BUILDING OUR FUTURE

2022 CFNIL Scholarship Report

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 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.

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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!
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 memorial, 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.

**NEW "BUILDS" IN 2022**

**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 KARSK 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.

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Community Foundation of Northern Illinois 2022 Scholarship Report
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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Howard D. Colman Honorarium
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
Shreyaa Vattem | 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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72% FEMALE

4.5% SINGLE PARENTS

8% OVER AGE 23

55% PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS

ETHNICITY

White 59%
Black / African American 15%
Hispanic / Latino 9%
Asian 10%
2+ Races 2%
Other 5%
TOP 4 INTENDED MAJORS

- STEM: 39%
- Medical Field: 22%
- Education: 13%
- Arts/Humanities: 5%

- 31,341 Community Service Hours
- 40% First Generation College Student
- 33% Currently in College / Nontraditional Student
- 23% Relative/Direct Descendant of a Veteran or Active Duty Service Member
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 McBe | 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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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 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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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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Scholarship Associate
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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 crowdfunding scholarship, and support scholarships for students who have overcome incredible odds, visit cfnl.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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Development Coordinator
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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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