

SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY

2026-2027 school year



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ABOUT PCCF

The Phelps County Community Foundation was established in 1976 through an estate gift from Irene Anderson, who envisioned the creation of a foundation to benefit Phelps County. Her initial gift of \$300,000 set the PCCF on a path to grow and significantly impact the lives of residents in the county. As of 2024, the foundation has assets exceeding \$30 million and continues to grow.

PCCF is led by a 12-member Board of Directors and currently employs three individuals. Our organization aims to be a community leader in our county through various programs and initiatives. PCCF has been involved in fundraising efforts for several projects, including The Tassel, the Don Sjogren Community YMCA, the Holdrege Veterans Memorial, and the Nebraska Prairie Museum.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** - Because of the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations PCCF now holds over 90 scholarship funds to support the educational endeavors of graduating high school and college students.
- **GRANTS** - We partner with nonprofits to help them secure the funding they need to grow and thrive. PCCF has multiple grant opportunities for organizations in Phelps County to take advantage of including PCCF, Pearson Fund, and Women's' Giving Group.
- **give2GROW** - Is an annual giving day hosted by the Phelps County Community Foundation in November. This charitable event aims to connect donors with organizations that perform impactful and vital work in Phelps County.



SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

DECEMBER 1

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS TO STUDENTS AND THE LINK IS AVAILABLE ON THE PCCF WEBSITE WWW.PHELPSFOUNDATION.ORG.

FEBRUARY 15

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 P.M. TO BE ELIGIBLE. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR THIRD-PARTY REQUESTS (GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND/OR REFERENCES) TO ENSURE THEY UPLOAD THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BY FEBRUARY 15TH FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

MARCH-APRIL

PCCF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND OTHER OUTSIDE REVIEW COMMITTEES BEGIN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS AND WILL MEET TO DETERMINE THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

MAY

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

- HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS ARE TYPICALLY NOTIFIED IN MAY AT HONORS NIGHT OR GRADUATION.
 - COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED AROUND THE MIDDLE OF MAY
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JUNE

SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE FOLLOW UP FORMS ARE DUE

JULY-AUGUST

STUDENT WILL NEED TO COMPLETE A VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT FORM. (THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL YOU GO TO COLLEGE IN THE FALL). FUNDS WILL BE SENT TO COLLEGE ONCE THE FORM IS RECEIVED.

GETTING STARTED

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship through the Foundation. These scholarships are made possible by generous individuals, families, and organizations who wish to support others in their pursuit of higher education.

PCCF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION

PCCF uses a “universal application,” which means that as you complete your application, the information you provide will make you eligible for all the scholarships for which you qualify. The more details you include in your application, the more scholarships you may be considered for, so be sure to be as thorough as possible. This single application will determine your eligibility for over 90 different scholarship opportunities based on the information you provide.

If you would like to view all the scholarships offered by PCCF, please visit our Scholarship Directory available on our website.

CREATE ACCOUNT/SIGN IN

The link to the scholarship application can be found on PCCF's website, www.phelpsfoundation.org / What We do / Scholarships / Apply Now.

Create an account using a personal email address instead of a school email, as you will not have access to your school email account after graduation. PCCF will communicate with you via email throughout the scholarship process, so it is essential to use a personal email address.

There are also tutorials on the "Log On" page for quick reference under [click here](#) for help.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts from colleges will need to be uploaded by the student. If you cannot upload it yourself, please email it to Lacy Chapman at lchapman@phelpsfoundation.org and she will be able to upload it to your application.

Any high school student taking college courses will need to also submit a transcript for all of the classes they have taken while in high school.

High school students will have their transcripts, class rank, GPA, and ACT score entered into their application by their guidance counselor.

SHOWCASE YOUR STORY

Your personal essays, along with any additional essays you write, allow you to highlight why you are a strong candidate for a scholarship. Make sure to craft a narrative that is engaging and personal, while also remembering not to include your name in any of your essays.

GRAMMAR & SPELLING MATTERS

It's essential that your scholarship essays are polished. We strongly encourage you to have someone else proofread your application before submitting it. Reviewers are evaluating many applications and face difficult decisions. Poor grammar and spelling errors can lead to your application being overlooked.

SHARE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please provide as much detail as possible about your activities, community service, work experience, church involvement, awards, honors, and anything else you are proud of in your application. The more information you include, the greater your chances may be of qualifying for additional scholarships!

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

REFERENCES

When preparing your application, it's important to select your references early. This ensures you have a backup in case one of your references is unable to complete their form on time. The individuals you choose to recommend you can significantly impact your application.

You can submit one academic reference, like a teacher or professor who knows your school work well. The rest of your references should come from individuals like employers, coaches, or mentors who can talk about your character and potential. Make sure to choose someone who can share specific examples of your strengths and support your application.

Keep in mind that family members can only be references if they are also your employer. Current board or staff members from PCCF cannot be your references either.

Think about whether your reference can add valuable insights about you. Sometimes what they share can really help your application stand out, especially if they know things about you that you didn't mention.

You won't be able to see what your references write, but you will know if they have completed the online form. This way, you can follow up with them to make sure everything is submitted on time.

