



BUILDING **OUR FUTURE**

2022 CFNIL Scholarship Report



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OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is perhaps no more recognizable and no more adaptable toy than the humble LEGO®. Whether you prefer to stick to the instructions and build complicated models step by step, or to branch out on your own and make an entirely unique creation, those little, colorful bricks can be crafted into literally anything.

The same could be said of this year's scholarship class. Students of all backgrounds, experiences, and aspirations, from many schools and destined for a broad scope of careers, will benefit from the unique investments of dozens of donors and hundreds of volunteers. Over time, our community will see their lives take shape; considering all that the Scholarship Class of 2022 has already accomplished, I can only imagine what incredible impact these students will have on our region for generations to come.

***Congratulations to the 2022 CFNIL Scholars!
We can't wait to watch your futures
continue to take shape.***

Piece by piece, brick by brick,
the effort of our regions'
students, donors, and
volunteers is building our
future: a future that looks
stronger every day!



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CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP CLASS of 2022

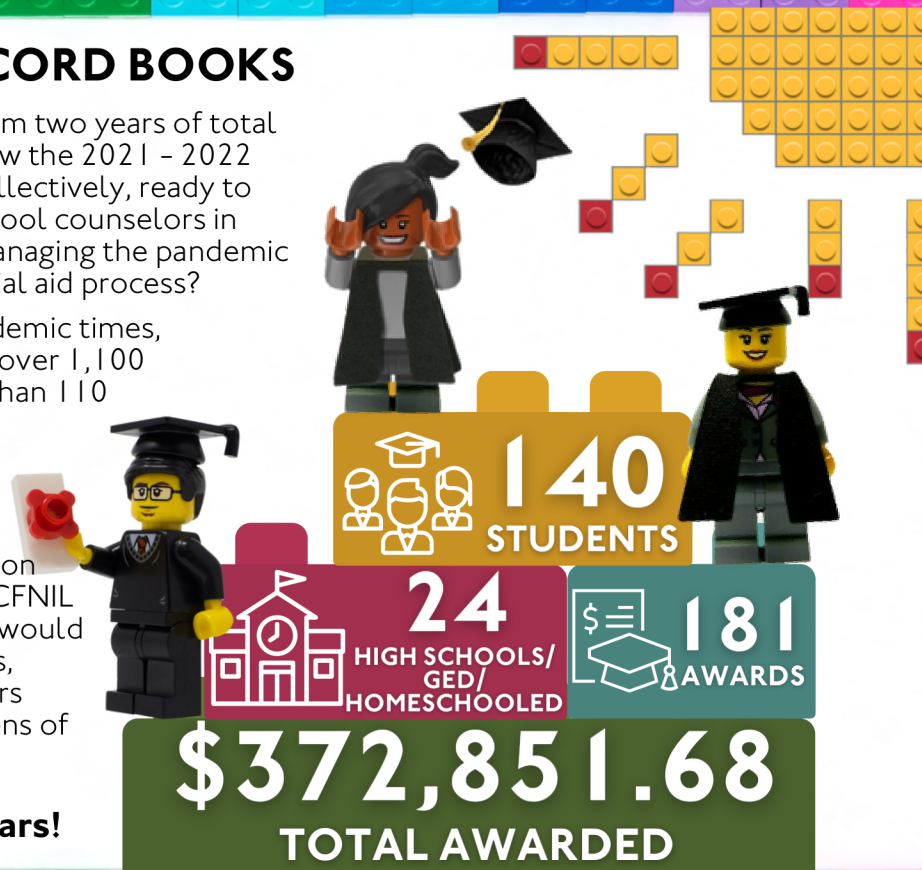
THIS CLASS IS ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

In fall 2021 as our communities began to emerge from two years of total disruption, there was still great uncertainty about how the 2021 - 2022 scholarship season would unfold. Were students, collectively, ready to think about what came next? Would schools and school counselors in particular have regained time that had been spent managing the pandemic to devote to supporting students through the financial aid process?

While there is still ground to make up from pre-pandemic times, the results of this year's cycle speak for themselves: over 1,100 applications were submitted and reviewed by more than 110 volunteer scholarship advisors. Those applications represent students from 24 high schools (or high school alternatives), of all ages and backgrounds, and with a variety of educational aspirations.

