



2026

SCHOLARSHIPS

By the Numbers

The Kearney Area Community Foundation manages **69 scholarship funds**. In 2025, we awarded **103 scholarships** equaling more than **\$204,975** to local students enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university.



95% of recipients used the Kearney Area Community Foundation's online universal scholarship application



87% of scholarships were awarded to students pursuing higher education in Nebraska



36% of scholarships were awarded to those with majors in the medical field



21% of scholarships were awarded to those getting a 2-year degree

Applying for Scholarships

Thank you for your interest in applying for scholarships through the Kearney Area Community Foundation. These opportunities are made possible by generous donors who are committed to helping local students pursue their educational goals.



With our universal application, you can fill out one application and then find out which scholarships you qualify for. Scan the QR code below or go to kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships and click on the blue “log in” button to set up an account or log in to our universal application software.



Scan here to create an account and get started!

Scholarship Timeline

February 1

Scholarship application opens online. The link is available at:

www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships

April 1

Scholarship applications are due and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on April 1 to be eligible. Please be sure to follow up with your third-party requests (guidance counselors and/or references) to ensure they upload or provide you the required information by April 1 for your application to be considered complete.

April

Kearney Area Community Foundation scholarship committees and other outside review committees begin reviewing applications and meet to determine the scholarship recipients

May

Scholarship awards will be announced. Applicants will receive an email regardless if they are awarded or denied the scholarship.

Scholarship acceptance follow-up forms are due mid-May.

July - August

Students who received scholarships with a fall pay out will need to complete a verification of enrollment follow-up form. This should not be completed until you are registered for classes for the fall semester. An unofficial transcript is acceptable to upload.

Funds are sent to the college approximately the last week of August.

December - January

Students who received scholarships with a spring pay out will need to complete a verification of enrollment follow-up form. This does not need to be completed until you are registered for classes for the spring semester. Many scholarships require a certain GPA from the fall semester, so be sure you upload a document that shows both your class registration and GPA. An unofficial transcript is acceptable to upload.

Funds are sent to the college approximately the second or third week of January.

Getting Started

Create Account/Sign In

The link to the scholarship application can be found on KACF's website:

www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships

You may also [click here](#) to go directly to the login page. You can bookmark this page for easy access!

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. The Kearney Area Community Foundation will communicate with you via email throughout the scholarship process, so it is essential to use a personal email address that you have ready access to and check frequently.

There is a link on the login page to the Applicant Tutorial. Many questions can be answered there - [click here](#) to check it out!

Fill Out the Universal Application

Once you've created your account/logged in, you will click the "Apply" button at the top of the page to begin. **You will need to be prepared to answer basic questions, as well as input information about your school, volunteer, and community activities and leadership roles, any awards or honors you've earned, what your plan is for college and request a transcript from your high school counselor (if you are a graduating high school senior).** There may be a few more details you have to input based on your responses, but once you've filled out all required information including the electronic signature and hit the "Submit" button, the system will then inform you which of our scholarships you are eligible for. Most will have additional things you'll need to do - for example, request your attendance, gather any letters of recommendation and write one or more essays.

This is why it is very important to submit the universal application early - you'll have more to complete!

Showcase Your Story

Your essay responses will 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. Be efficient in your response, as most essays are limited to 2,000 characters.

Grammar & Spelling Matters!

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

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Scholarship Name	Amount	Status at Application	School/Residency Requirement	GPA	College Major/Area of Study	College/University to be used at	Other
<u>Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise</u>	\$10,000	Graduating Senior, Home School, or GED	Buffalo County	2.00	Open	Any in Nebraska	Be a first-time freshman upon entering secondary education; Need financial assistance to attend school
<u>Asher Family</u>	\$3,800	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School	2.75	Open	Any in Nebraska	
<u>Aubree Joy Hubbard Memorial</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Elm Creek High School		Open	Open	
<u>Bernadine and Douglas Howarth Memorial</u>	\$2,400	Graduating Senior	Elm Creek High School	2.00	Open	Open	
<u>Blanche Thompson Memorial</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	
<u>Bruner Family</u>	\$2,000	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School	2.00	Open	Open	
<u>Buzz and Thelma Wise</u>	\$1,400	Graduating Senior	Kearney High School	3.00	Any of the trades	Central Community College	
<u>C.D. Orr and Emily Orr</u>	\$14,000	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School	3.00	Open	Any in Nebraska	
<u>C.J. and Lena Williams</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	
<u>Carla J. Middleswart Memorial</u>	\$2,900	Graduating Senior, Graduate, Home Study, or GED	Buffalo County		Open	Open	Veteran or has a parent, sibling, grandparent or legal guardian who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. Military

