

We've Got Your Back!

A REPORT ON THE CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP CLASS OF 2025

Celebrating persistence, and the radical generosity that supports it.



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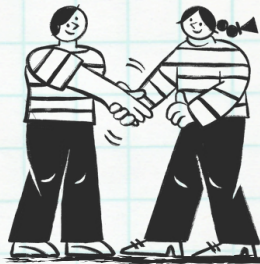
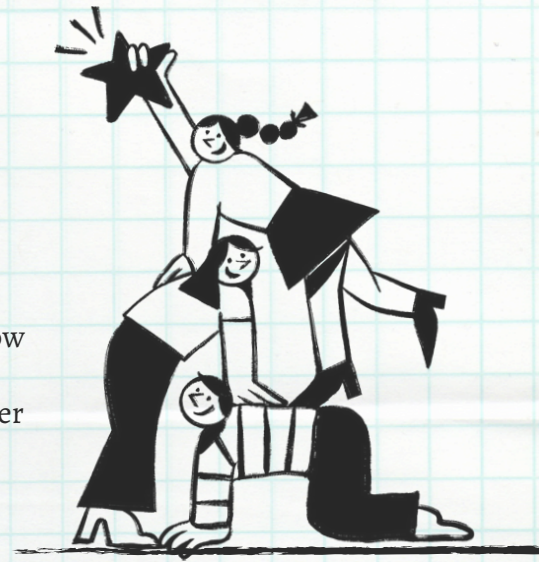
Celebrating the CFNIL Scholarship Class of 2025:

217 individuals from 41 schools with varied backgrounds, diverse ambitions, ***and infinite potential.***

This year's CFNIL Scholars celebration didn't start with a clear theme.

With all the challenges in higher education today, we asked ourselves: how can we show support for our scholarship recipients without sounding discouraged? After many conversations, one message stood out: no matter what, this community believes in its students. **We've got their backs!**

Each year, the scholarship process reminds us that local students keep going, even when life gets tough. It also shows us that the people of Northern Illinois have always cared about helping students succeed—and they still do today.



This strong connection between past generosity and present ambition helps our community grow stronger. We're honored to be part of that connection, and we take that role seriously. To every donor, reviewer, parent, and supporter: thank you. **Your efforts matter.** Together, we proudly say to our students:

♥ We've Got Your Back! ♥

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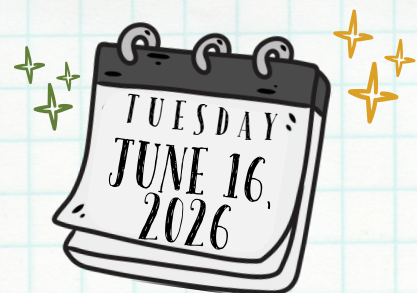
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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NIGHT 2026



CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP CLASS OF 2025

Table is sorted by student first name. Information is current as of June 13, 2025