When the dust settled from the application submission and review process, it was a thrill to realize that the CFNIL Scholarship record had been broken: over \$370,000 would be awarded in support of students in northern Illinois, fulfilling the charitable goals of generations of donors and laying a strong foundation for the future of dozens of students, families, and our community.

Congratulations to the 2022 CFNIL Scholars!



NEW "BUILDS" IN 2022

CFNIL Scholarships are established by donors from all walks of life, but who have one common goal: to support students in northern Illinois. Many of the scholarships are memorials, created in memory of a loved one or in honor of an individual whose passions may be reflected in the scholarship's criteria.

For the 2021 - 2022 cycle, CFNIL added eight new scholarships, each of which will be awarded this year and in perpetuity. It is our sincere privilege to steward these gifts and carry forward incredible legacies.

DANIEL EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Ogle County residents pursuing a career in the skilled trades.

DAVID L. JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Byron HS students pursuing a career in music education.

FRED PETERSON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Hononegah HS students.

IRENE KASK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For Pecatonica HS students pursuing higher education or technical training.

JOHN D. AND MELINDA (MINDY) L. STADEL SCHOLARSHIP

For Christian students who show a commitment to community service.

PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

*For students who have demonstrated the ability to overcome obstacles.
(learn more on page 15!)*

ROCKFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

For graduating seniors in Rockford who have a passion for local history.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

For graduating seniors who are related to a United States Military Veteran.



2022 CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alpha Delta Kappa Xi Education Scholarship

Paige Griffith | Hononegah High School | 2020
Amber Kasyanyuk | Harlem High School | 2021
Shellie Unger | Belvidere High School | 2005

Amanda Reed Memorial Scholarship

MacKenzie Powers | Belvidere North High School | 2018

Amber Huber Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Cassens | Byron High School | 2022
Hailey Groharing | Byron High School | 2021
Arynn Mathieu | Byron High School | 2019
Amanda Williams | Byron High School | 2020

Anna Schiller Scholarship

Audrey Hammer | Rockford Christian High School | 2022

Annie and Oscar Blackwell Scholarship

Kolandra Roundtree | Rockford East High School | 2022

Anthony and Charlotte Kinney Scholarship

Annah Dulaney | Pecatonica High School | 2021

Ashley E. Ketcher Memorial Scholarship

Margarita Arango | Auburn High School | 2022

Beta Gamma Recruitment Grant

Sarah Vallee | Belvidere High School | 2022

Betty Harlan Memorial Art Scholarship

Riley Flanagan | Rochelle Township High School | 2022

Billy Smith Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Zehe | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2022

Carolyn Wones Recruitment Grant

Sarah Vallee | Belvidere High School | 2022

Charles Lee Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Kaycia Zimmerman | Winnebago High School | 2020

David L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Weekley | Byron High School | 2022

Deborah Jean Rydberg Memorial Scholarship

Ella Gasparini | Guilford High School | 2022

Dorothy Cleland Memorial NSDAR Scholarship

Brayden Smith | Hononegah High School | 2022
Allyson Zimmerman | Winnebago High School | 2022

Dr. Constance L. Goode Memorial Scholarship

Diaboni Todd | Auburn High School | 2016

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2022 CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dr. Gussie M. Ware Memorial Scholarship

Yariyana Goens-Yarborough | Rockford Lutheran HS | 2022
Autym Guidry | Auburn High School | 2022
Zania Harris | Guilford High School | 2022
Alivia Holleman | Winnebago High School | 2022
Amara Ihonde | Guilford High School | 2022
Amaria McDonald | Auburn High School | 2022
Kirshaun McGhee | Auburn High School | 2022
Kolandra Roundtree | Rockford East High School | 2022

Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

Julia Zackary | Homeschooled | 2022

Elsie Jefko Carlson Scholarship

Davinique Ross | Rockford East High School | 2014

Ernest & Charlene Stachowiak Memorial Scholarship

Naw Lel Pwel Mu Htwe | Rockford East High School | 2016
Eli Stoneberg | Guilford High School | 2021

Frances Grant Triebel Memorial NSDAR Scholarship

Hannah Jacobson | Winnebago High School | 2022

Fred Peterson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Madison Bunger | Hononegah High School | 2022
Elizabeth Chambers | Hononegah High School | 2022
Addison Treadman | Hononegah High School | 2022