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<u>Carol Cope Alpha Xi Delta</u>	\$900	Junior in College	University of Nebraska-Kearney		Open	University of Nebraska-Kearney	Current, active member in good standing or initiated member of Alpha Xi Delta. Active participant in Delta Gamma chapter for at least one semester.
<u>Chad and Dyan Wise</u>	\$1,400	Graduating Senior	Kearney High School	3.00	College of Business	University of Nebraska-Kearney	
<u>Charles and Jeanette Mumma</u>	\$1,500 or \$750	Graduating Senior	Buffalo County		Open	Open	4-H or FFA Involvement minimum of 4 years
<u>Charles and Verna Lee Falk</u>	\$2,800	Graduating Senior	Wilcox-Hildreth High School		Open	Open	
<u>City of Oshkosh</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	
<u>Colene Pfeiffer Memorial</u>	\$1,500	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	University of Nebraska-Kearney	
<u>Don Newth Memorial</u>	\$250	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	
<u>Dr. AA Jaeke</u>	\$500	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School	2.75	Medical-related program	Any in Nebraska	
<u>Dwight and Lois Gangwish</u>	\$1,275	Graduating Senior, Graduate under 25	Shelton High School		Open	Open	Must not have completed more than 3 years of higher ed

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<u>Elm Creek Public School Foundation</u> <u>Clara Marshall</u>	\$1,500	Graduating Senior	Elm Creek High School		Open	Open	
<u>Elm Creek School Foundation</u>	\$750	Graduating Senior	Elm Creek High School		Open	Open	
<u>Faye Wendt Memorial</u>	\$250	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	Open	
<u>Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial</u>	\$27,450	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School	Top 10 in Class	Open	Open	
<u>Garden County High School Alumni</u>	\$300	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	
<u>Hands On Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	Graduating Senior, Graduate, GED, Non-Trad	Nebraska		Open	Open	Must be a first-generation college student
<u>Harry and Helen Pagels</u>	\$1,400	Graduating Senior	Kearney High School	3.00	College of Business	University of Nebraska-Kearney	
<u>Holy Cross Lutheran Church Mitchell</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior or Current College Student	Holy Cross Lutheran Church Member		Open	Open	
<u>Jane S. and Franklin V. Bernhard</u>	\$500	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School	2.75	Open	Any 2-year college	Program going straight into the workforce
<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee</u>	\$1,700	Graduating Senior	Buffalo or Kearney County		Agriculture	Open	

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<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Bruce Blankenship Leadership in Business</u>	\$1,450	Graduating Senior, Graduate, Home School, or GED	Buffalo County		Business	Any in Nebraska	
<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Friends of Law Enforcement</u>	\$2,000	Graduating Senior, Graduate, Home School, or GED	Buffalo County		Law Enforcement	Open	
<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity</u>	\$1,250	Graduating Senior, Graduate, Home School, or GED	Buffalo County		Construction	Any in Nebraska	
<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader CCC</u>	\$920	Graduating Senior	Buffalo County		Open	Central Community College	
<u>Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader UNK</u>	\$1,840	Graduating Senior	Buffalo County		Open	University of Nebraska-Kearney	
<u>Kenneth L. Erickson FFA</u>	\$950	Graduating Senior	Ravenna or Pleasanton High School	3.00	Open	Any in Nebraska	
<u>Kurt Keaschall Memorial Pleasanton</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	Open	
<u>Kurt Keaschall Memorial Ravenna</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School		Open	Open	

