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CFNIL 2020 Scholarship Report



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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A word from **the President**



In a time when a global pandemic has disrupted much of life as we know it, it is reassuring to see that one thing has not changed. Every year we are inspired by reading scholarship applications from intelligent, caring, and hardworking students. Every year we are assured that the **future is bright** when we support the next generation of leaders, healers, inventors, and business people. Every year we get to pass along heartfelt thank-you letters from students to donors who are helping to make their futures possible. **This year is no different.**

We congratulate the students and we thank the donors who have once again made this time special.

Jon Bates

President

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

"Thank you so much for all of your support; to the donors, the volunteers, to all the parents... thank you for investing in every student's future."

Girarana Worathepnutas

Guilford High School Graduate, Rockford Products Corporation Foundation Scholarship 2019 Recipient



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Here's to the CFNIL Scholarship Class of 2020!

2020 is a year that will not soon be forgotten. Thankfully, for the communities of northern Illinois there is still abundant reason to celebrate and anticipate great things to come from the **CFNIL Scholarship Class of 2020: 144 students from 27 local high schools, awarded over \$300,000** in support of their educational aspirations.

A Community Effort

This year over one hundred community volunteers read and reviewed more than 1,300 applications. The inability to meet in person did not deter their efforts! In the end, reviewers recommended **176 scholarships totaling \$305,046**.

Supporting Diverse Students with Diverse Goals

CFNIL Scholarships were created by donors that recognize the importance of helping students achieve their educational goals, now and in perpetuity. These donors selected the criteria based on their interests and the community's need. Many of CFNIL's scholarships are memorials, which celebrate the life and passions of individuals.

The diversity of scholarship offerings reflects the diversity of CFNIL's donors and the communities it serves. The majority of scholarships are for current college students and graduating high school seniors in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Scholarships are available based on a variety of factors: community

engagement, academic achievement, financial need, athletic participation, field of study, and more. There are scholarships for non-traditional, minority, and first-generation college students; nearly two dozen scholarships are available for students who have a GED.

The Privilege of Stewardship

It is a unique and distinct privilege to connect the generosity of donors to hundreds of exceptional students from across the region each and every year. CFNIL is pleased to provide this report of awards made in the 2020 scholarship cycle and a closer look at the achievements and aspirations of this year's recipients. **Thank you for reading!**



"I cannot say enough how much it means to us, how difficult it is to make decisions [about scholarships]; there are often tears in the room and just flat out joy about what we see in our future with these students."

Nancy Kalchbrenner

CFNIL Donor

Scholarship Advisor, Nancy Kalchbrenner Scholarship



CFNIL 2020 Scholarship Cycle At a Glance

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.

Although it takes just a moment to send the email alerting applicants they are officially recipients, managing a scholarship program that serves four counties, dozens of schools, and thousands of students is a significant undertaking. In spite of expected challenges (rolling out a new online application platform) and unexpected complications (staff working remotely and review committees moving to virtual meetings due to COVID-19), the 2020 cycle was completed successfully and **over \$300,000 was awarded to help local students accomplish their educational aspirations.**

 **1,313**
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

 **144**
UNIQUE RECIPIENTS

 **176**
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

 **\$305,046**
IN TOTAL AWARDS

December 1, 2019

Scholarship application opens via CFNIL's new online portal.

December 10, 2019

10th-annual Community Scholarship Fair welcomes 350+ attendees.

February 1, 2020

Scholarship application closes; 1,300+ applications are submitted.

March - April 2020

100+ volunteers read and review 1,300+ applications, recommending 176 awards totaling over \$300K.

May 1, 2020

Scholarship recipients notified; CFNIL Scholarship Class of 2020 made public.

June 11, 2020

CFNIL hosts first-ever VIRTUAL Scholarship Award Night! Join us at [facebook.com/cfnil](https://www.facebook.com/cfnil) at 7:00 p.m. to meet the CFNIL Scholarship Class of 2020 and hear inspiring messages from special guests.