Gary S. Wilmer RAMI Music Scholarship

Audrey Soetermans | Homeschooled | 2022

Geoffrey R. Laird Memorial Scholarship

Brayden Smith | Hononegah High School | 2022
Jude Yehling | Guilford High School | 2022

Harry H. and Floy B. Chapin Scholarship

Angela Meiners | Durand High School | 2022
Olivia Merrell | Durand High School | 2022
Emma Zeller | Durand High School | 2022

Hazel Mortimer Hyde Memorial Scholarship

Kolandra Roundtree | Rockford East High School | 2022

Hegel Family Scholarship

Jacob Kastner | Hononegah High School | 2022
Olivia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2022

Helen R. (Finley) Loescher & Stephen B. Loescher Scholarship

Rosa Solis | Freeport High School | 2022

Howard & Eithal Curry Elementary Education Recruitment Grant

Olivia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2022
Sandy Ruiz | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2022

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Howard D. Colman Honorary

Elizabeth Rothermel | Durand High School | 2021

Howard D. Colman Scholar

Adam Bohn | Hononegah High School | 2019

Sabrina Meng | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2020

Sreyansh Mamidi | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2021

Howard D. Colman Scholarship

Ryan Anderson | Hononegah High School | 2022

Ryan Barrack | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Puranjay Gupta | Auburn High School | 2022

Hannah Jacobson | Winnebago High School | 2022

IAFF Local 413 Fire Scholarship

Noah Kowalski | Guilford High School | 2022

In Youth We Trust College Award

Jaida Cunningham | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022

Finn Enright | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2022

Puranjay Gupta | Auburn High School | 2022

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Niles Hite | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022

Krithik Sai Karunamurthy Premanad | Hononegah HS | 2022

Aurn Kumar | Hononegah High School | 2022

Kirshaun McGhee | Auburn High School | 2022

Madison Ost | Rochelle Township High School | 2022

Shreya Vatter | Hononegah High School | 2022

Adalia Yeung | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022

International Management Council (IMC) Scholarship

Niles Hite | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022

Irene K. Karsk Memorial Scholarship

Ashley Burrow | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Jack Lovejoy Memorial Scholarship

Dylan Paccagnini | Hononegah High School | 2022

Janet L. Williams Mathematics Scholarship

Bailey Vincer | Hononegah High School | 2022

John D. and Melinda (Mindy) Stadel Scholarship

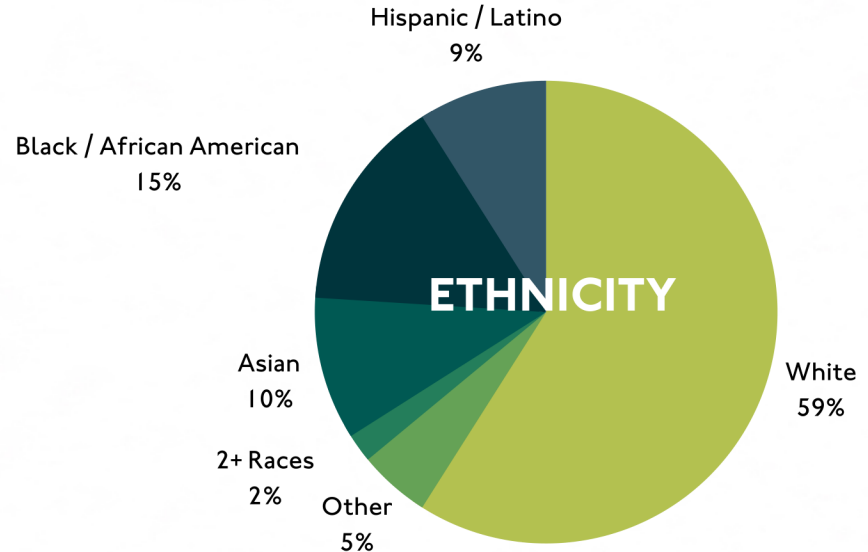
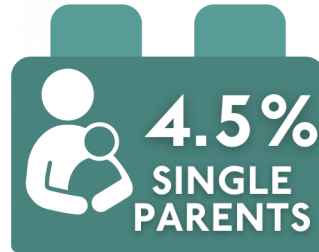
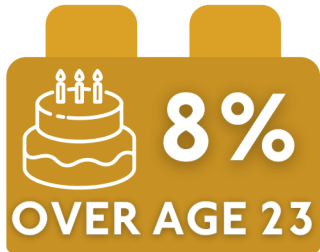
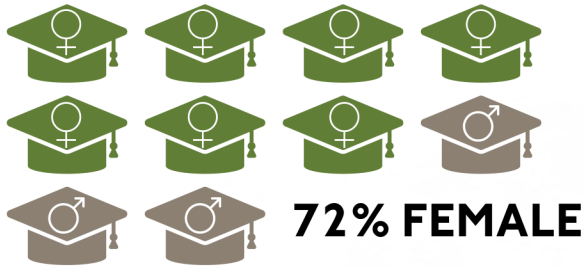
Brian Flaherty | Belvidere North High School | 2022