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<u>Lance Corporal Kyle Codner Memorial</u>	\$250	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School	2.00	Open	Open	
<u>Law Enforcement Scholarship</u>	\$750	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Law Enforcement	Open	
<u>LeRoy and Joyce Hongsermeier</u>	\$500	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School	2.00	Ag-related field	Open	
<u>Lynn Rosenlof Hoelting Memorial</u>	\$700	Graduating Senior	Kearney High School	Top 20% of Class	Open	Open	Nominated by KHS athletic director, teacher, coach or staff. Female student who is a significant contributor in one or more varsity sports.
<u>Mary E. Hehnke Educational Scholarship</u>	\$350	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School	Top 50% of Class	Education	Any in Nebraska	Female student
<u>McKenna Rae Johnson Memorial</u>	\$2,500	Graduating Senior or Entering 1st Yr of College	Nebraska		Open	Open	This is a nomination process, students cannot apply directly themselves.
<u>McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation Mental Health Field</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior, Entering 1st Yr of College, Current College Students	Nebraska		Mental Health Field	Open	
<u>Oren and Joyce Vogt</u>	\$500	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School	2.00	Open	Open	
<u>Path to Success</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior or Certified Home School	Buffalo County	2.50	Open	Open	

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<u>Patricia Trubl Scholarship</u>	\$1,400	Graduating Senior, Graduate under 25	Shelton High School		Open	Open	Must not have completed more than 3 years of higher ed
<u>Pauline Fulton Memorial</u>	\$1,100	High School Graduate	Nebraska		Bachelor of Science in Nursing	UNMC - Kearney Campus	
<u>Pleasanton Career Builder</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	Open	
<u>Pleasanton Career Builders Scholarship in Honor of Bob Bednar</u>	\$1,500	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	Open	
<u>Pleasanton High School Alumni</u>	\$250	Graduating Senior	Pleasanton High School		Open	Any Nebraska	
<u>Powell Family Scholarship</u>	\$500	Graduating Senior	Buffalo County		Open	Open	Preference may be given to community college attendees
<u>Ravenna Public School Class of 1948</u>	\$1,400	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School	3.00	Open	Any Nebraska	
<u>Ravenna Public School Foundation</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School	3.00	Open	Any Nebraska	
<u>Richard Dunn Memorial</u>	\$750	Graduating Senior	Garden County High School		Open	Open	Preference to engineering, technology, computer science, or other technical field.
<u>Robin and Judy Marshall</u>	\$2,750	Graduating Senior	Elm Creek High School	3.00	Open	Open	

Scholarship Name	Amount	Status at Application	School/Residency Requirement	GPA	College Major/Area of Study	College/University to be used at	Other
<u>Ronald and Jaquelyn Kegley 4-H</u>	\$675	Graduating Senior	Buffalo County	Top 50% of Class	Open	Open	4-H Involvement
<u>Roy and Doris Aboot</u>	\$1,100	Graduating Senior	Nebraska		Open	University of Nebraska-Kearney	First generation college student
<u>Shelton FFA Boosters</u>	\$250	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School		Open	Open	Good standing with Shelton FFA Chapter
<u>Shelton Paying it Forward</u>	\$20,000	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School		Open	Any Nebraska	Preference to STEM related field.
<u>Ted Headley Agricultural</u>	\$1,000	Graduating Senior	Shelton High School	2.75	Agriculture	Open	Involved in Ag classes, FFA, or 4-H
<u>Troy and Kay Bauer</u>	\$1,250	Graduating Senior	Amherst High School		Agriculture or Medical Field	Open	
<u>UNK Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni</u>	\$800	First Year College Student	University of Nebraska-Kearney		Open	University of Nebraska-Kearney	Male student
<u>Vanity Fare</u>	\$2,650	Graduating Senior	Paxton Consolidated Schools	2.50	Open	Open	
<u>Vernon and Beverly Reinertson</u>	\$1,200	Graduating Senior	Ravenna High School		Open	Open	
<u>Violet Wadzinski Memorial</u>	\$1,500	Graduating Senior, Home School, or GED	Ravenna High School		Open	Open	Must be 17, 18 or 19 years old
<u>Youth Leadership Kearney</u>	\$1,325	Graduating Senior	Youth Leadership Kearney Participant	3.00	Open	Open	

Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship

\$10,000 split into four annual \$2,500 payments, paid out each fall

Number of Awards Available: 3

Eligibility:

- Resident of Buffalo County, Nebraska, or attend a Buffalo County high school. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a senior or graduate of Ravenna High School, Ravenna, Nebraska.
- Graduating senior, high school or home school graduate or GED recipient.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Be a first-time freshman (less than 30 credits) when entering secondary education.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- Three 2,000 character essay responses required: one about your financial barriers to reaching your goals, one about your academic performance, and one about how you demonstrate personal responsibility and your dedication to success and perseverance.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a community member, and another from a person who is employed at your school.

Asher Family Scholarship

\$3,800 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 3

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 while in high school; maintain a 2.0 during the first semester of college.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Aubree Joy Hubbard Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the spring of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Elm Creek High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- Two 2,000 character essay responses required: one about where you've demonstrated leadership, and one about the traits you possess that will enhance your education and/or career.
- Attendance record.
- Three letters of recommendation: one from a school administrator, one from a teacher and one from a community member.

Bernadine and Douglas Howarth Memorial Scholarship

\$2,400 paid out in the spring of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Elm Creek High School.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Attendance record.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school and one from a community member.

Blanche Thompson Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Bruner Family Scholarship

\$2,000; \$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college and \$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's second year of college

Number of Awards Available: 3

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Preference may be given to a student attending a community college or technical school, but is not mandatory.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response explaining your future aspirations and how being involved in your community has impacted you.

Buzz and Thelma Wise Scholarship

\$1,400 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Kearney High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to enroll at least part-time (minimum 6 hours) at Central Community College in a trade-related degree.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response explaining how your work ethic will make you successful in college and your future career.

C.D. Orr and Emily Orr Scholarship

\$14,000 split into four \$3,500 payments, paid out each fall

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your financial need and why you should be awarded the scholarship.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- Must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA while in college to continue to receive the scholarship.

C.J. and Lena Williams Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.

Carla J. Middleswart Memorial Scholarship

\$2,900 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior, graduate or GED recipient from a public, private or home school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Is a veteran or has a parent, sibling, grandparent, or legal guardian who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. Military.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- Proof of your or your family member's military service.

Carol Cope Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship

\$900 paid out in the fall semester following the award

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- 3rd year, full-time (minimum 12 hours) student at the University of Nebraska - Kearney.
- Active member in good standing of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Additional Requirements:

- Three 2,000 character essay responses regarding your involvement with the sorority and your service during college to your community.

Chad and Dyan Wise Scholarship

\$1,400 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Kearney High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in the College of Business & Technology.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response explaining how your work ethic will make you successful in college and your future career.

Charles and Jeanette Mumma Scholarship

\$1,500 or \$750 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2 at \$1,500, 2 at \$750

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a public or private high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Have a minimum of 4 years of 4-H or FFA involvement in Buffalo County.

Additional Requirements:

- Please visit the KACF Scholarship website (www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships) for the full paper application.

Charles and Verna Lee Falk Scholarship

\$2,900 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Wilcox-Hildreth High School.
- Plan to enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

City of Oshkosh Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall semester following the award

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School
- Plan to enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- Attendance record.
- 2,000 character essay response on how you would make Oshkosh a better place to live if you were to move back after graduation.

Colene Pfeiffer Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Don Newth Memorial Scholarship

\$250 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Dr. AA Jaeke Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior or a graduate under age 25 of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.
- Plan to seek a degree in the medical field
- Minimum GPA of 2.75

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship

\$1,275 paid out in the fall semester following the award

Number of Awards Available: 4

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Must not have completed more than three years of higher education.

Additional Requirements:

- Two 2,000 character essay responses: one on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them; and one on ways that this scholarship will impact your plans to attend an institution of higher learning.

