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Midland Lions Club Maier Scholarship benefits optometry students

BIG RAPIDS – The Midland Lions Roger Maier Scholarship is available for students pursuing degrees in Optometry or other eye-care fields through Ferris State University’s Michigan College of Optometry.

Maier taught mathematics at Northeast Intermediate School in Midland for 32 years, as well as teaching driver’s education, coaching and becoming a registered official with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. It was his bequest to establish the scholarship.

Available for full-time, third- or fourth-year students enrolled in Ferris’ Michigan College of Optometry, the scholarship is renewable and former recipients may participate in the annual selection process. Preference is given to students from Midland County but may be awarded to any student who meets the criteria of the scholarship if no student from Midland County meets the selection requirements.

The scholarships awarded will vary and are to be applied to costs related to attending the Michigan College of Optometry, including tuition, room and board, books or other education-related expenses.

“We are grateful for the support of the Midland Lions Club in establishing the Roger Maier Scholarship,” said Dr. Kevin Alexander, dean of the Michigan College of Optometry. “The cost of optometric education is high and scholarships such as these go a long way in helping the Michigan College of Optometry train Michigan’s future doctors of optometry.”

Recipient selection will be managed by the Michigan College of Optometry Scholarship Committee, which will annually make a recommendation to the Midland Lions Club.

For more information, please contact Debra Jacks, director of Planned Giving, at (231) 591-3817 or jacksd@ferris.edu. Details about establishing scholarships or endowments may be obtained from the Advancement Office at (231) 591-3825.

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