

# Annual Report 2018



**FUTURE LEADERS WI**  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

We're thrilled to share the unique successes 2018 brought about for Myrtle & MJ Scholarship recipients and how volunteer, donor, and advisor support is helping to grow our outreach. Since 2016, we've awarded TEN Scholarships totalling over \$10,000. Our aim is to thoughtfully support students who embody and model key behaviors.

**OUR MISSION:** Identify and support, through scholarship and mentorship, resilient, positive, and action-oriented future leaders ages 16 and over in the Madison area who desire to serve others through healthcare, education, and community betterment careers.

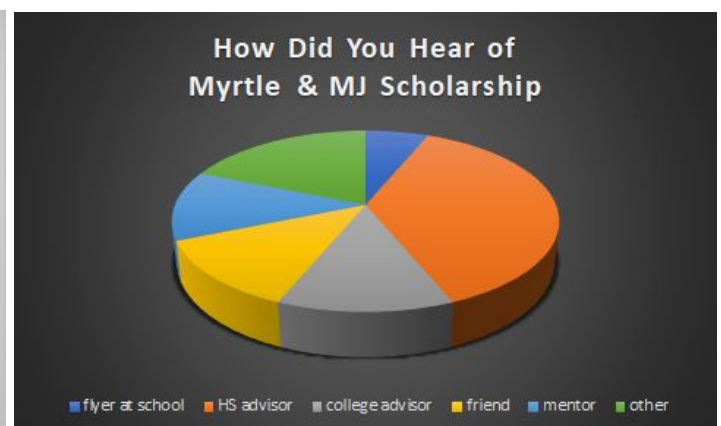
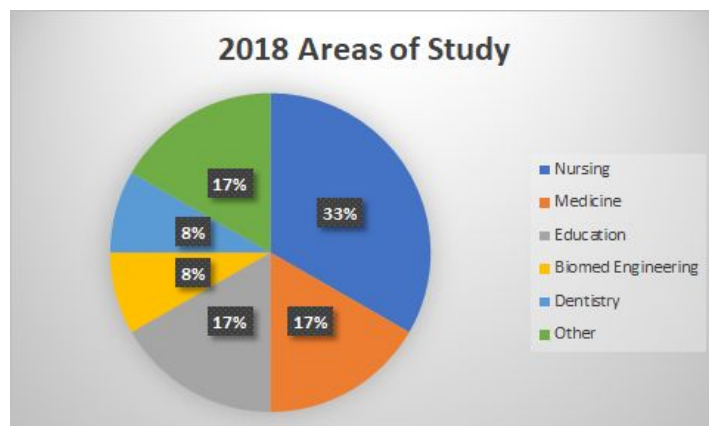
**OUR VISION:** We create impactful scholarship and mentorship opportunities supporting resilient future leaders intent on positively transforming healthcare, education, and global communities.

## Goals & Results:

1. Increase awareness of Myrtle & MJ Scholarship opportunity by growing applicant number AND maintaining a consistent number of schools from which the applicants come from. **2018 Status: Partially achieved (applicant number down; school number steady).**

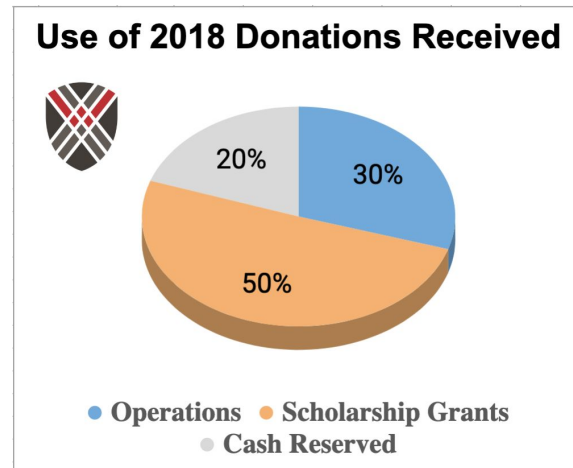


2018 Representation:	
HS applicants	College applicants
East (3)	UW-Milwaukee (1)
Hubertus (1)	Madison College (1)
LaFollette (2)	
McFarland (1)	
Rio (1)	
Stoughton (2)	
Waunakee (1)	



2. Raise \$10,000 to support additional Myrtle & MJ Scholarships and begin mentoring program. **2018 Status: Partially met.**

- Individual donations were down in 2018 - we raised \$6,937 as compared to \$10,014 in 2017. However, in 2018 we hosted our first public event: a silent auction at Toot & Kate's wine bar in Verona which raised over \$2,200 - our largest one day donation achievement to date.
- Sharing existing seminar/professional development opportunities with recipients, and offering to cover entry fee (no takers).
- Sending interested recipients Tribe of Mentors book by Timothy Ferriss (sent seven).