Elm Creek Public School Foundation Clara Marshall Scholarship

\$1,500 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 5

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Elm Creek High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation from a community member.
- One optional letter of recommendation from a high school teacher.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Elm Creek School Foundation Scholarship

\$750 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 5

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Elm Creek High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation from a community member.
- One optional letter of recommendation from a high school teacher.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Faye Wendt Memorial Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the spring of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial Scholarship

\$27,450 paid out as needed throughout the student's higher education career

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Be in the top 10 students in the graduating class.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals.
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA to continue receiving the scholarship.
- A resume.

Garden County High School Alumni Scholarship

\$300 or \$200 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1 at \$300, 1 at \$200

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- A resume.

Hands On Scholarship

\$2,500 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior, graduate, GED or non-traditional student from Nebraska
- Plan to enroll at least part-time (minimum 6 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be a first-generation college student.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation.
- Attendance record.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Harry and Helen Pagels Scholarship

\$1,400 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Kearney High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at the University of Nebraska-Kearney in the College of Business & Technology.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response explaining how your work ethic will make you successful in college and your future career.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Mitchell Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 7

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior who is a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response about you, how the scholarship will benefit you, and how higher learning will benefit your growth as a Christian.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and the other from a community member from your school, work or an extracurricular activity.

Jane S. and Franklin V. Bernhard Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at a two-year college.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee Scholarship

\$1,700 paid out in the fall semester of the student's second year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school in Buffalo or Kearney County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to major in the agriculture field.

Additional Requirements:

- Must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 in college to receive the scholarship in your second year.
- Two statements of character.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses: one on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them, and one on how you see agriculture in the future and how you will fit in that picture.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Bruce Blankenship Leadership in Business Scholarship

\$1,450 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior, graduate, home school or GED recipient in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in Nebraska.
- Plan to seek a degree in the business field.

Additional Requirements:

- Two statements of character.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Friends of Law Enforcement Scholarship

\$2,000 paid out in the fall semester following the award

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior, graduate, home school or GED recipient in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to seek a degree in the law enforcement field.

Additional Requirements:

- Two statements of character.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses: one on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them, and one on how service to law enforcement inspires your career/goals.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship

\$1,250 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to major in the construction field.

Additional Requirements:

- Two statements of character.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader CCC Scholarship

\$920 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at Central Community College.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on the qualities of a leader.

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader UNK Scholarship

\$1,840 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at the University of Nebraska - Kearney.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on the qualities of a leader.

Kenneth L. Erickson FFA Scholarship

\$950 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton or Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Actively involved in FFA related activities.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Kurt Keaschall Memorial Pleasanton Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Kurt Keaschall Memorial Ravenna Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Three 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, one on your college plans and why you chose the school you plan to attend, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Lance Corporal Kyle Codner Memorial Scholarship

\$250 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll a minimum of 9 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.

Law Enforcement Scholarship

\$750 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to seek a degree related to law enforcement.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

LeRoy and Joyce Hongsermeier Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to seek a degree related to agriculture.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Involved with either FFA or 4-H.

Additional Requirements:

- A letter of recommendation from a community member.
- 2,000 character essay response on how receiving the scholarship will impact your ability to attend college.
- Information on your experiences with livestock.

Lynn Rosenlof Hoelting Memorial Scholarship

\$700 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- This is a nomination only scholarship of one female student who is a significant contributor in one or more varsity sports. Students cannot directly apply themselves.
- Graduating senior of Kearney High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Must be in the top 20% of your class.

Mary E. Hehnke Educational Scholarship

\$350 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in the state of Nebraska.
- Plan to seek a degree in education.
- Be in the top 50% of your class.
- Must be a female.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, one from a community member.
- 2,000 character essay response on how receiving the scholarship will impact your ability to attend college.

McKenna Rae Johnson Memorial Scholarship

\$2,500 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- This is a nomination scholarship; students cannot apply directly themselves.
- Graduating senior or entering first year of college from the state of Nebraska.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Separate nomination at www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships
- A nominator and endorser of the student will submit letters of support.

McKenna's Rae of Hope Foundation Mental Health Field Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall semester following the award

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior, entering first year of college or a current college student from the state of Nebraska.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to seek a degree in the mental health field.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on what type of mental health field you plan to pursue and your motivations.