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
Aaron W.	Belvidere North HS	Audrey P.	Hononegah HS	Catelyn S.	Geneva Community HS
Abbie B.	Hononegah HS	Audrey S.	Homeschooled	Chi Chia C.	Adlai E. Stevenson HS
Adam W.	Boylan Catholic HS	Aumiya P.	Rockford East HS	Chloe S.	Belvidere North HS
Ainsley B.	Boylan Catholic HS	Ava H.	Auburn HS	Chloie R.	Hononegah HS
Aishah S.	Guilford HS	Ava L.	Boylan Catholic HS	Christian R.	Belvidere HS
Alaina N.	Guilford HS	Avani J.	Hononegah HS	Christine A.	GED Program
Alex M.	Hononegah HS	Avarie T.	North Boone HS	Claire H.	Byron HS
Alex S.	Pearl City HS	Ayah G.	Guilford HS	Clarice M.	Rockford East HS
Alexandria C.	Byron HS	Bailey V.	Hononegah HS	Daisy R.	Guilford HS
Alivia M.	Guilford HS	Bautista E.	Colegio Los Robles Pilar	Da'Karriyah S.	Auburn HS
Aly F.	Guilford HS	Ben C.	Hononegah HS	Dani W.	Rochelle Township HS
Amelia T.	Hononegah HS	Ben C.	Hononegah HS	Delaney P.	Hononegah HS
Andrew C.	Belvidere North HS	Ben L.	Belvidere North HS	Diego G.	Rockford East HS
Angela W.	Adlai E. Stevenson HS	Bodee R.	Hononegah HS	Drew S.	Albany HS
Angie B.	Harlem HS	Brianna S.	Guilford HS	Ekaterina D.	Auburn HS
Angie P.	Boylan Catholic HS	Brock B.	Belvidere North HS	Ella M.	Rochelle Township HS
Anna M.	Pecatonica HS	Bryan G.	Jefferson HS	Ella R.	Auburn HS
Anna P.	Belvidere North HS	Bryson B.	Harlem HS	Ellie D.	Hononegah HS
Annabelle D.	South Beloit HS	Caleb S.	West Delaware HS	Emily L.	Naperville Central
Arianna F.	Guilford HS	Cami J.	Hononegah HS	Emily M.	Harlem HS
Asiah P.	Harlem HS	Carrie K.	Winnebago HS	Emma D.	Pecatonica HS
Audilon N.	Rockford East HS	Carsyn E.	Belvidere HS	Emma K.	Rochelle Township HS
Audrey H.	Rockford Lutheran HS	Cassandra S.	Belvidere HS	Emma M.	Auburn HS

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NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
Emma S.	Oregon HS	Ilinca V.	Boylan Catholic HS	Kaila A.	Auburn HS
Erika H.	Rockford Christian HS	Iniya I.	Hononegah HS	Kaitlyn W.	Hononegah HS
Erika W.	Christian Life HS	Isabel G.	Freeport HS	Karri S.	Auburn HS
Erin S.	Hononegah HS	Isabella A.	Belvidere North HS	Kasey G.	Cary-Grove HS
Erin W.	Boylan Catholic HS	Isabella G.	Hononegah HS	Kathryn W.	Belvidere North HS
Eshal S.	Auburn HS	Jack D.	Hononegah HS	Katie D.	Guilford HS
Ethan A.	Belvidere North HS	Jackie S.	Harvard HS	Katie T.	Boylan Catholic HS
Evan E.	Harlem HS	Jacob M.	Hononegah HS	Kaylee S.	Auburn HS
Evie A.	Pecatonica HS	James D.	Hononegah HS	Kendahl W.	Auburn HS
Exose M.	Kitara Secondary School	Jaxon B.	Stillman Valley HS	Kendall H.	Guilford HS
Faith A.	Belvidere North HS	Jessica S.	Boylan Catholic HS	Kiley F.	Harlem HS
Fatima A.	Guilford HS	Jestin A.	Pawnee HS	Kurtis S.	Hononegah HS
Gabriel C.	Instituto La Inmaculada	Jillian B.	North Boone HS	Kyra P.	Freeport HS
Gabrielle L.	Hononegah HS	Jillian G.	Rockford Lutheran HS	Landon B.	Guilford HS
Gianna D.	Belvidere HS	Jocelyn S.	Auburn HS	Leah H.	Guilford HS
Gretchen R.	Hononegah HS	Jocelyn V.	Hononegah HS	Liliana M.	Jefferson HS
Hannah J.	Winnebago HS	Joey F.	Boylan Catholic HS	Lily S.	Byron HS
Harlow G.	Harlem HS	John L.	Harlem HS	Logan N.	Auburn HS
Hayden A.	Winnebago HS	Joseph C.	Rockford Christian HS	Louise U.	Guilford HS
Haylee W.	Christian Life HS	Josh S.	Pecatonica HS	Lucas M.	Auburn HS
Heather C.	Harlem HS	Juana M.	Rockford East HS	Madeline A.	Hononegah HS
Henry B.	Rockford Christian HS	Julia L.	Boylan Catholic HS	Madelynn K.	Belvidere HS
Ian W.	Auburn HS	Juliana G.	Boylan Catholic HS	Madi G.	Byron HS

