant to be part of the awarded students' larger financial plans and to help overcome a portion of their economic barrier to education.

It is our hope that the scholarship could help start students on the path to financial self-sufficiency, so they can avoid many of the pitfalls that often occur with repaying educational loans.

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a strong ability to overcome adversity while pursuing higher education. The student applicant must be a resident of the greater Holland area (applicants who reside within the Holland City limits, shall be considered first over nonresidents) receive their high school diploma in the spring of 2022, be accepted or currently enrolled in a higher education institution or trade school, and have an acceptable background check and driving record. Students who have overcome spiritual, physical, mental, environmental or financial difficulties in their lives - regardless of GPA - are strongly encouraged to apply, share their story, and include future goals.

The attached application and supplementary materials must be postmarked by **May 31, 2022**.

A complete application contains the following materials:

- The application form
- An essay on why you should be chosen. The essay should be limited to no more than two pages, double-spaced.
- Two letters of recommendation (only one may be from a teacher)

Finalists may be expected to participate in a conversation with members of the Police Community Relations Commission. The members will discuss the finalists' interest in the scholarship and the content of their essay. If you have any questions, please contact me at (616)355-1176 or [j.weatherwax@cityofholland.com](mailto:j.weatherwax@cityofholland.com)

Sincerely,

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