Oren and Joyce Vogt Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA of 2.0

Additional Requirements:

- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them, and one on ways that this scholarship will impact your plans to attend an institution of higher learning.
- Attendance record.

Path to Success Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school or certified home school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a 2-year college.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation from teacher or employer.
- Attendance record.
- Three 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, one on why you should be considered for the scholarship, and one about a time in your life you had to overcome an obstacle.

Patricia Trubl Scholarship

\$1,400 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior or graduate under age 25 of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Must not have completed more than three years of higher education.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on how receiving the scholarship will impact your ability to attend college.

Pauline Fulton Memorial Scholarship

\$1,100 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduate of a high school in the state of Nebraska.
- Accepted into and will enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) at the University of Nebraska-Medical Center in Kearney in the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- A list of current scholarships you are receiving.

Pleasanton Career Builder Scholarship

\$1,000/\$1,500 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 6, five in the amount of \$1,000, one in the amount of \$1,500 in honor of Bob Bednar

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Pleasanton High School Alumni Scholarship

\$250 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Pleasanton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and one on how you will continue to volunteer in your community.

Powell Family Scholarship

\$500 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in a 2-year college.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation.
- Attendance record.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Ravenna Public School Class of 1948 Scholarship

\$1,400 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in the state of Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- A resume.

Ravenna Public School Foundation Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in the state of Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- Attendance record.

Richard Dunn Memorial Scholarship

\$750 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Garden County High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- A resume.
- 2,000 character essay response on why it is important for you to receive the financial aid that may be provided by this scholarship.

Robin and Judy Marshall Scholarship

\$2,750 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Elm Creek High School.
- Plan to enroll in at least 9 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.

Additional Requirements:

- One letter of recommendation.
- 2,000 character essay response on your desire to attend college and how Elm Creek High School has prepared you for it.

Ronald and Jaquelyn Kegley 4-H Scholarship

\$675 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of a public or private high school in Buffalo County.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Be in the top 50% of your class.
- Have a minimum of 4 years of 4-H or FFA involvement in Buffalo County.

Additional Requirements:

- Please visit the KACF Scholarship website (www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships) for the full paper application.

Roy and Doris Abood Scholarship

\$1,100 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior from the state of Nebraska.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at the University of Nebraska - Kearney.
- First generation college student.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on why college is important for your future.

Shelton "Paying it Forward" Scholarship

\$20,000 split into four \$5,000 payments, paid out each fall

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school in the state of Nebraska.

Additional Requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation; one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.
- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Attendance record.
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.50 to continue to receive the scholarship.

Ted Headley Agricultural Scholarship

\$1,000 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 3

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Shelton High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to major in the agriculture field.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75

Additional Requirements:

- Two 2,000 character essay responses; one on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them, and one on ways that this scholarship will impact your plans to attend an institution of higher learning.

Troy and Kay Bauer Scholarship

\$1,250 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Amherst High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Plan to major in the agriculture or medical field.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

UNK Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Scholarship

\$800 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior or current college student.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at the University of Nebraska - Kearney.
- Are a male.

Additional Requirements:

- Essays on what being a scholar, leader, athlete and gentleman means to you.

Vanity Fare Scholarship

\$2,650 paid out in the spring semester of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Paxton Consolidated Schools.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA 2.50.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Vernon and Beverly Reinertson Scholarship

\$1,200 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 2

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a person who is employed at your school, and one from a community member.

Violet Wadzinski Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500 paid out in the fall semester of the student's second year of college

Number of Awards Available: 1

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior of Ravenna High School or GED recipient from Ravenna.
- Plan to enroll in at least 6 credit hours in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Three letters of recommendation: one from a community member and two from a member of your school's administration (Principal, Counselor, or Superintendent).

Youth Leadership Kearney Scholarship

\$1,325 paid out in the fall of the student's first year of college

Number of Awards Available: 3

Eligibility:

- Graduating senior who was a participant in Youth Leadership Kearney.
- Plan to enroll full-time (minimum 12 hours) in undergraduate study at a college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Minimum GPA 3.0.

Additional Requirements:

- 2,000 character essay response on your personal and career goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.
- Three additional essays related to what you learned in Youth Leadership Kearney.