

Scholarship Report:

This year we gave a special one-time \$500.00 scholarship in honor and in memory of our past president, Lu Gordon. A House of Gordon USA member from Utah, Rachel Noorda, was chosen as the recipient of this award. Rachel is currently studying abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland working on her PhD, and is using the scholarship toward her Gaelic language studies.

We were able to further the dreams of a young Highland Dancer from California, Emma Schiff, with a \$400.00 scholarship which allowed her to attend the Eastern Canadian Open Championships in Toronto in May where she was victorious and was awarded Champion of her age division, a unanimous vote among the panel of 3 judges. This trip would not have been a possibility for her without our support. Emma is on her way to making her goal of competing in Cowal, Scotland in the World Championships where she hopes to be able to place in the top 6 overall in her age group. I am sure you are all with me in sending good wishes her way!

We awarded a talented young drummer from Rockville, MD, Nicholas Shropshire, a \$300.00 scholarship which he used to attend the Piping Centre's Winchester, VA Summer School. He plans on taking the skills that he learns back to his drum corps and passing it along.

Today we awarded our annual scholarship of \$250.00 and a trophy to the young Grade 4 Junior Piper of the Day here at Grandfather.

Many of our members have made donations to our scholarship fund, and we thank you all for them as they help us to be able to support these wonderful young talents. We do need to replenish this fund annually so that we can continue this important work. We are looking to bring online a shopping page that will allow us to sell a shirt with the proceeds dedicated to supporting the scholarship fund, and we are looking for ways to raise more funds for this worthy cause. Anyone with ideas for this project, please contact me.

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