

**This annual scholarship will be administered according to the following criteria:**

1. To be eligible, students must:
  - be enrolled full-time for the fall immediately following this award;
  - demonstrate financial need.
2. Preference will be given to candidates in the following order:
  - permanent immigrants to the U.S.;
  - first generation Americans;
  - children of first generation Americans.
3. The scholarship is not renewable; however, current recipients may reapply.
4. Recipients will be selected by the Bay City Morning Rotary Scholarship Committee.
5. The amount of the award will be determined by the amount of funds available for the scholarship, but in no case will exceed \$1,000.
6. Bay City Morning Rotary will disburse the funds according to regular club procedures.
7. Bay City Morning Rotary reserves the right to modify this agreement at any time for any reason.

**Applying:**

Please contact Bill Coberly (see below) for an application.

Please send a copy of your application to:

Bay City Morning Rotary Scholarship  
Committee C/O Rick Steele  
608 N. Madison Avenue  
Bay City, MI 48708

**Contact Us**

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**Moghlis  
(John)  
Shankool  
Scholarship**

*Presented by the  
Bay City Morning Rotary Club*



Born in Kremlish, Iraq in 1968, John and his family lived a poverty stricken life in northern Iraq. His family faced adversity for many reasons. One reason was because their Christian background. Another was the danger brought about by the brewing Iran/Iraq conflict of the late 1970's. Recognizing this danger, and wanting a better life for their children, John's parents moved the family, including seven children, to the United States in order to seek a more secure life that afforded more opportunity as well. It was not an easy decision to leave their relatives, nor was it easy to leave the country. His family scheduled a "vacation" to Greece because going to the United States could put the family in real trouble. Once in Greece the family boarded a plane to the United States leaving all they knew, including their native language, behind them.

In 1977, at the age of 9, John started school in the Ferndale, Michigan knowing very little English. He found he enjoyed school, worked hard, made friends and excelled at sports. Over the years John flourished. With the help of scholarship opportunities such as this one, he went on to obtain a college degree at Western Michigan University in finance, which led to his current position with State Farm.

John has become an integral part of his community. He has volunteered with various youth sports teams, helped found a community education basketball league, and also has done behind the scenes work at his children's plays and musicals among other things. Most notably however, he has created Bay City Morning Rotary's highly successful "Driathlon," now beginning its fifth year.

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*"We were looking for a signature event for our Club, and John has given us that with the Driathlon." – Larry Arendt, Bay City Morning Rotary President*

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*Family Time*

John is now married with three children and lives in Bay County. He has stayed involved in the community and with his children's activities. It is the intention of this scholarship to help and support young people who have a similar story achieve their educational goals and possibly give back to their communities the way John has done, putting "Service Above Self", which is the Rotary motto.

### **Getting Started**

The intent of this scholarship is to enable people who have recently immigrated to this country, or who have had parents or grandparents immigrate, to further their education in order to have a better chance of giving back to their communities.

On the back of this brochure you will find the necessary information to apply for this competitive scholarship.