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## **Michigan Sugar Company announces more than \$15,000 in 2016 scholarships**

*Ten scholarship programs will benefit local students*

BAY CITY – **Michigan Sugar Company** today announced that 2016 scholarships offered by the company will provide more than \$15,000 in funding to help Michigan students pay for college.

“By providing scholarships to high-achieving students in our community, Michigan Sugar Company is committed to helping prepare the next generation of leaders in Michigan agriculture,” said **Ray Van Driessche**, community relations director of **Michigan Sugar**. “We believe we share a responsibility to invest in the future of our community. By giving a leg up to young leaders, we can keep Michigan’s Thumb and Saginaw Valley on track for continued success into the future.”

The ten scholarship programs, offered in partnership between Michigan Sugar and local community foundations, will extend higher education awards to area students. **Van Driessche** recognized multiple partners that work with Michigan Sugar to provide training and funding for scholarships, including **Northwood University**, the **Gratiot Community Foundation**, the **Saginaw Community Foundation** and the **Bay Area Community Foundation**.

“Michigan’s Thumb and Saginaw Valley region is full of bright, hard-working young people who demonstrate leadership every day on family sugarbeet farms, and in our communities, and we hope they take some time to review scholarship opportunities offered by Michigan Sugar,” said **Van Driessche**. “I encourage folks to visit our web site – [www.michigansugar.com](http://www.michigansugar.com) – to learn more and to apply for scholarships.”

*Please see reverse for information on scholarship programs offered in 2016.*

**Annual Scholarships Available from Michigan Sugar Company**

*Students are encouraged to visit [www.michigansugar.com](http://www.michigansugar.com) to learn more about the application process.*

<b><u>Scholarship (Click for More Information)</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Qualifications</u></b>
<a href="#"><u>Albert Flegenheimer Memorial Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,500	High school senior, Youth Project participant
<a href="#"><u>Michigan Sugar Company Employee Scholarship</u></a>	\$5,000 (5 awards of \$1,000 apiece)	Employee, son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter of employee from each Michigan Sugar location; 2.5 GPA
<a href="#"><u>Next Generation Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,000	High school senior, Youth Project participant
<a href="#"><u>Michigan Sugar Queen Scholarship</u></a>	\$4,000 (1 award of \$2,000) (2 awards of \$1,000)	Young lady between 18-23; resides in a county that grows sugarbeets
<a href="#"><u>Brian Fox Memorial Agriculture Scholarship</u></a>	\$2,000	Lambton or Kent County (Ontario) student entering agricultural post-secondary education
<a href="#"><u>Loren Humm Memorial Sugarbeet Grower Scholarship</u></a>	Varies	Gratiot County student who is from a family of sugarbeet growers, or has completed a 4-H project; 3.0 GPA
<a href="#"><u>Michigan Sugar/Saginaw Valley State University Scholarship</u></a>	\$400	Family member of a Michigan Sugar employee or Michigan Sugar Company sugar beet grower; 3.0 GPA
<a href="#"><u>Michigan Sugar/Delta College Honors Scholarship</u></a>	Varies	Majoring in business, management, communications, science, technology or engineering in Delta College honors program; 3.2 GPA
<a href="#"><u>Guy Beals Memorial 4H Scholarship</u></a>	\$500	High school senior, Youth Project participant; resides in East District of Michigan Sugar Company
<a href="#"><u>Michigan Sugar Hotel Restaurant/Resort Management Scholarship</u></a>	\$1,000	Enrollment in the Hotel Restaurant/Resort Management program; academic merit/financial need

*Headquartered in Bay City, MI, Michigan Sugar Company is a grower-owned sugar cooperative and the third largest beet sugar processor in the United States, producing an annual average of more than 1 billion pounds of sugar. We sell our products in wholesale and retail quantities under the Pioneer Sugar and Big Chief Sugar Brands.*

*For more information, visit [www.michigansugar.com](http://www.michigansugar.com).*