Howard Silverman

Howard D. Silverman (1915-2003) was a prominent merchant on Main Street for over 40 years, working for his family’s apparel and shoe business, Herman N. Silverman, Inc. A resident first of East Greenwich and then Warwick, he was active in numerous civic activities, including serving as a founding member and president of the Rotary Club of East Greenwich.

His other activities included teaching English to recent Russian immigrants, serving as a docent at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, and serving as president of the East Greenwich Free Library. He was a founder and president of Music on the Hill and tutored at Rocky Hill School; Howard was a member of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and East Greenwich Preservation Society.

He became a published writer in his retirement, writing short stories based on his life growing up in East Greenwich. He graduated from East Greenwich Academy and from Brown University.

The recipient of this $500 award is a college-bound senior who excels in creative writing, the arts, languages, or community service, and is selected by the East Greenwich High School Guidance Department.