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**STRIVE Program 2021-2022**

**Charlevoix Rotary Club & Charlevoix Public Schools**

**What is STRIVE?** STRIVE is a mentorship program which pairs a high school junior or senior with a mentor who comes alongside the student to help them consider and prepare for what's next after high school. In addition, students are awarded scholarship money toward college or vocational school based on their attendance at school, attendance in STRIVE, interactions with mentor, and a change in GPA.

**Who is eligible?** All students entering their junior or senior year with a 2.5 GPA or below are eligible to participate. Students fill out an application and sign a commitment to allow their grades to be seen by the STRIVE facilitator and their STRIVE mentor. Each student who participates is assigned a mentor.

**STRIVE Meetings.** STRIVE meetings happen monthly during lunch hour. They provide an opportunity for mentors to connect with their students and check-in on their academic progress, post-high planning, and summer job planning, and participate in a learning opportunity (interviewing, resume building, basic budgeting, and basic skills for adulting).

**Scholarships Awarded.** Students are scored on their school attendance, STRIVE attendance, communication with mentor, and changes to their GPA. Based on the results of these criteria, scholarships are awarded to seniors for post-high vocational or college education.

 **First prize** - One year scholarship to North Central Michigan College (Petoskey)

 OR a $1,000 scholarship to any state accredited school

 **Second prize** - $750 scholarship to any state accredited school

 **Third prize** - $500 scholarship to any state accredited school

 **All other students** - $250 scholarship for completing the STRIVE program.

*\* If a student participates both their junior and senior year, they are eligible for a scholarship for both their 1st and 2nd year of college or vocational school.*

**Summer Job Cash Bonus.** STRIVE students can also earn an additional $400 toward books and tuition through a 10-week summer job cash bonus. In addition to the wages a student earns from their summer job, Rotary will give them $1.00 per hour for up to 400 hours. That's an additional $400.00 for the summer job they'll already have. This is available for both juniors and seniors who complete the STRIVE program the preceding year.

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