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Manuella O.	Rockford East HS	Neve S.	Byron HS	Skylar H.	Auburn HS
Mariela C.	Jefferson HS	Noel S.	Guilford HS	Soledad G.	Belvidere HS
Marilyn H.	Dakota Jr. / Sr. HS	Noelani P.	North Boone HS	Stella R.	Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
Marshal G.	Pecatonica HS	Nora H.	Oregon HS	Sutton G.	Belvidere HS
Mary Clare C.	Boylan Catholic HS	Olivia C.	Hononegah HS	Sydney W.	Auburn HS
Mary M.	Harlem HS	Olivia J.	Winnebago HS	Tabu K.	Rockford East HS
Maureen E.	Government Secondary School, Mubi	Parvaneh A.	Kimia HS	Taelynn R.	Rochelle Township HS
Maya A.	Auburn HS	Peyton D.	Belvidere North HS	Tahany C.	Jefferson HS
McKenna B.	Guilford HS	Riley J.	Oregon HS	Talyah L.	Jefferson HS
McKenzie C.	Belvidere North HS	Riley M.	Winnebago HS	Tamara W.	Jefferson HS
Megan N.	Harlem HS	Rissa D.	Boylan Catholic HS	Taniya C.	South Beloit HS
Mekenna M.	Dakota Jr. / Sr. HS	Rory B.	Byron HS	Taylor K.	Hononegah HS
Michelle G.	Boylan Catholic HS	Sadie R.	Harlem HS	Tej K.	Adlai E. Stevenson HS
Mikayla G.	Winnebago HS	Sam K.	Winnebago HS	Telmuun M.	Belvidere North HS
Milayna H.	Rockford East HS	Samara N.	Guilford HS	Tiffany L.	Pecatonica HS
Milli'on R.	Guilford HS	Sanaai B.	Auburn HS	Timberlyn T.	Auburn HS
Miranda L.	New System School, Inc.	Sandy R.	Boylan Catholic HS	Tom C.	Plainfield Central HS
Molly H.	Hononegah HS	Sarah G.	Auburn HS	Tori S.	Dakota Jr. / Sr. HS
Naomi C.	Jefferson HS	Sarah H.	Belvidere HS	Victor O.	Guilford HS
Natalie F.	Hononegah HS	Sareth M.	Jefferson HS	Victor O.	Jefferson HS
Natalie K.	Byron HS	Sayana B.	Auburn HS	Vincent M.	Boylan Catholic HS
Natalie R.	Hononegah HS	Scarlette P.	Wheeling HS	Violet F.	Guilford HS
Natalyia S.	Guilford HS	Sheba G.	Auburn HS	Zalak P.	Rochelle Township HS

CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

A Bold (and growing!) Representation of the Radical Generosity of our Region

The following pages contain pictures and descriptions of the intent of each scholarship awarding in 2025. We hope you will take time to peruse the names and faces, which represent decades of generosity and goodwill FROM the people of Northern Illinois, FOR the people of Northern Illinois.



This spirit of giving has only gained momentum over the past few years, with six new scholarships awarding this year for the first time; they are indicated with a medal icon in the pages that follow. Each of these “first-timers” was established with a unique purpose, in support of varying types of students, but all reflect deep and personal belief in the importance of investing in the future of our community. Several are memorials, providing a means to honor lives well lived and to encourage those who embody the same spirit, skills, and sincerity of the people whose names they bear.

It's exciting to have six new, powerful ways to ensure the students of our region need never doubt that their community has their back! We are thrilled that the radical generosity of our communities allows us to expand CFNIL's scholarship program reach, and by extension the resilience of scholarship seekers in Northern Illinois.



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA XI EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2015

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$17,500



ANTHONY AND CHARLOTTE KINNEY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Pecatonica HS graduates who are pursuing careers as teachers.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$46,859



AMANDA REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting scholars who demonstrate their caring and generous nature through a commitment to ending dating violence and/or domestic abuse.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$12,850



ARDIS W. COOK SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in social work or human services.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,200



AMBER HUBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Byron athletes with a competitive edge.

