

THE SARAH J. DYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Did you attend Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School?

As Jeffrey Hogan sat with his mother, Lisa, and his other classmates on May 25, 2016 at the 7th annual scholarship celebration waiting for his name to be called so he could be recognized as one of the recipients of the Wyoming Area Faculty Scholarship he turned to his mother and said: "Mom, you should do a scholarship for the Sarah J. Dymond school. It's closing this year and this would keep its memory alive."

Lisa listened intently to her son but went back to paying attention to the festivities and the recognition of the other seniors who were being awarded scholarships. She thought about his idea and when she went to school the next day she mentioned it to a few of her teacher friends and other employees of the Sarah J Dymond school. She was surprised when the response was so positive to her idea. As a result, this will be the first year the first Sarah J Dymond scholarship will be awarded.



According to a plaque that hung in the school, the Exeter Township Elementary school was built in 1939 for the children living in the Harding area. It later became the school for the Harding and Falls children after the school in Falls closed. In 1986 it was renamed in honor of the first grade teacher, Sarah J. Dymond, who taught there for over 50 years before retiring in 1986. She passed away in 1995. The Sarah J. Dymond Elementary school closed in 2016.

This scholarship is funded by the many many friends of the Wyoming Area Sarah J. Dymond School, including faculty, secretaries, janitors, parents, students, and friends.

It is the hope of the selection committee for this scholarship that each applicant's reply reflects the fond memories and the impact this school and its employees had on this recipient.

It is another example of the Wyoming Area community giving back. What a wonderful example of this thoughtful community's outpouring of generosity in offering this award to our seniors. It is the hope of the selection committee that each applicant's reply reflects the fond memories and impact that Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School and its employees have had on each of them.

Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School may be closed but memories of the school will live for a long time with the many people who were associated with it.

The Sarah J. Dymond scholarship committee will make the final selection for the recipient of the first Sarah J. Dymond scholarship.

Criteria: Applicant must be a graduating Wyoming Area senior who attended the Sarah J. Dymond Elementary School during his/her education in the Wyoming Area School district.

Essay Required: In a solid essay of at least 500 words, tell us your favorite experience at the Sarah J. Dymond elementary school and how it has left an impression or impacted your life.