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# Sumner grad creates new scholarship

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Candice McField, a graduate of Sumner Academy, is attempting to give back to her school and the community.

McField, who graduated from Sumner Academy in 1999, went to college in Los Angeles and then returned to the Kansas City metro area to work at AFG Capital Management, a financial consulting firm in Overland Park, Kan.

In high school, McField was an athlete and played multiple sports for the Sumner Academy Sabres. She also takes part in fitness competitions.

During training for her most recent competition, she decided that she wanted to give back to her high school and community.

"(During training) I was searching for a greater cause," McField said. "I created a scholarship for my old high school."

The first year of the scholarship awarded three graduates of Sumner Academy. Each scholarship was valued at \$500, after a grand total of \$1,500 was raised through donations and help from McField's fellow employees.

"I like to help the community," she said. "I like to give back and help others. I'm just trying to give back."

She gave credit to Jean Allan, a counselor at the school.

"I worked with Mrs. Allan," she said. "She was instrumental (in the process). She helped me spread the word about it."

The applications for the scholarships were scored on multiple weighted sections: financial need, a special need, the "Things to Do in Life" list and the class ranking of the applicant.

McField believes that the "Things to do in life" list allows the students to be creative.

"The things too in life list required them to sit down and think about what they wanted to do," she said. "It was a really fascinating experience to see their dreams."

Another requirement was that the applicants needed to have a 2.9 grade point average.

With the first year effort raising \$1,500, McField hopes that it can be expanded next year.

"We're wanting to make it an annual thing," she said. "We're looking to expand it for next year. We would love anyone to assist us in this process. It's been a fun process."

If interested in helping with the funding of the scholarship, call (913) 754-8630.