FIRST AWARDED: 2004

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$63,500



ASHLEY E. KETCHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who have overcome adversity and love the performing arts.

FIRST AWARDED: 2004

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,978



ANN W. DOOLEY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting individuals empowering themselves through education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$16,550



BETA GAMMA RECRUITMENT GRANT

Supporting aspiring teachers.

FIRST AWARDED: 1996

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$21,623.23



ANN W. DOOLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing higher education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$10,050



BETTY HARLAN MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in the visual arts.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,050



ANNA SCHILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Rockford Christian students who bring happiness to those around them.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$19,236.52



BUSTER LINDSAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting athletes from Jefferson HS with financial need.

FIRST AWARDED: 2003

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$31,553



ANNIE AND OSCAR BLACKWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting high-achieving students involved in the Rockford community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2004

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$16,050



BILLY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students with a passion for sports.

ESTABLISHED: 2011

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$11,200

CENIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - JODY DEERY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who demonstrate their Catholic faith through action.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



CHARLES LEE ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in teaching.

FIRST AWARDED: 1997
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$13,027.08



CHERI NORDENBERG GREENLEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are passionate about working hard for themselves and others.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,500



COLLEEN MAHER INSPIRATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting individuals empowering themselves through education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$2,000



CONNIE B. CHRISTIANSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting current and future teachers in the Northern Illinois community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$600



DANIEL EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who have a passion for working in the skilled trades.

FIRST AWARDED: 2022
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$2,100



DAVID L. JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Ogle County students with a passion for music.

FIRST AWARDED: 2022
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,000



DEBORAH JEAN RYDBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting athletes who want to positively impact the lives of others.

FIRST AWARDED: 1998
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$18,686.75



DKG CAROLYN WONES SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting future teachers who are engaged in their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2014
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$14,100



DORI DRUMMOND & ELSIE CHERNIWCHAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who plan to pursue a career in public service.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



DOROTHY CLELAND MEMORIAL NSDAR SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Winnebago County students who demonstrate leadership.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$25,115



DR. CONSTANCE L. GOODE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting future teachers.

FIRST AWARDED: 2016
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$15,100



DR. GUSSIE M. WARE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting resourceful students beginning their educational journey.

FIRST AWARDED: 2001
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$381,795.51



DR. LOOMIS / ROCKTON LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Hononegah students with high levels of academic achievement and community service.

FIRST AWARDED: 2006
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$23,000



DR. TOM MOORE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting high-achieving Rockford East HS students with financial need.

FIRST AWARDED: 2023
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,850



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting educators committed to providing high-quality early childhood experiences.

FIRST AWARDED: 2017
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,750



ELSIE JEFKO CARLSON SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting single parents who instill the importance of education, charity, and respect in their children.

FIRST AWARDED: 2021
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$9,000



ERA L. AND FRANCES L. WALKER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who treat others with compassion.

FIRST AWARDED: 2011
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,550



MEET THE 2025

TOTAL # OF AWARDS:

★ 267 ★

HIGH SCHOOLS
ATTENDED:

241

♂♂♂ 72% ♀♂
♀♀♀ FEMALE
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INDIVIDUAL
RECIPIENTS:

217

CURRENT COLLEGE
STUDENTS:

35%



RACE / ETHNICITY

BLACK OR AFRICAN
AMERICAN / 10%

ASIAN /
5%

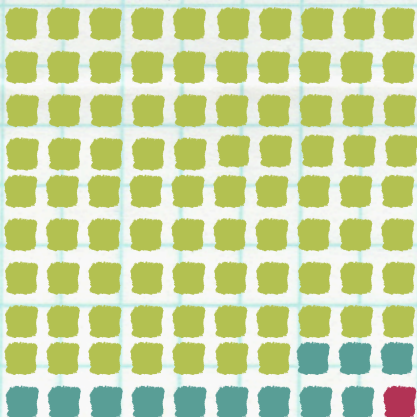
PREFER TO SELF-
DESCRIBE / 17%

HISPANIC OR
LATINO / 10%

WHITE /
58%



TYPE OF
HIGH SCHOOL:



PUBLIC

PRIVATE

HOMESCHOOLED / OTHER

ATTENDING
COLLEGE IN
ILLINOIS:



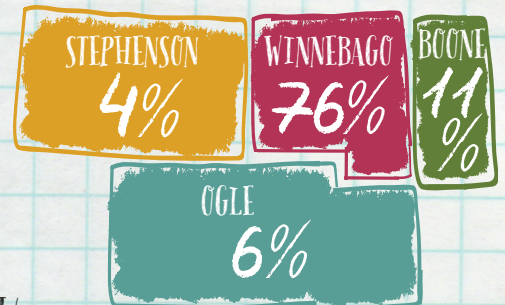
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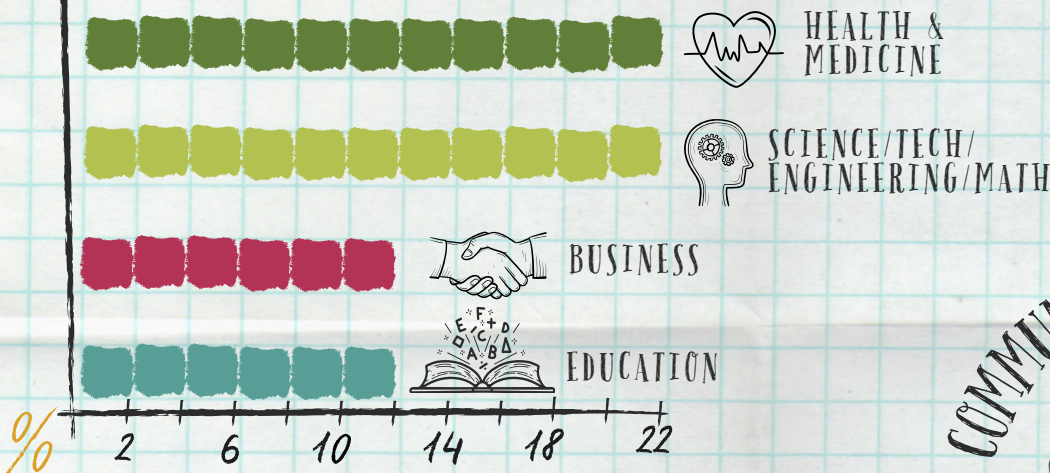
TOTAL AWARDED:

➡ \$542,072.47 ⬅

RECIPIENTS BY COUNTY:



TOP INTENDED MAJORS:



COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
25,000+

1ST GEN TO COLLEGE
36%

OVER AGE 23:
12%

HAVE A DISABILITY:



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR RANGE:

1997 — 2025

CENTIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



ERNEST A. SCHLICHTING SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Harlem HS graduates entering the skilled trades.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$2,000



ERNEST AND CHARLENE STACHOWIAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting current college students with financial need and the ability to overcome obstacles.

FIRST AWARDED: 2008

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$15,909.97



FEHR GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers in engineering and environmental fields in communities in and near where Fehr Graham offices are located.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$37,500



FRANCES GRANT TRIEBEL MEMORIAL NSDAR SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting local students attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

FIRST AWARDED: 2005

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$14,402



FRED PETERSON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Hononegah students who excel in literature, writing, and English.

FIRST AWARDED: 2022

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$31,150



GARY S. WILMER MEMORIAL TRUST/RAMI MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are involved in the local music scene.

FIRST AWARDED: 1997

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$82,200



GENE BRADFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Byron students pursuing a science-based career.

FIRST AWARDED: 2019

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$7,000



GEOFFREY R. LAIRD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting high-achieving students pursuing careers in math and science.

FIRST AWARDED: 2011

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$72,750



GEORGE WHINNA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students in Winnebago County who demonstrate a commitment to the study of history.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$500



HARRY H. CHAPIN AND FLOY B. CHAPIN SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who support small businesses in downtown Durand.

FIRST AWARDED: 1994

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$87,255.75



HAZEL MORTIMER HYDE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION NSDAR SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing conservation-related fields.

