PURPOSE
Serving as both a resource for the community and a catalyst for positive change.

OBJECTIVE
Through strategic, proactive use of funds and grants, strengthen institutions, extend their mission and enable their growth.

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The Value of a University of Michigan Degree

In the last 40 years, the Cook Family Foundation has helped more than 800 students from the Shiawassee region attend the University of Michigan. Here is what they say about their experiences:

“The road to success was not always straight and smooth, but there’s one sure thing: the Michigan experience was so worth it!”
— Kellie (Durling) Grasman
BS Mechanical Engineering, 1997
New Lothrop High School

“The word ‘family’ in the foundation’s name is broader than it being about the Cook family; rather, once you are connected to and with this organization, you become a genuine part of their local family and the state, national, and international University of Michigan family.”
— Brad Hubbard
BS Education, 2002
Owosso High School

“I was able to develop a network of peers within my major, study abroad in Japan, be a member of the Michigan Marching Band, participate in Greek Life, and so much more.”
— Kirsten Johnson
BS Computer Science, 2019
Laingsburg High School

“I worked with a diverse group of people in my UM classes, which helped me to easily transition into leading a large diverse team of employees located around the globe in my career.”
— Megan (Taack) Raines
BS Chemical Engineering, 1999
Corunna High School

“Before getting to visit UM with the Cook Family Foundation my senior year of high school, I had never thought that I would be able to attend such a great university.”
— Ramneet Chauhan
Microbiology, 2022
Corunna High School
On the Pathway to Success at UM

This fall, 23 young men and women from ten area high schools will start on their pathway to a degree from the University of Michigan.

Two students, Mason Collard of Owosso and Kyah Ribble of Perry, have been awarded one of the highest accolades in the greater Shiawassee County region, the Bruce & Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, which provides four years of tuition to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This scholarship is funded by its namesake, and not the Foundation.

Another 21 students have received scholarships from the Cook Family Foundation to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint.

Kerra Hinrichs graduated from New Lothrop High School and is the recipient of the four-year Donald Cook Scholarship. She is a Shiawassee Scholar. Like six of our other scholarship recipients, she was the class valedictorian. She plans to pursue a pre-med major in Ann Arbor.

Kyah Ribble graduated from Perry High School third in her class and was a National Merit Commended Scholar as well as a Shiawassee Scholar. Kyah plans to major in physics and work toward a PhD in experimental particle physics.

Mason Collard is the salutatorian of his class at Owosso High School and was a National Merit Commended Scholar as well as a Shiawassee Scholar. He also received the Frederick E. Gould and a Regents Merit Scholarship from the University of Michigan. He plans to major in Biology or Microbiology in the hope of working in the field of scientific research.
Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 20th Year

With funding from the Cook Family Foundation, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRESD) supports the area’s most academically talented students in their high school careers.

The Shiawassee Scholars Program provides resources and support to academically talented high school students to reach their full potential. Students are identified in eighth grade by achieving the highest scores in the county on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

Shiawassee Scholars participate in several programs, including a three-day trip to the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Through high school, Scholars have the opportunity to practice their test-taking skills, attend several informational sessions regarding planning for college and career, get assistance with dual enrollment options and accelerated academic programs, and can apply for a scholarship for a summer academic program.

For more information on the program, contact Renee Dotson at the SRESD at dotson@sresd.org, 989-743-3471 or visit the Programs & Services section of their website at sresd.org
“Go Blue!” In Flint or Dearborn

The Cook Family Foundation is expanding its scholarship programs to include the University of Michigan-Flint and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Since its beginning, the Foundation has supported Shiawassee area high school graduates who have gone to Ann Arbor to pursue a UM degree. Over the years, several successful students have shown us that the road to Ann Arbor can also pass through either Flint or Dearborn. While we have, on a case-by-case basis provided scholarships to UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn, with the 2020-21 academic year, we are making these schools formal options in our scholarship programs. Stay tuned to our website for details. We are excited about the prospect of helping students from 10 area high schools take advantage of the wonderful University of Michigan opportunities in our backyard.

For more information www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships/ and www.umflint.edu.