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2026 Scholarship Criteria

Scholarship Name	Status at Application	School/Residency Requirement	GPA	College Major	College/University to be used at	Other	Additional Requirements
Adam Harrahill Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County or Harlan County, Nebraska high school	N/A	Building construction technology or other carpentry trades	Technical or Trade School		High School: Additional reference from industrial arts instructor College: Additional reference from an employer
Arnold and Olive Wallander Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Bertrand High School	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement/ leadership/ community service	Essay
Atlanta Community Club Scholarship	Graduate <i>(Prior recipients may reapply)</i>	Any High School	N/A	Open	College, Technical or Trade School	Must have completed at least one year of college. Must be from the Atlanta, NE Community and exhibit involvement with the Atlanta Community Club	
Bernard and Edith Youngmark Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps, Harlan or Kearney County High School, or Be employed in Phelps County	N/A	Nursing or Law Enforcement	Completed 1 yr of post-secondary education in a related field or 1 yr of work experience in a related field	Work history and involvement in the community will be considerations	Essay
Bill Vandell Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth School District or resident of Phelps County	2.0	Agriculture or Healthcare	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
Braden Badertscher Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	2.5	Agriculture-related field	College, University, Technical or Trade School	Active member of the Holdrege FFA program	Essay

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Chad Bailey Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School		Education, political science, law, or public administration	College, University, Technical or Trade School		Essay
Clifton & Alberta White Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Gosper or Furnas County Resident	2.5	Open	Nebraska College, University, Technical, Vocational or Trade School		Essay
Clifford, Marian and Michael Barnes Memorial Scholarship	Graduate	Holdrege High School or of Central Valley Public School in Greeley, Nebraska	N/A	Fine Arts or Architecture	Accredited educational institution	Completed two years of college or university study	
Curly Geer Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School	2.0	Open	Technical or Trade School located in the State of Nebraska		
Delaun Rupkalvis Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate		N/A	Open	Technical, Trade or Vocational School	Preference given to students whose parents were members of the HHS Class of 1987	
Delia Brugh Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Alma High School	3.3	Business	College, Technical or Trade School		
Diann S. Harris Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School	3.0		College or University	Enrolled or planning to enroll in a program leading to a 4 year degree	Preference given to students who are involved in music
Dodee & Tom D. Morris Memorial Art Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps County High School Graduate OR Phelps County Resident	3.0	Art	College, Technical or Vocational School	Completed at least one year of college	

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Donald E. Sjogren Endowed Scholarship – Funk Fridhem Lutheran Church Members	Graduating Senior	Any High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Active member of Funk Fridhem Lutheran Church	
Donald E. Sjogren Endowed Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County High School	2.5	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Essay
Dorothy Swanson Lewis Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Bertrand School District Resident OR Graduate	3.0	RN, Medical Science Field, Education	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Preference given to high school seniors	
Dr. Marvin Monson Memorial /Holdrege Young Farmers Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A	Agriculture	College, University or Technical School		Essay
E.L. Lindsay Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Essay
Earl & Caroline High Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Bertrand High School	2.5	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Annually must provide grade transcripts verifying a 2.5 or better GPA	
Emily Swenson Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Bertrand High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Student with highest GPA	
Frances M. Ebmeier Scholarship – Graduating Senior	Graduating Senior	Loomis High School	2.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School		Essay
Frances M. Ebmeier Scholarship – Non-Traditional Student	Graduate	Loomis High School	2.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School		Essay
Forrest & Violet Morrison Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Loomis High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Essay

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Gary W. Kaup Memorial Scholarship	Graduate	Any High School	3.0	Medical Field	College or University	Must have completed at least two years of post-secondary education	Essay
Harold and Dorothy Marshall Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps, Dawson, or Buffalo county in Nebraska	3.25	Math or natural science	University or College	Must be a junior or senior	Essay
Harry and Evelyn Dahlstrom Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County High School Graduate and Resident	2.75	Open	College, Technical or Trade School	Must exhibit involvement in school and community (contributing citizen)	
Harvey E. & Marguerite Sandstrom McDowell Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient	Bertrand resident or Bertrand Native Or Bertrand High School	N/A	Health or Mortuary Science	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
Holdrege Firefighters Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient		2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Parent is member of Holdrege Volunteer Fire Dept	
Holdrege High School Class of 1965 Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School AND Phelps County Resident	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
Holdrege High School Class of 1966 Scholarship	Graduating Senior <i>(Previous Year Recipients are eligible to apply)</i>	Holdrege High School AND Phelps County Resident	3.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Essay
Holdrege Memorial Homes Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County High School	2.0	Nursing, Health Care, Human Services or Long-Term Care	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Essay

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Holdrege Rotary Club Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County Resident	3.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement in extracurricular activities. Preference given to applicants whose parent(s), grandparent(s) or guardian(s) is a current member of the Holdrege Rotary Club.	Essay
Holdrege Teammates Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Actively participated in the Holdrege TeamMates program	Actively participated in the Holdrege TeamMates program
Holdrege Teammates Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarship	Graduate or Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement and leadership in extracurricular, church, and community service, and/or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience	Essay

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Holdrege Teammates Ron Uribe Memorial Scholarship	Graduate or Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement and leadership in extracurricular, church, and community service, and/or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience	Actively participated in the Holdrege TeamMates program Essay
Howard F. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship	Graduate	Holdrege High School	3.0	Education	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Completed two years of college.	
Humpert Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Franklin County Resident	N/A	Open	Nebraska College, Technical or Trade School		
Irene Anderson Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A	N/A	4-year College or University		
Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Bertrand High School	N/A	Open	College or Vocational School		
J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Resident of former Wilcox School District	2.0	Open	Nebraska College, Technical or Trade School		Essay
J. Rowland & Eleanor McClymont Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School	3.5	Arts and Sciences	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	GPA of 3.5 (out of a 4.0) or equivalent or be in the top 20%	

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Jess and Willa Keifer Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A (Top 25%)	Open	4-year College or University	Participated in at least 2 school sponsored sports each year. Must be a good citizen, be well liked by students, faculty & administration	
Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller Titus Memorial Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps County High School	2.0	Medical or Healthcare	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Preference given to students wishing to return to Phelps County to work	
LaMoine Johnson Retired Employee Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth High School	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		Participation in high school & community activities
LaMonte Woollen Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	South Central Nebraska High School	N/A	Agriculture	College, Technical or Trade School	Preference given to students who are graduating from or have graduated from the Wilcox-Hildreth High School	
Lansing Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Graduate (Prior recipients may reapply)	Phelps County High School	3.0	Law	Accredited Law College	Maintain 3.0 while receiving this scholarship	
Lenore High Morrison Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient	Furnas, Harlan, Gosper or Phelps County Resident	3.0	Nursing	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Ranked in the top 20% of class	Essay

