Four years ago, Jamie Bradbury graduated from Geneva High school. She also was the recipient of one of the Ashtabula Foundation’s Edward J. Harvey Scholarships.

“The impact you have had on my life goes beyond words,” she recently said in a thank you note to members of the Foundation’s scholarship committee. A few weeks ago, Bradbury earned a degree in Environmental Engineering from The Ohio State University.

“I would like to send an immense ‘thank you’ to all the kind, generous members of the Edward J. Harvey Scholarship Committee for supporting me through to the end. Your financial aid allowed me to focus on being a full-time student. As a result, I became involved with undergraduate research, two internships, a global capstone project and multiple student organizations. I loved my time at OSU and developed skills that will enable me to give back to my community in even greater ways.”

“As for my future, I am about to embark on a three-month mission trip to Namibia, Africa. Upon my return, I have accepted a full-time position as a design engineer at V3 Companies in Columbus, Ohio. Thank you for being part of my story and setting me up for such an exciting future.” Bradbury wrote. “The work you do matters greatly.”

The Edward J. Harvey Scholarship Fund was established in 1968 by Edna Harvey in her husband’s memory. Ashtabula County high school graduates have been receiving four-year Harvey scholarships since that time.

The purpose of the Harvey Scholarship Fund is to help deserving young people to acquire an education that will enable them to become self-supporting, useful citizens. The Foundation is able to award between five to seven scholarships per year. This year, the scholarship award is $2,000 per year for four years. The Harvey Scholarship Fund pays an average of $30,000 annually to recipients of the scholarship.

Any person with a legal residence in Ashtabula who will also be graduating from a high school in Ashtabula County is eligible to apply for the scholarship their senior year. An applicant must be planning to attend any higher education institution on a full-time basis, and the institution must be accredited by a regional accrediting association.

Criteria and guidelines in the selection process are based on grade point average, ACT/SAT test scores, outside/extracurricular activities, essay, and financial need (those who would normally not qualify for any state or federal aid).

Scholarship application forms and eligibility information are available at all Ashtabula County High School guidance offices as well as The Ashtabula Foundation website, www.ashtabulafoundation.org.