FIRST AWARDED: 2017

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,500



HEGEL FAMILY SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Hononegah soccer players who exemplify leadership on and off the field.

FIRST AWARDED: 2014

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$10,600



HELEN R. (FINLEY) LOESCHER AND STEPHEN B. LOESCHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE ARTS

Supporting Freeport art students.

FIRST AWARDED: 1996

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$23,801.68



HOWARD & EITHAL CURRY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION RECRUITMENT GRANT

Supporting future educators.

FIRST AWARDED: 2015

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$12,267.39



HOWARD D. COLMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Supporting students pursuing a degree in engineering, computer science, applied science, or a comparable technology field.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$616,350



IN YOUTH WE TRUST (IYWT) - BARB BERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting members of the IYWT Council in achieving their educational goals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$31,000



IN YOUTH WE TRUST (IYWT) - JEAN VITALE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting advisors of the IYWT Council in achieving their educational goals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$2,000



INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (IMC) SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers in business.

FIRST AWARDED: 2007

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,244.43

CENIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



IRENE K. KARSK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Pecatonica students who believe in giving back.

FIRST AWARDED: 2021

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$14,750



IT'S UP TO ME SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who don't allow challenges to keep them from pursuing their goals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2017

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$28,550



JACK LOVEJOY VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers in the trades.

FIRST AWARDED: 2020

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,900



JAN STRINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in nursing.

FIRST AWARDED: 2023

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,500



JANET L. WILLIAMS MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Hononegah students studying math and engineering.

FIRST AWARDED: 2014

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,400



JASON "JAY" ORDWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing a career in medical sciences.

FIRST AWARDED: 1999

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$17,970.40



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

Supporting students whose faith inspires them to serve their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2022

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$3,000



JOHN E. LINDLEY MEMORIAL SWIM SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting swimmers who exhibit a high degree of integrity.

FIRST AWARDED: 2009

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$21,908.37



JOHN FLYNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Pecatonica students who embrace the agricultural community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2007

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$19,317.90



JOURIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students interested in the fields of math and physical science.

FIRST AWARDED: 2013

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$18,941.87



KAREN E. AND ROBERT K. HARTER RECRUITMENT GRANT

Supporting future teachers and nurses.

FIRST AWARDED: 2017

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$15,700



KATRINA SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who have lost a parent or step-parent.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



KEITH MAFFIOLI SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students with financial need.

FIRST AWARDED: 1994

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$51,126.76



KIWANIS CLUB OF ROCKFORD HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

Supporting students who are actively involved in their school, community, and family.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$81,146.24



KJELLSTROM WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Supporting adult learners who want to develop personally and professionally through education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2000

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$39,359



KRISTIN WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting South Beloit students who are committed to their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



LARRY AND BETTY MCGEE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students entering technology fields.

FIRST AWARDED: 2018

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$40,000



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GRTR. ROCKFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are passionate about social studies and civic engagement.

FIRST AWARDED: 205

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$11,525

CENIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



LEONARD D. CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Rochelle students who have a philanthropic spirit.

FIRST AWARDED: 2011

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$68,200



LIEUTENANT KELLI INGARDONA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students in the firefighting community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2014

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,279



MARGARET T. CRAIG COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting college students with a strong commitment to service for others.

FIRST AWARDED: 2003

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$481,128



MARGARET U. DONALDSON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing or continuing studies in the field of nursing.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$500



MAY-CASSIOPPI SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Guilford swimmers and divers who exemplify strength and discipline.

FIRST AWARDED: 2005

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$39,260.64



MIKE LINDBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting North Boone students who work hard for their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2009

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$16,730



NANCY KALCHBRENNER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting first-generation RPS205 students who have overcome obstacles in their pursuit of education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2011

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$11,250



NATHANIEL MARTIN "SCARED MAN CAN'T WIN" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are actively involved in their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,550



NETTIE & JESSE GOROV SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting high-achieving students with financial need.

FIRST AWARDED: 2007

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$91,730



NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who have benefited from Northwest Community Center resources.

