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IMPORTANT GRANT DEADLINES

JULY 1

The Arthur Klinkacek Community Enrichment grant application is due **July 1**. (Please allow time to complete the pre-application)



AUGUST 1

The Building for Tomorrow grant applications are due **August 1**.



SEPTEMBER 30

The Ted Baldwin Donor Advised grant applications are due **September 30**.



Please review the grant guidelines to make sure your organization qualifies to be considered for a grant. Visit www.kearneyfoundation.org/grants to view guidelines, apply and find more information.

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What's Our Foundation's Elevator Speech

By Judi Sickler, KACF President/CEO

During a recent board retreat, we discussed the need for an “elevator speech” to describe what the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) is all about. Since the buildings in our community aren't very tall and the elevators only go a few stories up or down, our “elevator speech” has to be quick.

Here is what you might hear if you are lucky enough to be on an elevator in Kearney with a KACF board or staff member:

- A community foundation can help make the most impact on a range of issues in the place someone cares about. We are experts on local challenges.
- In contrast to other types of foundations, community foundations are grantmaking public charities that serve a specific geographic area.
- We act as an umbrella for grassroots groups that want to accomplish charitable work in our community, but don't have the time or want the expense of having their own 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
- Community foundations are also unique in that they are made up of a broad collection of charitable funds.
- Our 200+ funds reflect the diversity of our community, and the issues local people hold dear, spanning the spectrum of worthy opportunities.
- Community foundations are defined by both the geographic location in which they sit and the complex makeup of the donors they serve.
- Community foundations provide a voice for local nonprofits, which enables us to shine a light on areas of need and worthy causes.
- We help the donor who has a cause they want to support but aren't sure how to make it happen. That is the expertise we provide.
- Fundholders become part of something bigger than themselves. There is a collective voice amplified through community foundations, often through our civic endeavors, which attract multiple donor engagements.
- Our main purpose is connecting people who care with causes that matter.
- We work with dreamers who have the passion and vision of making our little corner of the world a better place to live, work and grow.



FUN FACT: The average elevator ride in New York City is 118 seconds, or almost two minutes.

Their Pursuit of Higher Education

Local scholarships are the building blocks for future generations, providing the financial assistance for local students to fulfill their dreams of higher education.

Whitney Bauer received the Elm Creek School Foundation Clara Marshall Memorial Scholarship which she found through her high school counselor. Bauer will be attending Hastings College in the fall and chose the private college because of location, size and vibe of their campus. She will also be playing basketball at the college level.

Bauer plans to study Business Administration. *"The Clara Marshall Scholarship helps provide funds towards my academic career,"* said Bauer. *"My five-year plan is to earn my degree, intern at a small local business which provides food services to the community and start my own small business after graduation."* The scholarship awards five scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.



Whitney Bauer
Hastings College

Yessenia Raymundo received the Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship which was recommended by her Pathways teacher, Mrs. Jones at Gibbon High School. Raymundo will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and chose the university because of their superb education program and the ability to stay close to home.

Raymundo will be studying Elementary Education in the fall and plans to graduate from UNK, move to a southern state and become a Kindergarten teacher. *"The Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship is a huge blessing to me and to my family! I am completely responsible for financing my own education. Being awarded this scholarship is a life-changing opportunity I needed to follow my dreams,"* said Raymundo.

The scholarship awards four scholarships to Buffalo County students with financial need.



Yessenia Raymundo
University of Nebraska
at Kearney

Alyssa Williams received the Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial Scholarship which her guidance counselor at Garden County High School promoted to seniors. *"I chose Western Nebraska Community College because it is cheap and close to home. I believe that going to a community college first is a great way to start a college career because it's financially beneficial,"* said Williams. *"The Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial Scholarship will help with academic finances that are put towards my dream of becoming a family therapist."*

Williams will be studying Psychology and she plans to receive her associate's degree at Western Nebraska Community College. Then, she plans to receive her bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

This is a multi-year scholarship that is awarded to a senior of Garden County High School.



Alyssa Williams
Western Nebraska
Community College

Jacob Snyder received the Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship which his grandmother had mentioned to him. Shortly after, his school counselor handed his senior class a list of local scholarships and he found information on how to apply. Snyder will be attending Central Community College (CCC) in the fall, studying Precision Agriculture, Agriculture Business and Welding. *"There are several reasons that I decided to attend CCC. One of the biggest drivers in the decision was the fact that it is close enough for me to live at home and continue to work on the farm during my time in college. I will be able to earn a couple of degrees in two years given the number of college classes I was able to take in high school. That will be extremely beneficial in my plans to take over my grandparents' operation,"* said Snyder.

In five years, Snyder plans to have worked into a co-management role with his grandfather on his farming operation as he gradually takes over. *"I have been working on the farm for most of my life and have taken on increased responsibility on the farm, which is a trend that I would like to continue,"* said Snyder.

"The Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship will help me earn a practical education from CCC while accumulating the least amount of debt possible," said Snyder.

