

# Trustees to award \$45,000 to grads

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As the demand steadily increases for financial assistance by Westford Academy students headed for institutions of higher learning, 101 graduates of this year's senior class will be excited to learn the Trustees have allotted \$44,725 in scholarships.

In addition, some seniors will receive a total of \$2,500 in graduation prizes of various nomenclature. National Honor Society seniors already have received specialized, career-oriented reference books of their

choice from the Trustees.

According to principal Joseph Lisi, about 80 percent of all seniors have indicated they will go on to college. This is up from 60 percent reported four years ago.

The Trustees have set aside another \$2,500 as scholarship aid for students attending the Presidential Classroom next year.

The present drop-out rate of students from the Academy is only 2 percent of enrollment, according to school guidance coordinator Mary

Wescott, who assists the Trustees in allocating funds to applicants.

The Trustees have also allotted \$8,225 to benefit students who will continue at the Academy. This money is to be applied to the expansion of the computerized music system (which the Trustees purchased in 1985) and as a substantial payment for a new coin-operated copy machine.

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