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Linda Lum Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	3.0	Open	College or University	Consistent involvement & leadership in extracurricular & church activities & community service	
M.J. Nelson Science Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Graduating Senior of Holdrege or Loomis High School. Reside in Holdrege School Dist. #44 boundaries	N/A	Teaching, Nursing, Medicine, Home Making, Agriculture, Technician, Engineering, etc.	College, Technical or Trade School	Probability of success is a consideration	
Mark Schubert Memorial Seminary Scholarship	Post-graduate		2.0	Master of Divinity	Accredited Protestant Seminary with preference to American Baptist, Evangelical Free, ELCA Lutheran, or Methodist denominations	Essay	
Marty Damrow Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School	2.5	Open	Technical or Trade School	Work ethic is prime requisite	Additional Reference from a current employer
Mary Jean Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County High School Graduate and Resident	3.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School		
Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County Resident	2.0	Aviation Technology or Mechanics	College, Technical or Trade School	Preference given to Technical or Trade School students	

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Nellie Cole Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A	Open	Technical or Trade School		
Orleans High School Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Former Orleans School Dist. #530 Resident	N/A	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
Otis E. & Dora P. Mundell Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Graduating Senior residing in Phelps County or Graduate of a Phelps County High School	N/A	Nursing	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement in school, community & work experience considered	
Parker Sturgis Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth High School	N/A	Open	Technical or Vocational School	Participation in high school sports, school & community activities	
Patrick Family Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient	Phelps County Resident	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Involvement in educational, community & church activities considered	Essay
Phelps County Community Foundation Non-Traditional Scholarship	Graduate or GED (Previous recipients may reapply)	Phelps County Resident	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Be at least 25 yrs as of Feb. 28th	
Phelps County Community Foundation (PCCF) Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County Graduating Senior AND Phelps County Resident	3.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	3.0 GPA or Top 1/3 of class	
PCCF College Student Scholarship –In Memory of Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp	Graduate	Phelps County High School Graduate	3.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Completed at least one year of college	

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Phelps County High Jobs Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient	Preference given to Phelps County residents or students who are graduating from or have graduated from a Phelps County High School	2.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School (Preference given to technical or trade program)	Must sign agreement that the student will return to Phelps County to gain successful employment	Essay
PMHC Miriam Fastenau Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient		2.0	Medical	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Phelps Memorial Health Center Employee Dependent	Essay
Phelps Memorial Health Center Service League Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps County Graduate or Resident	N/A	Medical	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Completed at least one year of college	Essay
Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County Resident	2.5	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Participated in HHS Tennis Senior Year	
Robert R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County High School	2.0	Agriculture	Nebraska College, Technical or Trade School	Preference to HHS Graduates	Essay
Rodney E. Forsberg Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Phelps County Resident	3.0	Open	UNK		
RoDonna Harden Memorial Scholarship	Graduate	Phelps County High School Graduate and Resident	2.0	Elementary Education	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Must have completed 1 year of college	
Roger D. Olson Agricultural Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County High School Graduate OR Resident	N/A	Agriculture	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		

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Ron Lush Ag Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Wilcox-Hildreth High School	N/A	Agriculture	College, Technical or Trade School		Essay Reference from a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, or ag teacher
Skallberg Family Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Phelps County High School	2.0	Open	Technical or Trade School	Involvement in extracurricular activities	
Theodore C. & Minnie C. Swanson Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate (Previous recipients may reapply)	Bertrand High School	N/A	Seminary, Medical, Agriculture	College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
Verner and Mildred Vinzant Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Bertrand High School	3.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Preference given to students that have shown academic excellence, been active in school activities, and demonstrated community involvement	
George R. Mitchell VFW Post #1365 Agriculture Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	N/A	Agriculture	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Merit is the primary consideration	
Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior (Previous Year Recipients are eligible to apply)	Holdrege School Dist. #44, Funk School Dist. #74 or Axtell School Dist. #501 Resident	2.0	Traditional Service Fields such as carpentry, electronics, mechanics, nursing, teaching, social services	College, Technical or Trade School		
Wilcox Area Community Foundation Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth Seniors	2.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School		Essay

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Walter & Elsie Stark Memorial Scholarship	Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient	Loomis School District #55 Graduating Senior, Graduate or GED Recipient AND Resident	N/A	Open	Nebraska College, University, Technical or Vocational School		
William & Margaret Richards Scholarship	Graduating Senior	Holdrege High School	2.0	Open	College, University, Technical or Vocational School	Ranked top 35% of Class.	Essay
Willis and Alice Holscher Scholarship	Graduate	Bertrand High School	N/A	Open	Nebraska College, Technical or Trade School	Have completed two academic years (4 semesters) of college if enrolled in college or university, or have completed one academic year (2 semesters) of trade school	Essay
Youth Golf Scholarship	Graduating Senior or Graduate	Holdrege High School	3.0	Open	College, Technical or Trade School	Member of HHS Golf Team Senior Year	

ADAM HARRAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of a Phelps County or Harlan County, Nebraska high school
- Student must be attending or plan to attend a technical or trade school
- GPA is not a consideration for this award
- Students enrolled in building construction technology or other carpentry trades will receive priority consideration for this scholarship award

REFERENCES:

High School Student: Additional reference from industrial arts instructor

College Student: Additional reference from an employer

ARNOLD AND OLIVE WALLANDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies



- Be a graduating senior from Nebraska School District #54 / Bertrand High School
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Be planning to enroll full-time as an undergraduate student at a college, university, technical or vocational school program leading to a two-year or four-year degree
- Involvement/leadership/community service

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include an essay stating why you believe community service is important and how you have demonstrated community service throughout your high school career.

ATLANTA COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$500



- Be a graduate of any high school
- Must have completed at least one year of college
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- Be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student
- Applicants must be from the Atlanta, Nebraska community and/or their parents must exhibit some form of involvement with the Atlanta, Nebraska Community Club

Students who have previously won this award are eligible to apply in subsequent years although preference will be given to students who have not previously won this award.

