



Tatum J. Davenport Memorial Scholarship

2026 Awardee Summary – Ayden Blanchette

Ayden Blanchette, a graduating senior from South High Community School in Worcester, was selected as this year's recipient of the Tatum J. Davenport Memorial Scholarship. Ayden embodies the scholarship's mission through her exceptional academic achievement, perseverance, and resilience. She maintains a 4.6 weighted GPA while taking a rigorous honors and Advanced Placement curriculum and plans to attend Roger Williams University to study English Literature with the goal of becoming a book editor. Her essays reflected a lifelong passion for literature and a desire to help others share their stories.

A significant factor in Ayden's selection was her determination in overcoming the challenges of living with Spastic Diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy. Despite years of surgeries and ongoing physical therapy, she has excelled academically while giving back to her community through volunteer service with Why Me & Sherry's House, participation in National Honor Society, Girl Scouts, and employment at the Worcester Art Museum. Her combination of academic excellence, perseverance, compassion, and commitment to serving others made her an outstanding recipient of this year's scholarship.