

# Congratulations!

# 2023



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship** awards four scholarships to Buffalo County students with financial need.

**Recipients:** Kiersten Bennett, Chelsea Cuellar, Heiry Hernandez Casas and Thomas Psota

**Asher Family Scholarship** awards three scholarships to seniors of Ravenna High School.

**Recipients:** Claire Coulter, Zachary Lewandowski, Tori Sklenar

**Aubree Joy Hubbard Memorial**

**Scholarship** awards one scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School.

**Recipient:** Rylee Gutzwiller

**Betty Zwiener Rodehorst Memorial**

**Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School.

**Recipient:** Baylee Rollison

**Blanche Thompson Memorial Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School, who will be a first-year college student.

**Recipient:** McKenna Krueger

**Carla J. Middleswart Memorial**

**Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a Buffalo County student, who has served in the military or has a family member who has served.

**Recipient:** Kristen Holcomb

**Carol Cope Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a UNK student who is a member of Alpha Xi Delta National Women's Fraternity.

**Recipient:** Zoie Jacobsen

**C.D. Orr and Emily Orr Scholarship**

awards a four-year scholarship to a Garden County High School senior.

**Recipient:** Trinity Neal

**Charles and Jeanette Mumma**

**Scholarship**

awards four scholarships to seniors active in the Buffalo County 4-H program.

**Recipients:** Creyton Line, Sadie Ringlein, Katherine Stephens and Skyler Summers

**Charles and Verna Lee Falk Scholarship**

awards two scholarships for seniors of Wilcox-Hildreth High School, with a preference to those pursuing degrees in healthcare or agriculture.

**Recipients:** Nathan Braddy and Claire Ortgiesen

**City of Oshkosh Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a Garden County High School Senior.

**Recipient:** Emily Levick

**C.J. Williams and Lena A. Williams Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a Garden County High School senior.

**Recipient:** Trinity Neal

**Class of 1948 Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School, enrolled full-time in a Nebraska college, university or technical school.

**Recipient:** Samantha Bursaw

**Colene Pfeiffer Memorial Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with preference given to those majoring in education.

**Recipient:** Shyann Hollingsworth

**Don Newth Memorial Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School, who will be a first-year college student.

**Recipient:** Logan Rethwisch

**Donald Kaup Memorial Knights of**

**Columbus Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior residing in Holt or Rock County.

**Recipient:** Tyler Jelinek

**Dr. A.A. Jaeke Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a senior of Shelton High School who is enrolled full-time with preference to those pursuing a degree in the medical field.

**Recipient:** Alia Gomez

**Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship**

awards four scholarships to current, and past graduates of Shelton High School.

**Recipients:** Kiersten Bennett, Alia Gomez, Mayte Meza Martinez and Dru Niemack

**Elm Creek Public School Foundation**

**Clara Marshall Scholarship** awards four scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

**Recipients:** Rylee Gutzwiller, Denise Hunt, Anjolina Purdy and Luke Warner

**Elm Creek School Foundation**

**Scholarship** awards four scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

**Recipients:** Rylee Gutzwiller, Denise Hunt, Anjolina Purdy and Luke Warner

**Faye Wendt Memorial Scholarship**

awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with preference to those who attend UNK, majoring in education.

**Recipient:** Shyann Hollingsworth

**Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney**

**Memorial Scholarship** awards a multi-year scholarship to a senior of Garden County.

**Recipient:** Aubrey Evans

Today, the Kearney Area Community Foundation manages **60 scholarship funds**. We have awarded **115 scholarships** equaling more than **\$188,820 in 2023** to local students enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university. This year, we worked with **79 scholarship recipients**.



**70 recipients used** the Kearney Area Community Foundation's new online universal scholarship application



**95% of scholarships were** awarded to students pursuing higher education in Nebraska



**37% of scholarships were** awarded to those with majors in the medical field



**7% of scholarships were** awarded to those going into the trades

Want to apply next year? Visit [www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships) (Keep checking back as applications begin to reopen for the 2024 season.)

**Ft. Kearny Conference Future Educator Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from a Ft. Kearny Conference high school pursuing a degree in education from UNK.

**Recipient:** Whitney Dickau

**Garden County High School Alumni Scholarship** awards two scholarships to seniors of Garden County High School.

**Recipients:** Aubrey Evans and Taylor Fornander

**Holy Cross Lutheran Mitchell Scholarship** provides financial assistance to Holy Cross Lutheran church members.

**Recipients:** Ava Boldt, Matthew Dahlke, Nolan Dart, William Fiddelke, Quinten Hogeland, Lauren Kohtz, Nathan Mauslein, Brenda Noyes, Regan Potter, Sydney Rohwer, Quinten Shaffer, Noah Torres, Karson Walters and Luke Warner

**Jane S. and Franklin V. Bernhard Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a Shelton High School senior.

**Recipient:** William Roe

**Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Commitment Scholarship** awards two scholarships to graduating high school students from a Buffalo or Kearney County high school pursuing a degree in agriculture.

**Recipients:** Megan Kindschuh and Creyton Line

**Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Bruce Blankenship Leadership in Business Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in the field of business.