John E. Lindley Memorial Scholarship

Ella Gasparini | Guilford High School | 2022

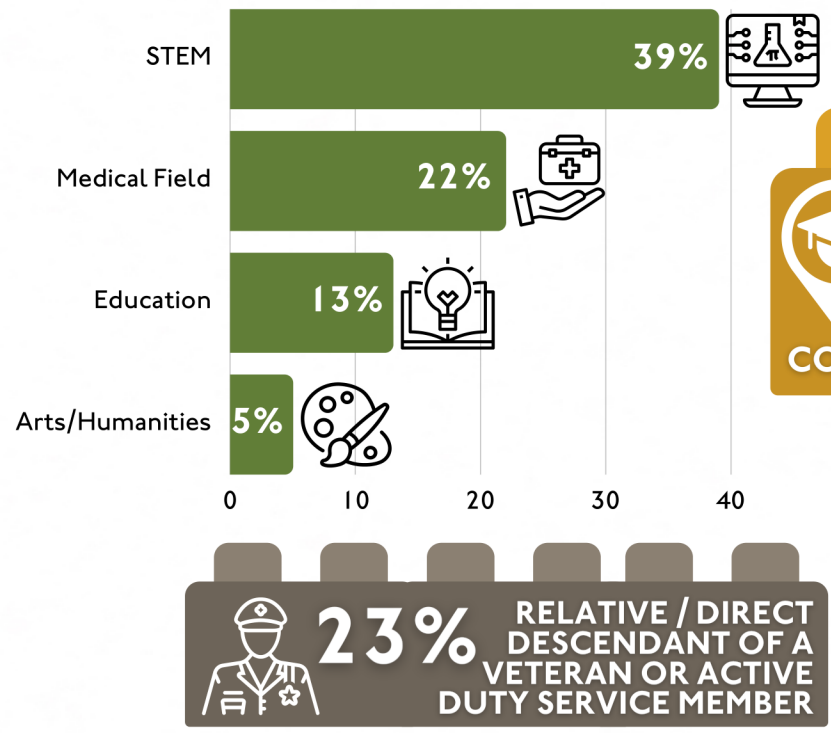
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SCHOLARSHIP CLASS of 2022

TOP 4 INTENDED MAJORS



 **40%**
FIRST
GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENT

 **31,341**
COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS

 **33%** CURRENTLY
IN COLLEGE /
NONTRADITIONAL
STUDENT

 **23%** RELATIVE / DIRECT
DESCENDANT OF A
VETERAN OR ACTIVE
DUTY SERVICE MEMBER

2022 CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

John Flynn Memorial Scholarship

Quinten Roush | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Jouris Family Scholarship