BERNARD AND EDITH YOUNGMARK SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarships | \$1,000



- Pursuing education in the fields of nursing or law enforcement
- Be a graduate of any Phelps, Harlan or Kearney County High School, or
- Be employed in Phelps County in a related field, and
- Work history and involvement in the community will be considerations.

WILL HAVE COMPLETED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) One year of post-secondary education in a related field, or
- 2) One year of work experience in a related field

ESSAY REQUIRED: Submit an essay outlining their career goals and must indicate why the student has chosen nursing or law enforcement and why this scholarship will be financially beneficial to the applicant.

BILL VANDELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$300



- Graduating high school senior of the Wilcox-Hildreth School OR graduating high school senior who is a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at any accredited college, technical or trade school
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- One award will be given to a student planning to enroll in an agriculture field
- One award will be given to a student planning to enroll in a health-related field

BRADEN BADERTSCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Be enrolled full-time in any College, University, Technical or Trade School
- Be an active member of the Holdrege FFA program
- Have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 during the student's high school career
- Preference will be given to students enrolled in an agriculture-related field of study
- Involvement in school and community activities will be a consideration

ESSAY REQUIRED: Students must write a short essay which answers these two questions:

- 1) What have you learned through your involvement in FFA and how has it benefited your life?
- 2) Who has influenced you the most in determining your chosen field of study?

BRUCE AND MARGARET HILSABECK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a graduate, or a graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Be a resident of Phelps County
- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at any university, college, trade or technical school in Nebraska

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include an essay telling of the applicants goals.

CHAD BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies



- Be a graduating senior or high school graduate from Holdrege High School
- Minimum 2.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0
- Be planning to enroll or enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student at a college, university, technical, or vocational school leading to a degree in education, political science, law, or public administration.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Describe a time when you faced a problem or challenge, how you worked through it, how you included others to help, and what you would do differently the next time.

CLIFFORD, MARIAN AND MICHAEL BARNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies



- Be a graduate of Holdrege High School or of Central Valley Public School in Greeley, Nebraska (successor to North Loup Scotia High School) or their successors (with no partiality being given to either school)
- Must have successfully completed two years of college or university study
- Be enrolled in a college/school of Fine Arts or Architecture or be enrolled in any college/school while pursuing a degree or endorsement (including a teaching endorsement) in the Fine Arts or Architecture
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (as may be defined by the curriculum guide of the particular educational institution)

SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON:

- Reasonable probability that the student will successfully complete his or her course of study is a determinative factor.
- No bias shall exist in favor of any specified course of instruction.
- No bias shall exist in favor of any educational institution or in any particular state (provided, however, that the educational institution must be accredited).

CLIFTON & ALBERTA WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies



- A graduating senior who is a resident of Gosper or Furnas County in Nebraska
- Be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 hours) in an accredited, tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning in the State of Nebraska leading to either a two or four-year degree or certificate, in any field of study
- Must have maintained a 2.5 GPA

Awards will be split between the first two years of school.

ESSAY REQUIRED:

Include an essay explaining career goals and your financial need.

CURLY GEER SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate of Holdrege High School
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any technical or trade school located in the State of Nebraska
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Be enrolled as a full-time student

The scholarship is not limited to first-year technical/trade school students. Scholarship recipients shall also be eligible for a scholarship for their subsequent school year upon successfully reapplying for the scholarship. Provided, however, that no candidates shall receive scholarships for more than two (2) school years.

DELAUN RUPKALVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a graduating senior of any high school
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any technical, trade or vocational school
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Preference is given to students whose parents were members of the Holdrege High School Class of 1987

DELIA BRUGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$2,000



- Be a graduating senior of the Alma, Nebraska Public High School
- Plan to enroll at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 3.3 (90.0% or higher)
- Exhibited involvement in school-related activities and sports
- Be enrolled in a field of study related to business
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Involvement in church and community activities is preferred

DIANN S. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate or graduating senior Holdrege High School
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college or university pursuing a 4-year undergraduate degree
- Must be ranked in the top 30% of his/her class if a high school senior, or have a GPA of 3.0 or better if student is already in college
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)
- Preference will be given to students who plan to continue or are currently involved in music. This involvement is based on the student participating in band or vocal programs at the high school and/or college level

DODEE & TOM D. MORRIS MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies ▲

- Must have graduated from a Phelps County high school OR have been a Phelps County resident at the time of high school graduation
- Must be pursuing a two-year or four-year degree or certification in art
- Must be currently enrolled as a post-secondary student or have completed at least one year, at an accredited, tax exempt school or institution of high learning, including a college, university, technical or vocational school
- Must be enrolled part time (at least nine credit hours) or full time in an accredited school
- If in the first year of higher learning, maintenance of a 3.0 grade point average in high school
- Maintenance of a 3.0 grade point average while in college
- Some display of character and non-academic activities

DONALD E. SJOGREN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP - FUNK FRIDHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS

Number Awarded Varies | Varies (will not be less than \$1,000) ■

- Be a graduating senior of any High School
- Be an active member of Funk Fridhem Lutheran Church; and
- Be planning to enroll full time as an undergraduate student at a college, university, technical, or vocational school program leading to a two-year certificate or four-year degree.

DONALD E. SJOGREN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Varies (will not be less than \$1,000) ■ +

- Be a graduating senior of any Phelps County High School
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Be planning to enroll full time as an undergraduate student at a college, university, technical, or vocational school program leading to a two-year certificate or four-year degree.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicants must submit an essay outlining their career goals

DOROTHY SWANSON LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000 ■ ▲

- Be either a graduating senior residing in the geographical area of the Bertrand School District OR a graduate of Bertrand School District
- Be planning to enroll full-time at a post-secondary institution
- Preferences are given to the students pursuing degrees in the following order: 1. Registered Nurse (RN); 2. Medical Science Field; or 3. Education
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 90% on a 100% scale
- Preference shall be given to high school seniors

Awards paid in full SECOND semester of the academic year.