CFNIL is a steward for over 90 unique scholarship endowments. Some of these have living donors who actively participate in the scholarship selection process. Others are memorials, honoring the lives and memories of individuals. Here, Natalia Mihigo, 2019 graduate of Rockford East High School and Community Foundation Scholarship recipient, reads posters describing each scholarship opportunity on display at the 2019 Scholarship Award night.



2020 SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE TIMELINE

2020 CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Details are sorted by scholarship name, then by student last name. Date indicates student's year of high school graduation. Information is current as of May 5, 2020.

Alpha Delta Kappa Xi Education Scholarship

Shayna Drake | Pearl City High School | 2017
Kaitlyn Johnson | Harlem High School | 2016
Rachel Krein | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2017

Amanda Reed Memorial Scholarship

Aryan Arora | Auburn High School | 2020
Jacqueline Isaacson | Homeschooled | 2019

Amber Huber Memorial Scholarship

Natalie Carlson | Byron High School | 2017
Jordyn Conard | Byron High School | 2018
Arynn Mathieu | Byron High School | 2019
Amanda Williams | Byron High School | 2020

Anna Schiller Scholarship

Enzo Marcello | Rockford Christian High School | 2020

Annie and Oscar Blackwell Scholarship

Tahjanay Shelton | Guilford High School | 2020

Anthony and Charlotte Kinney Scholarship

Allie Greene | Pecatonica High School | 2017
Brianna Meyer | Pecatonica High School | 2018

Ashley E. Ketcher Memorial Scholarship

O'Veyonce Jack | Auburn High School | 2020

Beta Gamma Recruitment Grant

Alysha Monson | Hononegah High School | 2020

Betty Harlan Memorial Art Scholarship

Paola Sandoval | Pecatonica High School | 2020

Billy Smith Memorial Scholarship

Justin Kerestes | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2020

Bonnie Sorenson Scudder Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Shafer | Harvard High School | 2020

Buster Lindsay Memorial Scholarship

Debbinique Toney | Jefferson High School | 2020

Carolyn Wones Recruitment Grant

Alysha Monson | Hononegah High School | 2020

Community Foundation Scholarship

Angela Gavic | Auburn High School | 2018
Jeannel Mandujano | Auburn High School | 2017
Jazmin Martinez-Margarito | Pecatonica High School | 2017
Natalia Mihigo | Rockford East High School | 2019
Breon Newble | Guilford High School | 2018
Thuy Linh Nguyen | South Beloit High School | 2020
Tahjanay Shelton | Guilford High School | 2020
Montez Soliz | Jefferson High School | 2019

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Deborah Jean Rydberg Memorial Scholarship

Doris Russo | Guilford High School | 2020

Dorothy Cleland Memorial NSDAR Scholarship

Joseph Alongi | Durand High School | 2020
Maya Pandya | Auburn High School | 2020

Dr. Constance L. Goode Memorial Scholarship

Chahnae Levison | Jefferson High School | 2020

Dr. Gussie M. Ware Memorial Scholarship

Keisasha Anderson | Auburn High School | 2020
Honesty LaRosa | Rockford East High School | 2020
Amari Richardson | Guilford High School | 2020
Ciara Saucier | Rockford Christian High School | 2020
Deja Senter | Roosevelt Community Education Center | 2020
Tahjanay Shelton | Guilford High School | 2020
Jada Smith | Auburn High School | 2020
Myla Stanford | Auburn High School | 2020

Dr. Loomis/Rockton Lions Scholarship

Hope Markley | Hononegah High School | 2020

Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

Jada Cooper | Harlem High School | 2019

Era L. and Frances L. Walker Scholarship

Kevin Woods | Guilford High School | 2020

Ernest and Charlene Stachowiak Memorial Scholarship

Jazmin Martinez-Margarito | Pecatonica High School | 2017
Kim Phan | Guilford High School | 2017

Frances Grant Triebel Memorial NSDAR Scholarship

Jessica Lin | Keith Country Day School | 2020

Gary S. Wilmer/RAMI Music Scholarship

Victoria Wu | Auburn High School | 2020

Gene Bradford Memorial Scholarship

Alexis Trank | Byron High School | 2020

Geoffrey R. Laird Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Alongi | Durand High School | 2020
Wyatt August | Auburn High School | 2020
Dalton Morris | Rockford Christian High School | 2018

