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Michigan Sugar Company announces more than \$16,000 in 2017 scholarships

*Farmer-owned cooperative continues investment in
scholarships for local students*

BAY CITY – **Michigan Sugar Company** today reminded local students to apply for a [wide range of educational scholarships](#) offered by the farmer-owned cooperative throughout the sugarbeet growing region. The deadline to apply for many of the scholarships is March 31, 2017.

“For years, Michigan Sugar Company has proudly offered scholarships to help local students continue their education,” said **Ray VanDriessche**, community relations director of **Michigan Sugar**. “Michigan’s sugarbeet industry has a bright future thanks to the skills, passion and dedication shown by so many students throughout our region – and it’s important that we help them achieve success.”

VanDriessche recognized the region’s sugarbeet growers for their commitment to make scholarships possible for students pursuing a wide range of careers. The scholarship programs offered by Michigan Sugar are one part of the cooperative’s commitment to youth education and development, working alongside programs like Michigan Sugar’s [Young Farmer](#) and [Youth Sugarbeet Project](#) programs to develop the next generation of leaders in the sugarbeet industry.

“Michigan Sugar and our grower-owners are proud to offer multiple scholarships again this year for students throughout the growing region, and I encourage young people to learn about these opportunities and submit an application by March 31,” said **VanDriessche**. “You can always visit our web site – www.michigansugar.com – to learn more and to apply for scholarships.”

Please see below for information on scholarship programs offered in 2017.

Annual Scholarships Available from Michigan Sugar Company

Students are encouraged to visit www.michigansugar.com to learn more about the application process.

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