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Local Piqua Law Firm creates new scholarship through Piqua Education Foundation

Piqua, Ohio - Local law firm, McCulloch, Felger, Fite, and Gutmann, Co., LPA, has created a new scholarship opportunity for Piqua Seniors starting in 2022 that will be administered by the Piqua Education Foundation, a local non-profit enhancing Piqua Education since 1985. This new scholarship will be awarded to a Piqua High School graduate annually and help with expenses of their post high school educational journey



President, **Dr. Douglas Hulme**, shared that **“when Frank Patrizio reached out on behalf of MFFG to start a scholarship, I knew immediately this was a perfect fit for these two deeply rooted Piqua organizations to support our community and help our graduates.”** The Piqua Education Foundation currently has nearly 70 Named Scholarships such as the McCulloch, Felger, Fite, and Gutmann Scholarship. Each of these community-based scholarships have been created by individuals, families, and organizations that are dedicated to the vision of building up the Piqua community by investing in our youth’s future through education.

McCulloch, Felger, Fite & Gutmann Co., L.P.A. (MFFG), is a local Piqua full-service law firm that traces its Piqua roots back to 1895 when David Lindsey and Harrison Smith united their law offices. In 1929, William McCulloch joined the firm which still bears his name. McCulloch, who served in the Ohio House of Representatives and the United States Congress, was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Today, the firm consists of partners Michael Gutmann, Frank Patrizio, and Nate Funderburg; associate attorney, Robert Buch, and retired Municipal Court Judge, Elizabeth Gutmann. MFFG Partner **Frank Patrizio**, shared that **the firm decided to create this scholarship “in honor of our retired living partners: Paul Gutmann, William McNeil, Jack Neuenschwander, and Dale Davis.”**



Annually, the Piqua Education Foundation awards over \$300,000 dollars in scholarships to Piqua High School graduates and up to \$25,000 in Educational Grants to teachers and staff in pursuit of bringing its mission of enhancing Piqua education to life.

The 2022-2023 **scholarship season opens January 17th, 2022** and closes on March 13th, 2022. PHS graduates from the classes of 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 are encouraged to apply regardless of previous award status. To learn more visit www.PiquaEducationFoundation.org.

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ABOUT THE PIQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION: *In 1985, a small group of Piqua residents saw a need within our community to help Piqua City School graduates reach their post high school educational goals. Their actions lead to the creation of the Piqua Education Foundation. In 1986, the volunteer Board of Directors awarded \$7,000 in scholarships. By 2018, the Piqua Education Foundation Scholarship Awards had grown to over \$300,000 annually. In 2021, the Piqua Education Foundation celebrated having awarded over \$5 million dollars in total scholarships to more than 3,000 Piqua High School graduates since 1985. Annually, the Board’s Education Grants committee also provides up to \$25,000 worth of Grants to the dedicated staff and educators in the Piqua City School District focused on expanding the educational opportunities available to our students.*

Mission Statement:

The Piqua Education Foundation will enhance the educational opportunities of Piqua City School students, graduates and staff through securing and distributing contributions from the community including individuals, corporations, and foundations.

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