Harry H. and Floy B. Chapin Scholarship

Olivia Kuhl | Durand High School | 2020
Lily Moore | Durand High School | 2020

Hazel Mortimer Hyde Memorial Conservation NSDAR Scholarship

Lucas Anuaskas | Harlem High School | 2020

Hegel Family Soccer Scholarship

Jacob Bergstrom | Hononegah High School | 2020
Lydia Gleasman | Hononegah High School | 2020

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Helen R. (Finley) Loescher & Stephen B. Loescher Scholarship
Ariana Tolu-Honary | Freeport High School | 2020

Howard and Eithal Curry Elementary Education Recruitment Grant
Edith Arroyo | Guilford High School | 2020
Paige Griffith | Hononegah High School | 2020

Howard D. Colman Honorarium
Zachary Bennett | Rockford Christian High School | 2019
Alicia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2019

Howard D. Colman Scholar
Adam Bohn | Hononegah High School | 2019
Matthew Danzl-Tauer | Belvidere High School | 2017
Dalton Morris | Rockford Christian High School | 2018

Howard D. Colman Scholarship Recipient
Rashad Ahmad | Guilford High School | 2020
Drake Buss | Winnebago High School | 2020
Sabrina Meng | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2020
Maya Pandya | Auburn High School | 2020

In Youth We Trust College Award
Aryan Arora | Auburn High School | 2020
David Consuelos | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2020
Talon Drake | Hononegah High School | 2020
Shannon Mastey | Hononegah High School | 2020
Natalie Muldowney | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2020
Amari Richardson | Guilford High School | 2020

International Management Council (IMC) Scholarship
Aryan Arora | Auburn High School | 2020

It's Up To Me Scholarship
Amari Richardson | Guilford High School | 2020
Marissa Rodriguez | Guilford High School | 2020

Jack Lovejoy Vocational Scholarship
Kyle Wallace | Hononegah High School | 2020

Janet L. Williams Mathematics Scholarship
Adam He | Hononegah High School | 2020

John E. Lindley Memorial Swim Scholarship
Amari Richardson | Guilford High School | 2020
Kristen Zuzga | Auburn High School | 2020

John Flynn Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Revell | Pecatonica High School | 2020

Jouris Family Scholarship
Gretchen Murray | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2017

Karen E. and Robert K. Harter Recruitment Grant
Sydney Smith | Rockford Christian High School | 2014

Keith Maffioli Scholarship
Caleb Andre | Belvidere North High School | 2020
Emma Thurow | Stillman Valley High School | 2020

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Kim and Ruth MacCloskey RAMI Music Scholarship
Michael Ahrens | Hononegah High School | 2019

Kjellstrom Women's Scholarship Initiative
Rachel Perez | GED Program | 2002
Sydney Smith | Rockford Christian High School | 2014

Larry & Betty McGee Scholarship
Aganze Mihigo | Rockford East High School | 2017

League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford Scholarship
Erika De La Mora | Jefferson High School | 2020

Leonard D. Carmichael Community Service Scholarship
Joshua Bunker | Rochelle Township High School | 2017
Angel Cruz | Rochelle Township High School | 2020
James Hart | Rochelle Township High School | 2019
Anakin Weston | Rochelle Township High School | 2018

Leopold Education Project Scholarship
Greyson Fout | Warren Township High School | 2020

Lieutenant Kelli Ingardona Memorial Scholarship
Lane Dinges | Byron High School | 2020

Margaret T. Craig Community Service Scholarship
Alexander Bauling | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2019
Yasmin Carrillo | Jefferson High School | 2016

Mary Freedlund | Hononegah High School | 2017
Samuel Heim | Rockford Christian High School | 2018
William Kinczewski | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2018
Alaina Kline | Christian Life High School | 2018
Jazmin Martinez-Margarito | Pecatonica High School | 2017
Tremayne Meadows | GED Program
Khrista Miskell | Hononegah High School
Alicia Repka | Hononegah High School | 2019
Sydney Smith | Rockford Christian High School | 2014
Spencer Timmons | Rockford Christian High School

