

\$1,000 memorial gift benefits scholarship

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A former Westford Academy instructor has added a Christmas bonus of \$1,000 to a scholarship fund she established five years ago in memory of her husband and her father. She is Mrs. Bette R. Hook, a teacher of history and government at the school for 22 years until her retirement five years ago.

The fund is named the Eric G. Hook and Charles H. Ross scholarship and is administered through the Academy trustees. Mrs. Hook has been secretary of that group for the past five years and recently retired as town clerk.

This scholarship now totals \$3,000; the yearly proceeds are available at graduation time for eligible students interesting in advance study in history and government.

Mrs. Hook also gives each year two \$200 scholarships for the same purpose, but administered through the Academy staff.

A. Dana Fletcher, treasurer for the trustees, reminds prospective donors that such gifts are tax deductible and through management the return on invested funds is usually over ten percent. In June the trustees were able to pass along scholarships tallying over \$26,000 to qualifying students.