The Irving S. Wolfson Award

Irving Wolfson’s favorite actuarial joke was this:

What is the difference between an actuary and a computer?
Answer: A computer has a heart!

Obviously, the joke was wrong. Irv Wolfson was loved by so many that this award was funded to perpetuate the memory of how this Actuary touched so many lives for the better. Irving received his B.A. in Mathematics in 1950 from the University of Michigan. He was an actuary, and eventually Executive Vice President at Phoenix Mutual (Hartford) from 1965 until his unexpected death in 1981. This award is given to a student with academic excellence and promise who intends to complete the Actuarial Mathematics degree at the University of Michigan and has at least one term of undergraduate work remaining and who has shown substantial promise of professional actuarial achievement through academic accomplishments and participation in employment and/or extra-curricular activity. The award was established from gifts through the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company and the family.