May-Cassiope Scholarship
Jacob Stroup | Guilford High School | 2020

Mike Lindberg Memorial Scholarship
Alexis Belvedere | North Boone High School | 2020

Nancy Kalchbrenner Scholarship
Tahjanay Shelton | Guilford High School | 2020

Nettie and Jesse Gorov Scholarship
Kaitlyn Johnson | Harlem High School | 2016
Emily Munoz | Belvidere North High School | 2019
Angela Ray | Lincoln-Way East High School

Northwest Community Center Scholarship
Jeannel Mandujano | Auburn High School | 2017

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Northwestern Illinois Building Trades Blais Family Scholarship

John Schnor | Keith Country Day School | 2020

Phyllis Howard Memorial Scholarship

Brett Beaman | Boylan Central Catholic High School

Pi Gamma Omega/AKA Scholarship

Lillian Hardy | Harlem High School | 2020

O'Veyonce Jack | Auburn High School | 2020

Ciara Saucier | Rockford Christian High School | 2020

R.I.S.E. Nursing Scholarship

Kristie Meyerhofer | Winnebago High School

Randall A. Blank Memorial Scholarship

Alaina Kline | Christian Life High School | 2018

Thuy Linh Nguyen | South Beloit High School | 2020

Richard Dopp Memorial Scholarship

Sabrina Meng | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2020

Richard L. Bernardi Memorial Scholarship

Felipe Gelacio | Guilford High School

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity College Scholarship

D'Juan Eskridge | Guilford High School | 2019

Rachel Perez | GED Program | 2002

Syeria Scott | Auburn High School | 2017

Rockford Products Corporation Foundation Scholarship

Christopher Dach | Harlem High School | 2020

Drake Dutz | Belvidere High School | 2017

Samuel Heim | Rockford Christian High School | 2018

William Kinczewski | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2018

Tommy Lee | Rockford East High School | 2019

Maya Pandya | Auburn High School | 2020

Crystal Schuring | Hononegah High School

Rockton Lions Scholarship

Sam Praneis | Hononegah High School | 2020

Roger L. Ekstrom Memorial Scholarship

Katelyn Sayyalinh | Guilford High School | 2020

Senior Memorial Scholarship

Nor Alamery | Guilford High School | 2020

Sorensen Memorial Architecture Scholarship

Madelyn Craft | Auburn High School | 2020

Kevin Jenks | Belvidere High School | 2019

Sorensen Memorial Engineering Scholarship

Matthew Freedlund | Hononegah High School | 2019

Carl Granath | Auburn High School | 2020

Sorensen Memorial Music Scholarship

Grace Hoening | Rockford Lutheran High School | 2020

Gabriel Roethle | Auburn High School | 2019

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Sorensen Memorial Theater Scholarship

Ben Johnson | Harlem High School | 2020

Gabrielle Tiff | Belvidere North High School | 2019

Susan Kay Munson Gilmore Memorial Scholarship

Nehemiah Johnson | Guilford High School | 2020

Esmeralda Perez | Mendota Township High School | 2020

Taus Community Endowment Scholarship

Zariyah Newble | Guilford High School | 2020

Amari Richardson | Guilford High School | 2020

Terrance Freeman Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Haylee King | Stillman Valley High School | 2020

Tyler Kinison Memorial Scholarship

Michael Ahrens | Hononegah High School | 2019

University of Michigan Scholarship

Hidayah Afzal | Auburn High School | 2020

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 984 Scholarship

Alexandria DeVinney | Boylan Central Catholic High School | 2020

James Wiedow | Belvidere High School | 2020

Walter K. Raczynski Family Scholarship

Melis Dik | Auburn High School | 2019

Maram Quhshi | Rockford East High School | 2020

Wilbur & William Cummings Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Baker | Belvidere North High School | 2020