DR. MARVIN MONSON MEMORIAL/HOLDREGE YOUNG FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a graduating senior at Holdrege High School
- Be planning to enroll full-time in an accredited, tax-exempt college, university or technical school and pursue either a two or four-year degree or certificate in the field of agriculture
- Display of character and non-academic activities and participation in 4-H and Future Farmers of America will be considered

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include a statement (200 words maximum) by the applicant's parents/guardians which presents a picture of the family situation and background of the applicant. Please omit names as all applications are confidential.

E.L. LINDSAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Graduating high school senior of the Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- Must be planning to enroll, full-time, at any accredited college, technical or trade school

ESSAY REQUIRED: Summary of 300 words or less. In this summary address: Type of family, your goals, financial need and any additional information you want to share with the committee.

EARL & CAROLINE HIGH SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000 per year for up to four years



- Be a graduating senior OR a graduate of Bertrand High School
- Enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in an accredited, tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning, leading to either a two-year, four year, graduate degree or certificate in any field of study
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Annually, the student must provide the PCCF with grade transcripts verifying a 2.5 or better GPA

EMILY SWENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$20,000 (\$5,000 for 4 years)



- Be a graduating senior of Bertrand High School District #54
- Must have attended Bertrand High School since the beginning of his/her Junior year
- Must be planning to enroll full-time as an undergraduate student at a college, university, technical or vocational school in a program leading to a 2 or 4-year degree
- The highest grade point average based on the student's high school transcripts.
- In the event of a tie, the PCCF will rely solely on the student's ACT or SAT scores to determine the recipient

FORREST & VIOLET MORRISON MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- A graduating senior at Loomis High School
- Planning to pursue a two-year or four-year degree or certificate on a full-time basis

ESSAY AND LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS REQUIRED: Include a list of your leadership accomplishments and an essay describing your thoughts on what attributes are necessary for a good leader.

FRANCES M. EBMEIER SCHOLARSHIP – Graduating Senior

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Must be a graduating senior of Loomis High School
- Must reside within the Loomis School District
- Must plan to enroll at any college, technical or trade school
- Must have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student

An award recipient shall not be eligible for a subsequent award

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicant must submit an essay answering the following question: How did elementary teachers influence your life?

FRANCES M. EBMEIER SCHOLARSHIP – Non-Traditional Student

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Must be a graduate of Loomis High School
- Must reside within the Loomis School District
- Must plan to enroll at any college, technical or trade school
- Must have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student

An award recipient shall not be eligible for a subsequent award

SELECTION CRITERIA:

One award will be given to a non-traditional student choosing education after one or more years of working full-time. This student must have graduated from Loomis High School and have lived in the Loomis School District at the time of high school graduation. Provided, however, that if there is no qualified applicant in a particular year for the non-traditional student award, the award shall be given to an individual who: (a) has completed at least two (2) years of post-secondary education, (b) graduated from Loomis High School, and (c) lived in the Loomis School District at the time of high school graduation.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicant must submit an essay answering the following question: How did elementary teachers influence your life?

GARY W. KAUP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Be a graduate of any high school
- Be enrolled at any college, or university and have completed at least two years of post-secondary education
- Must be enrolled in a medical field of study
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Previous year's winners may apply for this award, but the award will be given to the best candidate

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicant must submit an essay telling why the medical field is important to them.

HAROLD AND DOROTHY MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Student must be a graduate of any High School in Phelps, Dawson or Buffalo County in Nebraska
- Student must be enrolled as a Junior or Senior at any University or College in math or a natural science (which includes physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy or earth science, and sub-disciplines) degree program or in a Graduate degree program in any such discipline at any University
- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Student must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicant must submit a page essay stating why he/she has chosen the field of study and how he/she plans to use the degree.

HARRY AND EVELYN DAHLSTROM SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of any Phelps County High School
- Be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical, or trade school in the state of Nebraska
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- ACT scores are NOT to be considered for this award
- Students must exhibit involvement in school and community and must be deemed a contributing citizen
- The ideal applicant will not necessarily have the best grades, but will exhibit a good work ethic and probability to succeed
- Previous winners may apply in subsequent years

HARVEY E. & MARGUERITE SANDSTROM MCDOWELL SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | Amount Varies



APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THESE FOUR CONDITIONS:

- 1) Be a Bertrand resident with either a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) OR
 - 2) Be a Bertrand native with either a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) OR
 - 3) Be a graduate of Bertrand High School OR
 - 4) Be a graduating senior at Bertrand High School
- Applicant must apply to an accredited college, technical school or university, with a minimum two-year program, which qualifies as a tax-exempt institution
 - First priority will be given to those pursuing a career in a health field or mortuary science. If no applicants are entering these fields, the field of interest will not be a factor

HOLDREGE FIREFIGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | \$2,000 (\$1,000 for 2 years) 

- A high school graduate, (or GED,) whose parent, stepparent or guardian is an active member of the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department with 10 years of active service or is who is a past member of the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department who has served 10 years of active duty, or a high school graduate, (or GED,) whose parent, stepparent or legal guardian has died while an active member of the Holdrege Volunteer Fire Department
- Plan to enroll at any college, technical or trade school
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0 is required
- Be enrolled as either a full or part-time student

HOLDREGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$3,000 

- Be a graduating senior from Holdrege High School
- Must reside in Phelps County, Nebraska
- Plan to enroll full-time at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)
- ACT/SAT scores, athletics and activities are not to be considered

HOLDREGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000  

- Be a graduating senior from Holdrege High School (or a graduate of Holdrege High School who was awarded the scholarship as a graduating senior)
- Must reside in Phelps County at the time of graduation
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum of 12 hours) at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Previous years' winners will be eligible to apply provided that the student demonstrates successful completion of previous semesters and maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Complete essay identifying: (i) applicant's personal characteristics and attributes, and (ii) applicant's 5-10 year goals following completion of the degree.