The endowed scholarship awards scholarships to current and past graduates of Shelton High School.



Jacob Snyder
Central Community College

Endowed scholarship funds are an excellent way to leave a legacy for future generations to achieve their dreams. Give us a call at **(308) 237-3114** if this is something in your charitable intentions.

Education for Nonprofits

NEI is a year-long program for selected regional nonprofit organizations to address organizational and leadership capacity needs.



In partnership with the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation (GGICF), the Kearney Area Community Foundation will be awarding a capacity building grant of up to \$5,000 to the Kearney Children's Museum upon the successful completion of NEI.

Executive directors of regional nonprofits meet monthly with a facilitator from Mission Matters who provides capacity building training and coaching. Quarterly, nonprofit board leaders join the executive directors for sessions designed to engage the board more effectively.

"This was a great way to bring high caliber training to our local nonprofits without the typical costs for tuition, travel and time," Judi Sickler, KACF President/CEO said. *"We are grateful to our friends at GGICF for expanding their outreach and inviting us to partner so Kearney area nonprofits can be included in this valuable training opportunity. We hope to expand this program in the future."*

The objectives of NEI include:

- Providing resources to organizations that will result in them becoming more sustainable and setting nonprofit leaders up for success
- Helping organizations to create and evaluate their programming
- Assisting in identifying the organization's most critical area of need and creating an achievable solution to address that need
- Fostering a culture of collaboration between nonprofits that will aid in building resources and possibly correct any duplication of services

Other community foundations partnering with GGICF include the Hamilton County Community Foundation, Merrick Foundation and Hastings Community Foundation.

To participate in NEI, nonprofits are required to have:

- A 501(c)3 status
- A paid Executive Director or CEO
- Been in existence for at least four years
- History of a sound financial position
- Strategic plan or plan of work in place
- Executive Director and board members who are committed to attend the required sessions

Applications will be open for the next class in February 2022.

Guest Column

**By Jon Brandt & Zach Gray
Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt**

During the past year, the buffet line was barren. Sneeze guards went un-sneezed upon and lonely salads were even more lonely. But this summer, they are back in action. Your Kearney Area Community Foundation is a buffet of giving that never left.

So many worthwhile opportunities are served through the foundation it makes it hard to choose just one thing. When you give directly to the Foundation, you can help each of the organizations at once.

As attorneys, we see the advantage to strategic giving, and there are two main ways to accomplish this. The first is the fancy Latin phrase, "Inter Vivos" giving. It just means "while alive" but lawyers are required to use a Latin phrase at least once per written document.

During your life, you can establish a legal trust to receive property and distribute it according to your wishes.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation can manage those trusts and handle the compliance requirements so you can enjoy the buffet of giving to whom you want.

As an alternative to establishing a trust to fund and distribute while alive, folks can give through a testamentary document, such as a will, or a trust that is only funded upon the death of the individual involved. It's important to have an attorney craft the documents to ensure that the intent is communicated properly, and all unknown questions can be answered.

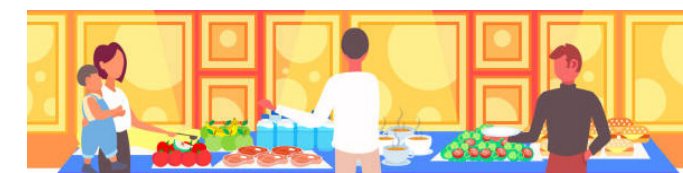
Whenever you are doing something important, it is always good to have someone who knows the rules and has been there before. Similar to an attorney, the Kearney Area Community Foundation knows the rules of giving and can assist you in creating the legacy of giving that matches your intent.

It is truly an honor being on the board of our Community Foundation. Being at the forefront of helping make decisions that benefit the community we love is a powerful experience.

There are so many opportunities to give and worthy organizations to help support. It is a smorgasbord of opportunities for generosity. **See you in the buffet line!**



Jon Brandt
KACF Board Member
2019-Present



Congratulations!



2021

Today, the Kearney Area Community Foundation manages **59 scholarship funds**. We have awarded **105 scholarships** equaling more than **\$157,593 in 2021** to local students enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university. This year, we worked with **73 scholarship recipients**.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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

Recipients: Shavanna Douglas, Yessenia Raymundo, Dakota Ritchison, and Haley Stone

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

Recipients: Callie Coulter, Kacey Dethlefs, and Shavanna Douglas

Aubree Joy Hubbard Memorial Scholarship awards one scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School.

Recipients: Maci McCarter

Betty Zwiener Rodehorst Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School.

Recipient: Bridget Darby

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

Recipient: Cole Coss

C.D. Orr and Emily Orr Scholarship awards a four-year scholarship to a Garden County High School senior.

Recipient: Kaitlyn Hunt

Charles and Jeanette Mumma Scholarship awards four scholarships to seniors active in the Buffalo County 4-H program.