McKenna Handy | Pecatonica High School | 2021

Karen E. and Robert K. Harter Recruitment Grant

Emilie Weisser | Rockford East High School | 2019

Keith Maffioli Scholarship

Evelyn Molina | Belvidere North High School | 2022

Kjellstrom Women's Scholarship

Heidi Keilback | Byron High School | 2015

Davinique Ross | Rockford East High School | 2014

Larry and Betty McGee Scholarship

Maya Pandya | Auburn High School | 2020

League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford Scholarship

Bella Wandtke | Belvidere North High School | 2022

Leonard D. Carmichael Community Service Scholarship

Ella McKinney | Rochelle Township High School | 2022

Angel Cruz | Rochelle Township High School | 2020

James Hart | Rochelle Township High School | 2019

Ayah Sbeih | Rochelle Township High School | 2021

Margaret T. Craig Community Service Scholarship

Laura Kane | Other | 2001

Alicia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2019

Eli Stoneberg | Guilford High School | 2021

Julia Zackary | Homeschooled | 2020

May-Cassioppi Scholarship

Ella Gasparini | Guilford High School | 2022

Aiden Steingraeber | Guilford High School | 2022

Mike Lindberg Memorial Scholarship

Kaylee Witte | North Boone High School | 2022

Nancy Kalchbrenner Scholarship

Jonathan Dumois | Rockford East High School | 2022

Nettie and Jesse Gorov Scholarship

Jordan Bailey | GED Program | 2009

Abigail McBee | Homeschooled | 2020

MacKenzie Powers | Belvidere North High School | 2018

Whitney Vanman | Rockford East High School | 2019

Northwest Community Center Scholarship

Xavier Patterson | Auburn High School | 2022

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Northwestern Illinois Building Trades Blais Family Scholarship

Brigham Molander | Hononegah High School | 2022

Pay It Forward Scholarship

Oscar Contreras | GED Program | N/A

Pi Gamma Omega Scholarship

Zania Harris | Guilford High School | 2022

Alivia Holleman | Winnebago High School | 2022

R.I.S.E. Nursing Scholarship

Isabella Andre | Belvidere North High School | 2021

Randall A. Blank Memorial Scholarship

Grace Sommerio | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Aiden Steingraeber | Guilford High School | 2022

Richard Bernardi Memorial Scholarship

Turnia Holliman | Roosevelt Community Education Center | 2003

Richard Dopp Memorial Scholarship

Madison Bunger | Hononegah High School | 2022

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity Scholarship

Aiahnna Hightower | Jefferson High School | 2021

Syeria Scott | Auburn High School | 2017

Montez Soliz | Jefferson High School | 2019

Rockford Historical Society Scholarship

Jonathan Dumois | Rockford East High School | 2022

Rockford Products Scholarship

Ashley Burrow | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Hannah Jacobson | Winnebago High School | 2022

Vincent Maier | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2022

Evelyn Molina | Belvidere North High School | 2022

Devansh Patel | Rochelle Township High School | 2022

Audrey Ryan | Guilford High School | 2022

Courtney Shimp | Harlem High School | 2022

Rockton Lion's Club Scholarship

Kaitlyn Wrage | Hononegah High School | 2022

Rockton Lion's Club/Dr. Loomis Scholarship

Arun Kumar | Hononegah High School | 2022

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Roger L. Ekstrom Memorial Scholarship

Jack Leeson | Guilford High School | 2022

Senior Memorial Scholarship

Audrey Ryan | Guilford High School | 2022

Jude Yehlign | Guilford High School | 2022

Soil & Water Stewardship Scholarship

Noelle Hasan | Victor J. Andrew High School | 2022

Sorensen Memorial Architecture Scholarship

Madelyn Craft | Auburn High School | 2020

Jillian Grashorn | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022

Kevin Jenks | Belvidere High School | 2019

Ahoud Thabet | Rockford East High School | 2021

Sorensen Memorial Engineering Scholarship

Joseph Chan | Rockford Christian High School | 2022

Matthew Freedlund | Hononegah High School | 2019

Carl Granath | Auburn High School | 2020

Phuong Pham | Auburn High School | 2021

Sorensen Memorial Music Scholarship

Grace Hoening | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2020

Gabriel Roethle | Auburn High School | 2019

Audrey Soetermans | Homeschooled | 2022

Isabella Schmid | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2021

Sorensen Memorial Theater Scholarship

Ben Johnson | Harlem High School | 2020

Trenton Martin | Pecatonica High School | 2022

Gabrielle Tifft | Belvidere North High School | 2019

Noella Bonsol | Belvidere High School | 2021

Susan Kay Munson Gilmore Memorial Scholarship

Amara Ihonde | Guilford High School | 2022

Taus Community Scholarship

Yariyana Goens-Yarborough | Rockford Lutheran HS | 2022

Kirshaun McGhee | Auburn High School | 2022

University of Michigan Scholarship

Bella Wandtke | Belvidere North High School | 2022

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 984 Scholarship

Davis Cass | Hononegah High School | 2022

Catherine Link | Rockford Christian High School | 2022

Walter K. Raczynski Family Scholarship

Kaitlyn Wrage | Hononegah High School | 2022

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Wilbur & William Cummings Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Andre | Belvidere North High School | 2020
Isabella Andre | Belvidere North High School | 2021
Samantha Baker | Belvidere North High School | 2020
Nixie Lopez Leon | Belvidere North High School | 2019
Connor McGuire | Belvidere North High School | 2020
John Ryan | Belvidere High School | 2019
Alexandria Sterenberg | Belvidere High School | 2022
Jadyn Vail | Belvidere High School | 2022