HOLDREGE MEMORIAL HOMES SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000   

- Be a graduate or a graduating senior of a Phelps County High School
- Planned, or current field of study, must be in a field of study in nursing, health care, human services or long-term care related field of study
- Have maintained a 2.0 or C average when applying for scholarship award

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include an essay that outlines the student's intended field of study, and their career aspirations or goals.

HOLDREGE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$1,000



- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Plan to enroll full-time at any college, trade or technical school
- Have a 3.0 GPA or better
- Consistent involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, church activities, and community service, and/or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience.
- Preference given to applicants whose parent(s), grandparent(s) or guardian(s) is a current member of the Holdrege Rotary Club.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world and improve their local community.

The Rotary motto is Service Above Self. The Rotary Four Way Test is “of all the things we think, say, or do – 1.) is it the truth? 2.) is it fair to all concerned? 3.) will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4.) will it be beneficial to all concerned?”

Please write a brief essay reflecting upon Rotary’s motto or Four Way Test and how these could impact the next phase of your life. Please include any community service you have done to positively impact your community.

HOLDREGE TEAMMATES SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Graduates of Holdrege High School, who were active in TeamMates of Holdrege are eligible to receive this scholarship up to 4 years following their graduation date

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicants must submit an essay briefly describing your experience with TeamMates, and how TeamMates has impacted your life. (Maximum of 400 words)

HOLDREGE TEAMMATES RAY RUYBALID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Have actively participated in the Holdrege TeamMates program
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Consistent involvement in school sanctioned athletics or activities.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Completion of an essay answering the following question: Whether you are on the field, court, or cheering from the stands, tell us about how your involvement in sports or activities has impacted your life.

HOLDREGE TEAMMATES RON URIBE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of Holdrege High School,
- Have actively participated in the Holdrege TeamMates program,
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school,
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Consistent involvement in community activities, volunteer experience, and demonstrating a commitment to citizenship.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Completion of an essay answering the following question: Describe a cause you are passionate about. How do you learn more about it? What makes it so appealing?

HOWARD F. SCHROEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduate of Holdrege High School, Holdrege, NE
- Have completed two years of college
- Be majoring in education
- Have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Some display of character and non-academic activities

HUMPERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies



- A graduating senior residing in Franklin County, Nebraska
 - Be working towards an undergraduate degree, leading to a degree or certificate in an accredited, tax-exempt college, university, or technical college within the state of Nebraska
 - Enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 hours) in a two-year or four-year program
 - Be pursuing a degree in any field of study
 - Be determined to have reasonable probability to successfully complete his or her course of study
- Scholarship award will be paid over the recipient's first two consecutive years of higher education*

IRENE ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$800*



- Graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Planning to enroll at a 4-year college or university
- Selection based on worthiness of student

**Funds held at First State Bank*

IVAN & LEONABELLE KIPP SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be a graduate of Bertrand High School in Phelps County, Nebraska
- Be planning to enroll full-time as an undergraduate student at any college or vocational school

J.L. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

3 \$500 Scholarships for High School Students | 3 \$500 Scholarships for College Students



- Be a graduating senior of Wilcox High School or an undergraduate in an institution of high learning who is a graduate of Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- All previous recipients must maintain at least a 2.0 (C) GPA while in the post-secondary institution
- Must have been a resident of the former Wilcox School District when you graduated
- Attend an accredited school in the state of Nebraska

ESSAY REQUIRED:

In 300 words or less explaining:

- a. What you want to do after your college education;
- b. How the scholarship will be of help towards your endeavor towards higher learning;
- c. Are you planning to move away from or to return to your home community? Why?
- d. Provide any additional information that would be helpful to the selection committee.

J. ROWLAND & ELEANOR MCCLYMONT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies



- Be a graduate of any Phelps County high school,
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Planned, or current field of study, may be in any field and the student must be working toward his/her undergraduate degree,
- Have a High School GPA of 3.5 (out of a 4.0) or equivalent or be in the top 20% of the graduating high school class
- If the qualification above has been met and if currently enrolled in college and receiving this scholarship, student must maintain a GPA of at least 3.2 out of 4.0 or equivalent to continue to receive this scholarship
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Consistent involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities
- Presumption that applicants who have received the award in previous years will continue to receive it

JESS AND WILLA KEIFER SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Must have attended Holdrege Senior High School for at least 2 school years of high school
- Plan to enroll full-time in a 4-year college or university
- Be in the top 25% of their graduating class
- Must have participated in at least two high school sponsored sports each year for all four years of high school
- Must be a good citizen, be well liked by students, faculty, and administration

JOAN TITUS SWAN AND JANE WALLER TITUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies



- Be a graduate of any Phelps County high school
- Be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student going into any medical or healthcare field
- Demonstrated commitment to obtaining a degree in any medical or healthcare related field
- Preference given to students wishing to return to Phelps County to work

LAMOINE R. JOHNSON RETIRED EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship | \$500

- Graduating high school senior of the Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- Plan to enroll, full or part-time at any accredited college, technical or trade school

LAMONTE WOOLLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies

- Must be a graduate or graduating senior of any south central (Phelps, Dawson, Gosper, Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Buffalo, or Kearney county) Nebraska High School
- Must plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- GPA is NOT a consideration
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student
- Preference will be given to students who are graduating from or have graduated from the Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- Students enrolled in agriculture-related fields of study may be given preference

LANSING ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Be a graduate of a Phelps County High School
- Be enrolled full-time in an accredited law college
- Maintain a "B" average while receiving this scholarship (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)

A prior recipient of this scholarship may reapply each school year. Scholarship is payable per semester after GPA verification of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

LENORE HIGH MORRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies

- Be a resident of Furnas, Harlan, Gosper, or Phelps County
- Be planning to enroll full-time or part-time during the fall semester of the following academic year in an accredited, tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning, leading to either a two-year or four-year degree or certificate, or an advanced degree, in nursing
- Be graduating or have graduated from an accredited high school or received his/her G.E.D.
- Have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0
- Involvement in educational, community and church activities will be considered

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include essay addressing the question, "Why I Choose to Study Nursing".

