Ida Robbins, for whom this scholarship is named, was the youngest of the Robbins sisters whose family has contributed so much to the improvement of life in Arlington. Ida was elected to the School Committee in 1899 and served the Town well for three terms.

Her will established the scholarship to be awarded which is "to be expended each year under the direction of the School Committee for the benefit of such graduates of the High School as they may select, who shall be of high character and scholarship; to pay his or her tuition or other necessary expenses at a college or like institution of learning of high standing".

The Robbins family has many memorials to its generosity, in the Town Hall, the Library, Robbins Park, the Dallin Menotomy Hunter at the Spring statue, the flagpole at the Town Hall, and these scholarships which I, as chairman of the present School committee, am happy to present to: