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MAYOR MANZI & SUPERINTENDENT WHITTEN ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP

Mayor William M. Manzi, III. and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jeanne Whitten are pleased to announce the creation of the Charles J. Amshy and Sally A. Amshy Scholarship Fund. Sally Amshy and her late husband Charles J. Amshy, designated that their legacy aid students who have graduated from Methuen High School. Sally Ann (Vaitkunas) Amshy was born in Lawrence on December 20, 1911 to William and Madeline Vaitkunas, who were immigrants from Lithuania. Sally attended school in Lawrence and Methuen. She graduated from Searles High School in 1930 and married Charles Amshy in 1933. She worked in local mills and later as a secretary at Raytheon Company in Andover prior to her retirement. A member of the Methuen Senior Center, she enjoyed taking trips with the seniors and gardening. Sally Amshy's desire was that the family's funds be used as scholarships to deserving students of Methuen High School.

These funds have been turned over to the City of Methuen and are to be maintained and invested for the purpose of annually awarding scholarships to graduates of Methuen High School who shall be attending a college or university to further their education. The Charles J. Amshy and Sally A. Amshy Scholarship Fund Committee will award \$5,000 each to four deserving seniors at this year's graduation commencement. The trustees would utilize the funds for college tuition and/or room and board, books and related expenses for needy and deserving students.

As part of the criteria for receiving these funds, it is clearly stated in her last will and testament that a scholarship committee be established known as the Charles J. Amshy and Sally A. Amshy Scholarship Fund Committee. The Scholarship Fund Committee is comprised of Mayor William M. Manzi and/or his designee Colleen McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools Jeanne Whitten and/or her designee Ann Marie Krusell, the Principal of Methuen High School, Arthur Nicholson, and the City Auditor, Thomas J. Kelly.

Applications are available in the Methuen High Guidance office. The applicant must be a Methuen High School Senior beginning his/her plan of study in an educational program above the high school level within six (6) months of high school graduation. The awards and amounts will be based on the following criteria: financial need, academic performance, character, involvement in extracurricular and community activities during their high school years, a personal essay, and letters of recommendation. Semi-finalists will be invited to an interview.