Katya Garza | Belvidere High School | 2017

Jessica Jimenez | Belvidere High School | 2017

Connor McGuire | Belvidere North High School | 2020

MacKenzie Powers | Belvidere North High School | 2018

Courtney Williams | Belvidere High School | 2018

Nixie Lopez Leon | Belvidere North High School | 2019

John Ryan | Belvidere High School | 2019

William J. Galaway Library and Information Science

Amanda Juhlin | Hononegah High School | 2017

William Pigott Memorial Scholarship

Sabrina Meng | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2020

William R. Durham Drama/Theater Scholarship

Julia Baker | Hononegah High School | 2019

Ben Johnson | Harlem High School | 2020

Women of Today's Manufacturing Scholarship

Rashad Ahmad | Guilford High School | 2020

Lucas Carlson | Guilford High School | 2020

Grant Fiedler | Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy | 2020

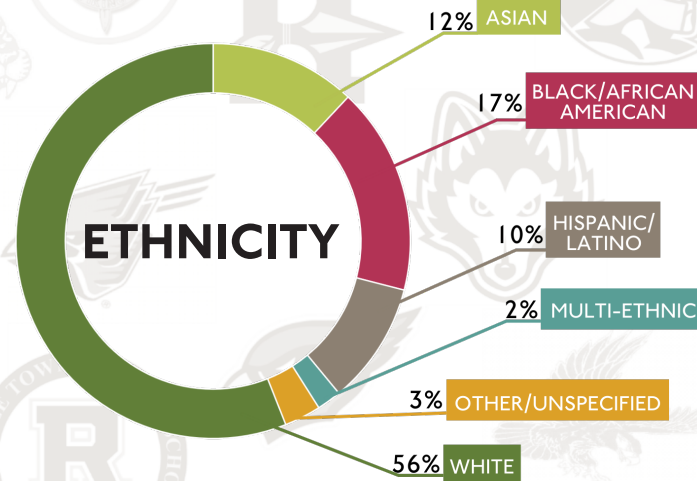
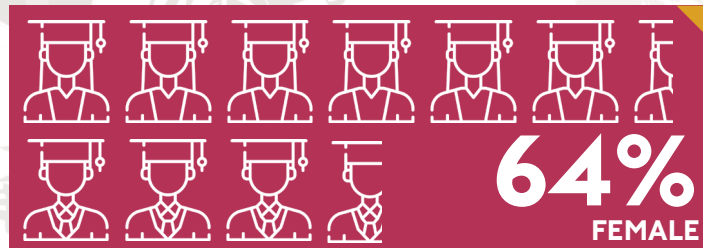
Rachel Gander | Harlem High School | 2019

Zeta Chapter Memorial Award

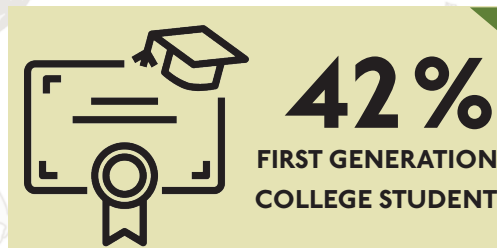
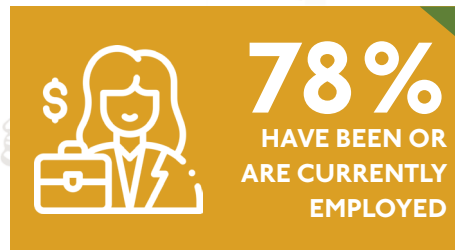
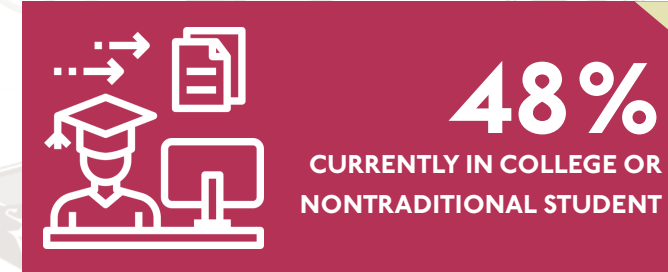
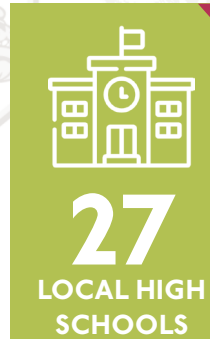
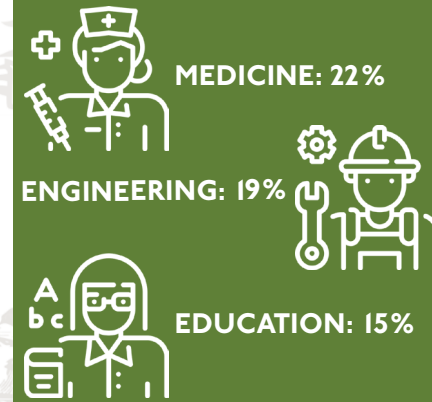
Lauren Osterberg | North Boone High School | 2020

