**Scholarship Deferral Policy**

A student selected to receive a scholarship through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation may request to defer the acceptance of the scholarship for the following reasons:

* **Displacement of Funds** – Recipient has received enough financial assistance for the upcoming academic year to pay for the cost of attendance.
* **Personal\*** – Recipient experiences a temporary crisis in his/her personal life and can no longer maintain a full or part-time enrollment status. Examples: economic hardship, death in family, parent is ill, etc.
* **Medical\*** – Recipient has a medical condition and cannot maintain full or part-time enrollment status.
* **Service** – Recipient is required to engage in religious or military service and cannot maintain full or part-time enrollment status.

If the recipient is not eligible to defer the scholarship award according to the above criteria, the recipient must forfeit the award.

A recipient approved for a deferment will forfeit the scholarship award for the entire academic year. This recipient will have the opportunity to use the award the following academic year. If the full award is not able to be used (i.e. partial deferment) the remainder of the award will be forfeited.

Once the one-year deferment period has expired, the recipient is not eligible to defer the scholarship award for another academic year. If the recipient is not able to accept the scholarship award, the recipient must forfeit the award.

A recipient must submit the Deferment Request Form along with supporting documents.

\*Personal & Medical approved deferment requests may be approved on a semester basis.

*Please note: deferment requests due to COVID-19 will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the 2020-2021 academic year.*