Recipients: Whitney Bauer, Kacey Dethlefs, Colton Holoubeck, and Elizabeth Stephens

Charles and Verna Lee Falk Scholarship awards two scholarships to seniors of Wilcox-Hildreth High School, with a preference to those pursuing degrees in healthcare or agriculture.

Recipients: Jayden Bauer and Abby Klein

C.J. Williams and Lena A. Williams Scholarship awards scholarships to Garden County High School seniors.

Recipients: Cole Coss

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: Kacey Dethlefs

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

Recipient: Brodrick Paitz

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

Recipient: Alyssa Williams

Donald Kaup Memorial Knights of Columbus Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior residing in Holt or Rock County.

Recipient: Wade Paxton

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: Angel Lehn

Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship awards scholarships to current, and past graduates of Shelton High School.

Recipient: Angel Lehn, Jose Montanez, and Jacob Snyder

Ella Johnson Scholarship awards a scholarship to a current, graduating senior of Ravenna High School pursuing a degree in a 2-year or 4-year program.

Recipient: Jesse Drahota

Elm Creek School Foundation Scholarship awards five scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

Recipients: Ashley Brown, Emilee Hinrichsen, Maci McCarter, Reagan Meier, and Addison Simmerman

Elm Creek Public School Foundation Clara Marshall Scholarship awards five scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

Recipients: Whitney Bauer, Morgan Sindt, Elizabeth Stephens, Haley Stone, and Jordyn Trampe

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: Brodrick Paitz

Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial Scholarship awards a multi-year scholarship to a senior of Garden County.

Recipient: Alyssa Williams

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.

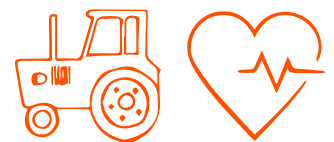
Recipient: Kennedy Brell



93% of scholarships are awarded to those with financial need



41% of scholarships were awarded to students pursuing higher education in Nebraska



24% of scholarships are awarded to those with majors in agriculture or medical fields



5 out of 59 scholarships are available to nontraditional Nebraska students

How to apply? Visit www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships (Keep checking back as applications begin to reopen for the 2022 season)

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

Recipients: Kelsee Moffat and Alyssa Williams

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

Recipients: Morgan Boldt, Elijah Cordes, Matthew Dahlke, Sadie Fiddelke, Spencer Hogeland, Jordyn Kohtz, Ryan Koski, Julia McReynolds, Reed Potter, Ashton Roenfeldt, Micah Torres, Mariah Watson, Matthew Weismann, and Brianna White

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

Recipients: Jacey Smidt and Jacob Snyder

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: Logan Miner

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: Bryce King

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: Baylee McAtee (CCC) and Emma Bond (UNK)

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.

Recipient: Kacey Dethlefs and Wyatt Reese

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

Recipients: Angel Lehn and Jose Montanez

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

Recipient: Emma Bond

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

Recipient: Maddie Lake

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

Recipients: Brooke Anderson, Elizabeth Bean, Golden Kelly, Emily Loseke, and Matthew Weismann

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

Recipient: Amelia Moore

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

Recipients: Claire Standage

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

Recipient: Jacob Snyder

Patricia Trubl Scholarship awards scholarships to current and past graduates of Shelton High School.

Recipient: Angel Lehn

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: Arlene Sawyer

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

Recipients: Bridget Darby, Kinsey Lindner, Isabelle Paitz, and Tyce Westland

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

Recipient: Kaci Pierce

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

Recipients: Jordyn Cruise

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: Callie Coulter and Jesse Drahota

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

Recipient: Zach Mason

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

Recipient: Kaylee Evans

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

Recipient: Whitney Bauer

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

Recipient: Bridget Ramirez-Hernandez

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

Recipient: Mercedes Phillips

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

Recipients: Tyson Kenton, Ryan Lewis, and Jacob Snyder

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

Recipients: Jacob Snyder

Ted Headley Ag Scholarship awards up to three scholarships to seniors of Shelton High School pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Recipient: Jacob Snyder

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: Maci Stokebrand

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

Recipient: Adrian Eakins

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

Recipient: Kacey Dethlefs and Jesse Drahota

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

Recipient: Jesse Drahota

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

Recipients: Emma Bond, Carter Goff, Blake Thiele, and Hayden Wulf

These scholarships, through the Kearney Area Community Foundation, (KACF) are established by generous donors, businesses, and organizations, like you, focused on assisting students in their pursuit of higher education.

A scholarship fund, through KACF, connects local donors with local youth to help them achieve their educational goals. Scholarships can be awarded based on the student's accomplishments, or financial needs, reflecting the scholarship donor's belief in the impact an education can have in helping students attain their dreams.

Are you a local dream maker? Are you interested in creating a scholarship fund and investing in our community's youth? The Kearney Area Community Foundation is here to help! Establishing a scholarship fund with KACF is an effective way to meet your charitable objectives as a local dreamer.

Scholarship funds may vary in size and complexity, but one thing is in common throughout all funds: the charitable spirit and dedication to the education of local youth. **Call our office at (308) 237-3114.**