Jamie Ward | Rockford East High School | 2020

MEET *the* CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP CLASS OF 2020



TOP 3 INTENDED MAJORS:



A closer look at **Four Unique Scholarships**

Each CFNIL scholarship is unique, with a distinct purpose and criteria. Some are created by donors who wish to support students with specific educational aspirations, others are created to honor the life of a beloved friend or family member. Every CFNIL scholarship is permanently endowed, which means that both the number of scholarships and the total amount

available to award grows every year for the benefit of the students of northern Illinois!

Below, four scholarships with specific and distinct criteria are highlighted. Further information about these, as well as every scholarship that was awarded this year, may be found at cfnil.org/scholarships.



HOWARD D. COLMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2011 in memory of inventor and entrepreneur Howard D. Colman. Supports students pursuing degrees in engineering, computer science, applied science, or a comparable technology field.



KEITH MAFFIOLI SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1994 in memory of Keith Maffioli, who died after serving with the Twenty-Eighth Army Division in WWII. Provides awards to "worthy scholars who otherwise might not receive a college or university education."



KJELLSTROM WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Established by Janet Kjellstrom in 2010 to assist women 24 years of age and older who are entering or re-entering the workforce or changing, advancing, or enhancing their careers.



PI GAMMA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2009 to support African-American females who exhibit a dedication to academic excellence, a "zest for life", and a commitment to community service.

"I would like to give special thanks to the Howard D. Colman Scholarship committee, and to the Howard Colman family for giving me this opportunity... I helped to restart the Alabama Prosthetic Project, in which we aim to 3D print prosthetic hands for children who have partial hand deformities. I'm pleased to say that by August [2019] we will be fitting patients."

Dalton Morris

Rockford Christian High School Graduate
2018 Dorothy Cleland Memorial NSDAR,
Howard D. Colman, and Rockford Products
Corporation Foundation Scholarships Recipient
2019 - 2020 Howard D. Colman Scholar
2020 Geoffrey R. Laird Memorial Scholarship
Recipient



"It may seem like a lot [of work] when you look through the whole list of scholarships, but don't be afraid of that! When you get to go up on stage like all the recipients did tonight, it's totally worth it."

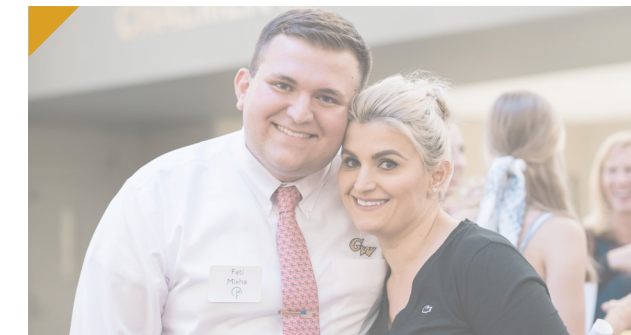
Adam Bohn
Hononegah High School Graduate
2019 Howard D. Colman, In Youth We Trust,
and WoTM Scholarships Recipient



♥ The photos within this report are highlights of the 2019 CFNIL Scholarship Award Night. For 2020, Scholarship Award Night is going virtual! Join in the fun at facebook.com/cfnil on Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m.



This report was created by the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The full report may be viewed and downloaded at cfnil.org/2020-scholarship-recipients. Information in this report is current as of May 5, 2020. Questions? Contact CFNIL at info@cfnil.org



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in order to attract, preserve,
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for the current and future
needs of the people of
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