Willard J. Corbett & Alice C. Corbett Scholarship

Ayah Gheith | Guilford High School | 2022
Taw Meh | Jefferson High School | 2021
Natalia Mihigo | Rockford East High School | 2019
Thuy Linh Nguyen | South Beloit High School | 2020
Tahjanay Shelton | Guilford High School | 2020
Jocelyn Solis | Auburn High School | 2022
Montez Soliz | Jefferson High School | 2019
Eli Stoneberg | Guilford High School | 2021
Emma Zeller | Durand High School | 2022

William R. Durham Drama/Theater Scholarship

Noella Bonsol | Belvidere High School | 2021
Abigail McBee | Homeschooled | 2020

William J. Galaway Library and Information Science Scholarship

Christian Rodriguez | Belvidere High School | 2022

William Pigott Memorial Scholarship

Bailey Vincer | Hononegah High School | 2022

Winnebago County Veterans Association Scholarship

Abigail Lauer | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2022
Bailey Vincer | Hononegah High School | 2022

WoTM Scholarship

Andi Berg | Hononegah High School | 2022
Ada Parker | Belvidere North High School | 2022
Jennifer Pereira | Jefferson High School | 2022
Billy Sanchez | Belvidere North High School | 2022

Zeta Chapter Memorial Award

Colleen Maher | Guilford High School | 2022
Evelyn Molina | Belvidere North High School | 2022
Olivia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2022

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BE A PART OF BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Advisors, CFNIL's term for volunteers, are an essential part of CFNIL's work. Scholarship Advisors review and recommend recipients for every CFNIL scholarship fund. With over 100 scholarship funds (and counting!), this is no small feat: this year over 110 volunteers read and scored over 1,100 applications, ultimately recommending 140 students for 181 awards.

Scholarship Advisors typically commit 15-20 hours to the scholarship process in the spring. The process is intense but very time-limited; for this reason, it's a great opportunity for people who are looking for volunteer opportunities but don't have a lot of time to spare. Advisors come from all job experiences and educational backgrounds; the only official requirement is residency in CFNIL's service area (Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago County).

Scholarship Advisors routinely express how reading applications and learning more about our regions' exceptional students renews their hope in the future. We hope you'll consider investing a little time into what can make a BIG difference for students and our community!

The CFNIL Scholarship Program is truly a community effort. From donors to volunteer reviewers, from applicants and their families to school counselors, it takes all hands on deck to complete a successful scholarship cycle.

**Interested in volunteering
as a Scholarship Advisor?
Contact Gabrielle!**

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BE A PART OF BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Since CFNIL's first scholarship was given in 1994, over \$4 million has been awarded to thousands of northern Illinois students. While this is a significant investment in building our future, there are always more deserving applicants than available scholarships. Last year we announced the creation of the Pay It Forward Scholarship, inspired by a generous donor who wants to inspire generosity in others by matching, dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000.

This year we awarded the Pay It Forward Scholarship for the first time, but we still have more work to do to meet the donor's matching challenge. If you want to be a part of CFNIL's first truly crowdfunded scholarship, and support scholarships for students who have overcome incredible odds, visit cfnil.org/scholarships/pay-it-forward-scholarship or scan the QR code below to make a secure online donation.

Thank You!



CFNIL Scholarships are established by donors who recognize the importance of helping students achieve their educational goals, and who select criteria based on their own interests as well as the community's need. Many scholarships are memorials, which celebrate the life and passions of individuals. The diversity of our scholarships reflect the diversity of our donors and the communities we serve!

**Thinking about creating
a CFNIL Scholarship?
Contact Ciara!**

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*Serving as a catalyst for giving in order
to attract, preserve, and grow an
endowment for the current and future
needs of the people of northern Illinois.*



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