FIRST AWARDED: 1998

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$25,362



NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS BUILDING TRADES BLAIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who value the trades and union labor movement.

FIRST AWARDED: 2017

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$14,150



PAUL AND RUTH NEIDHOLD BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students from Harvard HS pursue further business education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2001

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,895



PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who have demonstrated the ability to overcome obstacles in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2021

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,300



PHYLLIS HOWARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students in the firefighting community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2014

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,900



PI GAMMA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who embody the values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

FIRST AWARDED: 2007

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$55,100



RANDALL A. BLANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting future police officers.

FIRST AWARDED: 1995

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$26,600



REGINA POTTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Rockford East HS students who plan to become educators.

FIRST AWARDED: 2023

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$3,000



RICHARD DOPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who plan to conduct cancer research or become accountants.

FIRST AWARDED: 2010

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$10,750



RICHARD L. BERNARDI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Rock Valley College students who are using their community college education to pursue their goals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2003

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$17,500

CENIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



R.I.S.E. NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting CNAs furthering their medical careers.

FIRST AWARDED: 2020

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,500



SAND BLUFF BIRD OBSERVATORY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers related to the mission of Sand Bluff Bird Observatory.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$500



ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting the educational goals of Habitat for Humanity home residents committed to improving the quality of life for people in their community.

FIRST AWARDED: 2009

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$55,600



SAND BLUFF BIRD OBSERVATORY LEE & LYNDA JOHNSON FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers related to the mission of Sand Bluff Bird Observatory.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



ROCKFORD HEALTH CAREERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting future healthcare professionals in Rockford.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$30,000



SENIOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting RPS205 students who exhibit academic potential and financial need.

FIRST AWARDED: 2006

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$30,048.59



ROCKFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are passionate about the history and preservation of Rockford.

FIRST AWARDED: 2022

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$2,000



SHIRLEY V. SCHLICHTING SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Harlem HS graduates pursuing a community college education.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,000



ROCKFORD PRODUCTS CORPORATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting business and engineering students.

FIRST AWARDED: 2012

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$240,000



SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers in the natural resources field.

FIRST AWARDED: 2007

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$23,235



ROCKTON LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Hononegah students with high levels of academic achievement and community service.

FIRST AWARDED: 2006

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$24,366.66



SORENSEN MEMORIAL ARCHITECT, ENGINEERING, MUSIC, AND THEATER SCHOLARSHIPS

Supporting future architects, engineers, musicians, and theater professionals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2019

ARCHITECTURE LIFETIME AWARDED: \$100,668.89

ENGINEERING LIFETIME AWARDED: \$101,592.49

MUSIC LIFETIME AWARDED: \$103,792.57

THEATER LIFETIME AWARDED: \$83,191.70



ROGER L. EKSTROM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting Guilford athletes and musicians working towards their academic goals.

FIRST AWARDED: 2006

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,659.06



RON BALSAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students whose lives have been enriched through sport.

FIRST AWARDED: 2025

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,100



SUSAN KAY MUNSON GILMORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing vocational careers.

FIRST AWARDED: 1995

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$32,987



SAND BLUFF BIRD OBSERVATORY DAVE SEAL VOLUNTEERS SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students pursuing careers related to the mission of Sand Bluff Bird Observatory.

FIRST AWARDED: 2024

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,000



TAUS COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting students who are involved in their community and school.

FIRST AWARDED: 2004

LIFETIME AWARDED: \$19,443

CENIL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



TERRANCE FREEMAN, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students in the firefighting community.
FIRST AWARDED: 2014
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,974



WILBUR & WILLIAM CUMMINGS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting future medical professionals from Belvidere.
FIRST AWARDED: 2012
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$282,765



TYLER KINISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students in the firefighting community.
FIRST AWARDED: 2014
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$6,000



WILLARD J. CORBETT & ALICE C. CORBETT SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting highly ambitious students with financial need.
FIRST AWARDED: 1997
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$529,353.50



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting University of Michigan students from Northern Illinois.
FIRST AWARDED: 2015
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,324.33



