The Carrick Foundation Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

In 1962, Roy Carrick established the Carrick Foundation to provide college scholarships to high-achieving students from Douglas, Northbridge and Uxbridge, MA. He and his family awarded the Carrick Foundation Scholarship for 36 years until turning the process over to Greater Worcester Community Foundation in 1999.

Roy was a strong believer in higher education. Where to go to college, not whether to go, was the question he instilled in his children. He also believed that students shouldn’t be excluded from scholarship aid due to a high family income. Therefore, the Carrick Foundation Scholarship is awarded solely on merit to students with outstanding academic achievement and strong extracurricular involvement.

W. Roy Carrick was born in Worcester, MA in 1901. He grew up in Whitinsville, MA and graduated from Whitinsville High School in 1919. After two years at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Roy contracted tuberculosis. He left college and spent two years regaining his health, first in a sanitarium and then at home.

In 1925, Roy married Margaret Schuster. They settled in her hometown of East Douglas, MA and had three children: William, Winfield and Lena May. Roy created the Carrick Agency in 1929, and it grew into a successful insurance business. He was also an enthusiastic golf player and pilot. He owned a Cessna-140 airplane, which he flew for five years until cataracts impaired his vision. In their later years, Roy and Margaret traveled often to England, where Roy continued to enjoy playing golf. He died at home in 1980 at the age of 78.

Roy’s children and grandchildren continue to take an active interest in the Carrick Foundation Scholarship. This award is a tribute to his success and his values, rewarding academic excellence and helping students pursue their dreams of higher education.

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