**Recipient:** Jose Lopez Ramirez

**Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Friends of Law Enforcement Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a student from Buffalo County pursuing a degree in law enforcement or a similar field.

**Recipient:** Arielle Lawrence

**Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a student in Buffalo or Kearney County pursuing a degree in the construction trades field of study.

**Recipient:** Ethan Kowalek

**Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader Scholarship** awards two scholarships to seniors from a Buffalo County high school who are enrolled full-time at CCC or UNK.

**Recipients:** CeCe Berggren (CCC) and Heiry Hernandez Casas (UNK)

**Kenneth L. Erickson FFA Scholarship** awards two scholarships to Ravenna High School seniors involved in FFA.

**Recipients:** Claire Coulter and Thomas Psota

**Kurt Keaschall Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton and Ravenna High School with preference given to those attending a two-year technical school.

**Recipients:** Baylee Rollison (Pleasanton) and Kaia Johnson (Ravenna)

**Lance Corporal Kyle Codner Memorial Scholarship** awards two scholarships to seniors of Shelton High School with financial need.

**Recipients:** Alia Gomez and Dru Niemack

**LeRoy and Joyce Hongsemeier Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a Ravenna High School senior pursuing a degree in an agriculture related field.

**Recipient:** Gavin Standage

**Lynn Rosenlof Hoelting Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to an outstanding female athlete, student and leader of Kearney High School through a nomination process.

**Recipient:** Alivia Olson

**Mary E. Hehnke Educational Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a female senior of Garden County pursuing a degree in education.

**Recipient:** Taylor Fornander

**McKenna's Rae of Hope Character Scholarship** is a character-based scholarship where candidates are identified through a nomination process.

**Recipients:** David Lozano, Alexis Montecuolo, Andy Nguyen and Abby Tarr

**McKenna's Rae of Hope Mental Health Field Scholarship** award two scholarships to a high school senior, college student, or graduate in a mental health program.

**Recipients:** Juana Perez and Chiana Tubbs

**Oren and Joyce Vogt Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School with financial need.

**Recipient:** Angel Cruz Velez

**Path to Success Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Buffalo County with financial need studying trades.

**Recipient:** Chelsea Cuellar

**Pauline Fulton Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a graduate of a Nebraska high school who has been accepted into the nursing program at UNMC - Kearney division.

**Recipient:** Kari Struebing

**Pleasanton Career Builders Scholarship** awards three scholarships to seniors of Pleasanton High School who have participated in community activities.

**Recipients:** Shyann Hollingsworth, Baylee Rollison and Regan Weisdorfer

**Pleasanton Career Builders Scholarship in honor of Bob Bednar** awards a scholarship to a Pleasanton High School senior.

**Recipient:** CeCe Berggren

**Pleasanton High School Alumni Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with financial need.

**Recipient:** Regan Weisdorfer

**Ravenna Public School Foundation Scholarship** awards two scholarships to current, graduating seniors of Ravenna High School who are enrolled full-time in a Nebraska college or technical school.

**Recipients:** Morgyn Fiddelke and Zachary Lewandowski

**Richard Dunn Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School.

**Recipient:** Jeanson Spady

**Robin and Judy Marshall Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School with financial need.

**Recipient:** Denise Hunt

**Ronald and Jaquelyn Kegley 4-H Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior graduating in Buffalo County and involved in 4-H activities.

**Recipient:** Rylee Bentz

**Roy and Doris Abood Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a first-generation college student enrolled at UNK.

**Recipient:** Devin Peterson

**Shawn Reiber Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a current, graduating senior in Buffalo County.

**Recipient:** Dru Niemack

**Shelton FFA Boosters Scholarship** awards scholarships to seniors of Shelton High School who participated in FFA (Future Farmers of America).

**Recipients:** Emmilly Berglund, Halie Clark, Madison Goldfish, Jett Johnson, William Roe, Samuel Stewart, Skyler Summers and MaKenna Willis

**Shelton "Paying it Forward" Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a Shelton High School Senior with preference given to those pursuing a degree in STEM subjects.

**Recipient:** Alia Gomez

**S.T.A.N.D Scholarship** (Shelton Teens Against Negative Decisions) awards scholarships to current, graduating seniors of Shelton High School.

**Recipients:** Quinn Cheney and Madison Goldfish

**Ted Headley Ag Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Shelton High School pursuing a degree in agriculture.

**Recipient:** Samuel Stewart

**Troy and Kay Bauer Scholarship** awards a scholarship to an Amherst High School senior who plans to major in the agricultural or medical field.

**Recipient:** Luke Palmer

**Vanity Fare Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Paxton Consolidated Schools.

**Recipient:** Isaiah Fox

**Vernon and Beverly Reinertson Scholarship** awards scholarships to seniors of Ravenna High School pursuing a degree in a 2-year or 4-year program.

**Recipients:** Lexsis Adams and Kennedy Hurt

**Violet Wadzinski Memorial Scholarship** awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School with financial need.

**Recipient:** Samantha Bursaw

**Youth Leadership Kearney Scholarship** awards scholarships for high school seniors who graduated from the Youth Leadership Kearney program and are attending college in Nebraska.

**Recipients:** Kamryn David, Alivia Olson and Karson Walters