**3. To award at least three *Myrtle & MJ Scholarships* to applicants who will make a positive impact on the greater Madison community. Status: Achieved. Essay excerpts from our FOUR 2018 Myrtle & MJ Scholarship recipients below.**

- Abdoulahi B. (East HS) - \$1,000 - *"I believe that with hard work anything is possible...A significant connection between me, Myrtle, and Mary Jean is that we come from an underrepresented minority, yet we still find ways to succeed...during their time women had certain expectations and norms to follow. However, they exceeded these expectations and persevered through these obstacles. I am an African American male in a state with one of the worst academic achievement gaps. In most of my AP classes, I am the only black student...I continue to work hard and show that I belong...Even though Myrtle and Mary Jean seem very different from me, we all work hard to get overcome adversity and be successful...I am currently interested in Biomedical engineering...Due to lack of resources many people (with diabetes) have their extremities amputated. With this degree I can help make prosthetics..."*
- Justice J. (Univ of WI - Milwaukee) - \$1,000 - *"Being the second oldest of six siblings raised from a single parent household, going to college was always a dream of mine. I never thought in a million years that I...would be attending a University. I grew up with generations before me never attending college because the funds were too costly, I decided that stops with me. Through my associate's program I realized that I wanted more...to help my community in any way I can...I assist homeless families in providing extra resources and a positive outlook...being able to give away a free car seat to a mother in need is a feeling that I will never forget...I am now majoring in Community Engagement and Education, with hopes of becoming a community leader...My dream is to work for the community to inspire young women, and young women of color that higher education is possible no matter the cost, and I am a living example of it."*
- Nicole W. (Madison College) - \$1,000 - *"I finally did it! After twelve painstaking long years of employment, I have entered my new chapter in life—college student! Stepping out of my comfort zone can be a challenge. But allowing myself to work multiple jobs merely for survival isn't what I envisioned for my future...if I want to reach my fullest potential and become a dentist, I must pursue a higher education. My courage to return to school stems from a relentless drive to rise above mediocrity. One of the most fulfilling pleasures in my life is serving others. I am an active volunteer... "Give Kids a Smile" sponsored by Marquette Dental School, "Mission of Mercy" nonprofit...and at St. Mary's Hospital...my vision is to help provide affordable dental care to marginalized communities. I desire to work closely with underserved populations...this scholarship will serve as an investment in my future and subsequently to those who I will serve."*

- O Tiara H. (East HS) - \$500 - *"I am 16 years old...a full time student...I work part-time...and I've been in the foster system for 3.5years....Being in the system is pretty hard...I don't have a lot of the same advantages that other students have. I consider myself a strong individual with a lot of goals...I plan on enrolling in the CNA program and pursuing a nursing degree to become an RN. I am enrolled in drivers ed and plan to have a car by June 2019 with the help of my foster mom...I recently opened a savings account...I want to thank you for the opportunity. People like you are the reason why people like me are able to look forward to the future..."*

**Building a Sustainable Future - We are grateful for the opportunity to support resilient, positive, and action oriented students poised to lead in healthcare, education, and community betterment fields. With your support we will continue our efforts to identify and celebrate students with unique journeys towards tenacious goals. We are 100% volunteer run, from Board members to committee members. We'd like to thank you for your gift, whether that be time or treasure, and invite you to continue your engagement with us in one or more of the following ways:**

- **Recruiting Myrtle & MJ Scholarship applicants** (direct students to [apply online](#) Sept 1-Nov 1, 2019)
- Making a **tax-deductible 2019 Scholarship donation** (via check payable to "Future Leaders WI" or via CC/debit/PayPal [online](#))
- Volunteering as an **application reviewer** (rubric provided, 8-10hr total in Nov-Dec)
- Attending a future event (watch email and Facebook for 2019 fundraising & celebration events!)

With gratitude,

The Future Leaders WI Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors and Volunteers

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