MARK SCHUBERT MEMORIAL SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a post-graduate enrolled in an accredited Protestant Seminary with preference to American Baptist, Evangelical Free, ELCA Lutheran or Methodist denominations
- Be either a full-time or part time student with a minimum of eight (8) credit hours per semester
- Be pursuing a degree in Master of Divinity
- The Donor desires to award said scholarship to students displaying a strong potential to enter into full-time Christian service. Preference will be given to a student who is a Midwest resident (Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota)
- Earned at least a 2.0 GPA while in college

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include an essay describing your desire for Christian service.

MARTY DAMROW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of Holdrege Senior High School
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Work ethic is a prime requisite of this award
- Students enrolled in a technical or trade school will be given preference in the selection process

REFERENCE: Additional reference from a current employer.

Scholarships awarded to a graduating senior will be paid during the second semester of the calendar year in which the award is given.

MARY JEAN ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- Be a graduating senior
- Be a Phelps County resident
- Be planning to enroll full-time at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Consistent involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, church activities, and community service, and /or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience

MIKE LANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a resident of Phelps County
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Technical or trade school students enrolled in or planning to enroll in aviation technology or mechanics will be given preference

NELLIE COLE SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000*

- Graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Planning to enroll at a technical or trade school
- Selection based on worthiness of student

*Funds held at First State Bank

ORLEANS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500

- A graduating senior
- Residing in the geographical area representing the former Orleans School District No. 530
- Planning to enroll in a minimum two-year program

OTIS E. & DORA P. MUNDELL SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies

- Be a graduating senior residing in Phelps County OR a graduate of a Phelps County high school
- Be planning to enroll full-time as an undergraduate at a college, university, technical or vocational school leading to a two-year certificate or undergraduate degree or a graduate degree in nursing
- Involvement in school and community activities and/or work experience

PARKER STURGIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Graduating high school senior of the Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- Must be planning to enroll, full-time, at any accredited technical or trade school

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- College plans and career goals after college
- Description of involvement in school and community activities
- Description of involvement in WHPS sports program
- The scholarship committee's preference based on HS transcripts and references

PATRICK FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$1,000

- Be planning to enroll full-time or part-time in any college, university, technical or vocational school leading to a two year or four-year degree in any field of study
- Be Graduating or have graduated from high school or earned a General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) by the fall semester of the next academic year
- Must be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Have maintained a 2.0 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale
- Involvement in educational, community and church activities will be considered

ESSAY REQUIRED: Submission of a 500-word essay addressing applicant's educational goals and how receiving scholarship will make a difference in applicant's education (given the fact that financial need is a criterion) is required.

PCCF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Varies but will not be less than \$1,000

- Be a resident of Phelps County AND a graduating senior at a Phelps County high school
- Be planning to enroll on a full-time basis as a first-year student at a college, university, technical or vocational school
- While in high school, have achieved, a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 90% on a 100% scale or have graduated in the top 1/3 of his/her class

PCCF COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - IN MEMORY OF IVAN & LEONABELLE KIPP

3 Scholarships | Varies but will not be less than \$1,000

- Must have completed at least one year of college
- Must be a graduate of a Phelps County High School
- Be planning to attend, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours) an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school
- Must have achieved, while in college, a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

One scholarship will be given to a graduate of each of the three (3) Phelps County High Schools.

PCCF NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Number of Awards Varies | Varies but will not be less than \$1,000

- Be a resident of Phelps County
- Have earned a high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.)
- Be at least 25 years of age as of February 28th
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours per semester
- Be working toward an undergraduate or associate degree
- Any student who has an immediate family member presently serving on the PCCF Board of Directors or employed by the PCCF is ineligible for this scholarship.

Previous recipients of this scholarship may reapply provided they maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. An applicant may only receive the award up to four (4) years.

PHELPS COUNTY HIGH DEMAND JOBS SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies

- Be a graduate or graduating senior of any high school or have achieved a GED
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better if currently enrolled in school
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 during the scholarship period
- Must be enrolled in school for a minimum of 6 credit hours
- Preference may be given to Phelps County residents or students who are graduating from or have graduated from a Phelps County High School;
- Preference will be given to students who select a technical or trade program of study (consisting of 2 years or less) as opposed to a bachelor's degree program;
- Applicants may be pursuing any field of study

ESSAY REQUIRED: Applicants must submit an essay of 200 words or less, that tells the following: why they wish to return to Phelps County

PMHC MIRIAM FASTENAU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000



- A dependent of an individual who is currently a full-time or part-time employee of the Phelps Memorial Health Center (PMHC) and who has been an employee of PMHC for a minimum of one year
- A graduating senior, high school graduate, or a G.E.D. recipient who is planning to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at a college, university, technical, or vocational school program leading to a certificate or degree in a medically related field of study.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0 is required.

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include a written paragraph entitled “Why I chose to pursue this area of study.”

PHELPS MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER SERVICE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$500



- Be a resident of Phelps County OR a graduate of a Phelps County high school
- Have completed at least one year of college at the time of application
- Be pursuing a career as a medical service professional

ESSAY REQUIRED: Essay stating the reasons why you wish to enter the medical field.

RAY RUYBALID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500



- Be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Be a graduating senior planning to enroll full-time in an accredited tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning to a two-year or four-year degree or certificate
- Must have participated in a minimum of two years in a high school tennis program
- Must have participated in the Holdrege High School’s tennis program during his/her senior year
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA during high school
- Must be entering as a first-year student in an institution of higher learning
- Some display of character
- Participated in the tennis program and displayed characteristics of sportsmanship, commitment, good work ethic, and positive attitude

ROBERT R. JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Varies but will be at least \$1,000



- Be a graduate of any Phelps County High School
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical or trade school in the state of Nebraska
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Students must be planning to pursue an education in an agricultural related field
- Preference will be given to Holdrege High School graduates
- ACT scores and GPA are NOT to be a determining factor in the selection of this award

ESSAY REQUIRED: Students must submit an essay telling why they have chosen an agricultural field.