WILLIAM J. GALAWAY LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing a career in public and school libraries.
FIRST AWARDED: 2008
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$15,950



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 984 SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting the descendants of U.S. military veterans.
FIRST AWARDED: 2017
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$18,750



WILLIAM PIGOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting future engineers from Winnebago and McHenry County.
FIRST AWARDED: 2001
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$16,532.18



VIRGINIA K. MEYER SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students with an agricultural background who intend to pursue a career in the mental health field.
FIRST AWARDED: 2025
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$3,200



WILLIAM R. DURHAM DRAMA/THEATER SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing a career in the theater.
FIRST AWARDED: 2006
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$22,043.30



WALTER K. RACZYNSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing a career in medicine.
FIRST AWARDED: 2019
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$44,000



WINNEBAGO COUNTY VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting the descendants of U.S. military veterans.
FIRST AWARDED: 2022
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$4,000



WCRTA - ADAM PRYMAK SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing a career in teaching.
FIRST AWARDED: 2024
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$1,250



WOMEN OF TODAY'S MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing a career in the manufacturing industry.
FIRST AWARDED: 2004
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$69,000



WCRTA - BLANCHE J. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students who plan to pursue a career as an elementary teacher.
FIRST AWARDED: 2023
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$17,750



WOTM RUTHANN GASTON WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting students pursuing careers in the manufacturing industry.
FIRST AWARDED: 2021
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$5,500



WEST GATEWAY COALITION SCHOLARSHIP
Supporting residents of the West Gateway neighborhood with a drive to succeed.
FIRST AWARDED: 2023
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$11,000



ZETA CHAPTER DKG MEMORIAL AWARD
Supporting future teachers.
FIRST AWARDED: 2007
LIFETIME AWARDED: \$70,700

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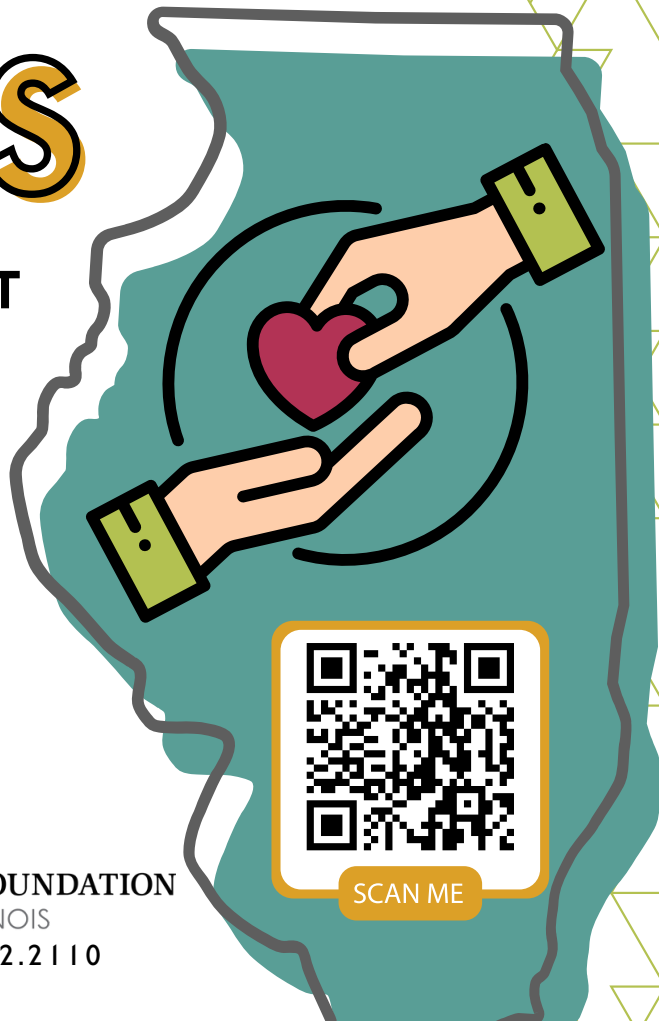
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