RODNEY E. FORSBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies

- Be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Be a graduating senior of a Phelps County High School
- Have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent while in high school
- Enroll full-time at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK)
- Pursue a four-year degree in any field of study
- Some display of character and non-academic activities; high school attendance, leadership roles, community or church involvement

One-half of the scholarship award will be paid in each of the first two semesters. The second payment is contingent upon the applicant earning a first semester minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

RODONNA HARDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies

- Must have completed one (1) year of college
- Must be a resident of Phelps County, Nebraska
- Must have been a graduate of a Phelps County High School
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree in elementary education

ROGER D. OLSON AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Be a resident of Phelps County OR a graduate of a Phelps County high school
- Planning a career in the field of agriculture
- Apply to an accredited college, technical or vocational school or university with a minimum two-year program, which qualifies as a tax-exempt institution
- Merit shall be the primary consideration for this scholarship
- Any student whose parent is presently serving on the PCCF Board of Directors or is employed by the PCCF will be ineligible for this scholarship.

RON LUSH AG SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000

- Graduating high school senior or graduate of Wilcox-Hildreth High School
- Must be planning to enroll, full-time, at any accredited college, technical or trade school
- Must be majoring in an agriculture-related field
- GPA, class rank, ACT and SAT scores should not be considered in selection of the recipient
- An individual may only be awarded this scholarship once

ESSAY REQUIRED: Students must write an essay answering these two questions:

- 1) What achievements do you want to accomplish over the next 10 years in your chosen field.
- 2) What opportunities would you try to give to the upcoming youth to encourage them to enter the farm profession.

REFERENCES: Additional reference from a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, or ag teacher

SKALLBERG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,000 

- Be a graduate of any Phelps County High School
- Planning to enroll or be a current student at any technical or trade school
- Have a GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Consistent involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, church activities, and community service, and/or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience.

THEODORE C. & MINNIE C. SWANSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,200  

APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THESE TWO CONDITIONS:

- Preference shall be given to a graduate of Bertrand High School who has completed at least two years of undergraduate studies leading to a degree in a medical field
- Preference shall be given to a graduate of Bertrand High School pursuing a two-year or four-year degree in the field of agriculture

VERNER AND MILDRED VINZANT SCHOLARSHIP

Number Awarded Varies | Amount Varies 

- Must attend, on a full-time basis, a University, College, Technical School, Junior College or other post-secondary institution
- Must be a Bertrand Community School graduating senior
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- The scholarship may be awarded only once per person
- Preference will be given to students that have shown academic excellence, have been active in school activities, and have demonstrated community involvement.

GEORGE R. MITCHELL VFW POST #1365 AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$350 

- Graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Plan to enroll in accredited college, technical or vocational school or university with a minimum 2-year program which qualifies as a tax exempt institution
- Pursing a degree in agriculture
- Merit is the primary consideration

VINCENT & MILDRED ABRAHAMSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

4 Scholarships | Minimum of \$1,250

- Reside within Holdrege School Dist. #44, Funk School Dist. #74 OR Axtell School District #501 boundaries
- Be a graduating senior; previous years' recipients are eligible to apply
- Plan to enroll full-time at any college, technical or trade school
- Career goals should include traditional service fields such as, but not limited to, carpentry, electronics, mechanics, nursing, teaching, social services
- Have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Consistent involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, church activities, and community service, and/or have demonstrated commitment and responsibility through work experience

WILCOX AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

2 Scholarships | \$500

- Must be a graduating senior of Wilcox-Hildreth High School planning to attend on a full-time basis first year at an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school
- Must have earned 2.0 GPA while in high school

ESSAY REQUIRED: In 150 words or less, describe your future plans and goals and how this scholarship will help you meet those goals.

WALTER & ELSIE STARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$500

- Be planning to enroll full-time during the fall semester of the following academic year in an accredited, tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning in the state of Nebraska, leading to either a two-year or four-year degree or certificate, or an advanced degree or certificate in any field of study
- A graduating senior or graduate of Loomis School District #55 OR have received his/her G.E.D. and be a resident/former resident of the Loomis School District #55
- The donor desires to award said scholarship to students displaying a strong potential to succeed in his/her pursuit of higher education as evidenced by involvement in extracurricular activities, work experience, and educational achievements.
- Preference will be given to a student who has shown continued academic improvement over his/her high school career as evidenced by his/her high school transcript report

WILLIAM & MARGARET RICHARDS SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Varies but will not be less than \$2,000

- A graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Ranked in the top 35% of his/her class academically
- Planning to enroll full-time in a four-year course of study
- Character and nonacademic activities are the primary considerations

ESSAY REQUIRED: Include a short statement telling why you think you should receive this scholarship.

The scholarship is paid in two (2) installments. The first is paid at the beginning of the first semester. The second, paid at the beginning of the second semester, is contingent upon the PCCF receiving written proof of the student maintaining a first semester GPA of not less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

WILLIS AND ALICE HOLSCHER SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | \$1,500



- Be enrolled full time in an accredited, tax-exempt school or institution of higher learning in the State of Nebraska, leading to either a two or four year degree or certificate, in any field of study
- Have completed two academic years (4 semesters) of college if enrolled in an accredited college or university, or have completed one academic year (2 semesters) of trade school if enrolled in an accredited trade school
- Must have maintained a passing grade during his/her higher education
- Must have graduated from Bertrand High School
- Some display of character and non-academic activities

ESSAY REQUIRED: Submission of a statement as to what he/she has accomplished in the past 2 years and his/her plans for the next 2 years if attending a four-year college. If the student is attending a two-year college, the student must submit a statement as to what he/she has accomplished in the past year and his/her plans for the next year.

YOUTH GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

1 Scholarship | Amount Varies



- Be a graduate or graduating senior of Holdrege High School
- Plan to enroll or be a current student at any college, technical, trade school
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have been a member of Holdrege High School Golf team during their senior year in High School
- Be enrolled as a full time or part time student



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