



CEDAR RAPIDS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

Senior Scholarship Descriptions

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Aenille-Stewart-Swaney Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating Washington High School senior. Recipient determined by Washington High School staff.

Paul Anthony Memorial Music Scholarship

Established in 1967, this scholarship is in memory of Paul Anthony, music teacher at McKinley and Washington. Student winner is chosen by audition process. Notification to Foundation by District Music Facilitator.

Alice F. Bizulis Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to a student in a special education program who intends to pursue further education or training after high school.

Judy & Larry Blum Scholarship

For a Jefferson student who has expressed an intention to pursue a career in either elementary education or special education. Must have demonstrated a strong work ethic, leadership, good character, and positive community involvement during his/her high school years.

Jim Bowen Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Jim Bowen, the scholarship will be given to a Jefferson young man who is dedicated to the sport of baseball and who has led by example on and off the field. His academic accomplishments and general citizenship at Jefferson should identify him as a young man of quality character and principles.

Barry & Gilda Boyer-Van Meter Inc. "Power Your Future" Scholarship

Funded by the Boyer's and Van Meter Inc. to encourage and support students going into the electrical trade to become an electrician. Awarded by application.

Bob Brooks Memorial Scholarship

In tribute to, and memory of, the inspiration of legendary eastern Iowa sportscaster, Bob Brooks. Student must be planning a career in the field of journalism, including but not limited to broadcast, print or new media. Awarded by application.

Tom Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Endowed in memory of Thomas Campbell, a long-time teacher at Jefferson, for a J-Hawk personally selected by Jefferson counseling staff.

John Charlson Physics Award

Presented in honor of John Charlson, a much-loved Washington physics instructor who died in 1979. Award given to the Washington High School outstanding physics student of the year as reflected in attitude and achievement.

Evelyn & Willis Daugherty Memorial Vocal Music Scholarship

Scholarship granted on the basis of outstanding achievement in the field of vocal music at Washington determined by the Vocal Music director and approval of the Principal.

Bonnie Dodge Instrumental Music Scholarship

Scholarship determined by music department staff for an instrumental music student who will pursue a post-secondary degree in music.

Nate Dunn's "Next Generation of Leaders" Scholarship

To provide a scholarship to a Kennedy graduate with a desired passion in leadership.

James & Janet Erbe Scholarship

In recognition of Jim and Janet Erbe, technical theatre directors at Jefferson and Kennedy, for a student active in their school's technical theatre program, showing qualities of learning and leadership in any/all aspects of technical theatre: set design and creation, lighting, sound, props, makeup, costumes, and stage management. (Rotating)

Scott Ewoldsen Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship

Scholarship in memory of Kennedy Class of 1985 student, Scott Ewoldsen, for a Kennedy student active in drama, music, journalism and/or art. Must have been involved in the activity for at least two years and planning to attend college.

Dennis & Grace Ferreter Scholarship

For a Jefferson student who attended Van Buren Elementary (for some period of time, does not have to be all 6 years) and will attend an Iowa Regents institution or an Iowa accredited community college and/or vocational institution (no private college). Student must have significant financial need as well as having put forth strong academic effort, be of high character, and a good school citizen.

Friends of the City-Wide PTA Scholarship

For an average student (GPA 2.5 to 3.5) planning to attend a post-secondary institution of any kind. (Rotating)

Catherine Gendreau Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded by the McKinley Middle School staff to a deserving student at the end of their 8th grade year. Funds are given upon that students' subsequent graduation from Washington High School.

Robert L. Geuder Scholarship

For a Jefferson male or female student planning to pursue a career in education or professional theatre which could include radio, television, or film. Student must have been active in speech and/or drama for a minimum of two years.

Walter D. Hartman Scholarship

In recognition of the contributions made by Walter Hartman during his 34-years of service to Cedar Rapids Community School District. It is given to a graduating senior from Jefferson High School with the intent of majoring in education. Student must exhibit a strong work ethic, leadership skills, good character and positive values during high school.

Henderson Memorial Scholarship

For a student(s) chosen by a Washington High School faculty committee based on their established criteria.

Iowa Retired School Personnel "Future Educator Achievement Award"

For a Metro High School graduating senior who plans to enter the teaching profession. Student must have been accepted into a teacher preparation program at an accredited college or university; must display exemplary school and community citizenship and financial need.

J-Hawk Opportunity Scholarship

Graduating child of an immigrant that will be a first-generation college student. Must be enrolled within a year of graduation at an accredited two or four-year post-secondary setting.

Terry Kemme Scholarship

An award for a Metro IEP student who will pursue further education in a trade program, vocational institution, or college. Recipient to be determined by staff.

Joe Kenney Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a Jefferson High School varsity baseball player planning to attend a post-secondary institution of any kind.

Gilbert J. Maas Memorial German Scholarship

To be awarded to an outstanding Washington High School student who has taken German as a world language.

Rick Nees 'Groovy Grad' Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Rick Nees, beloved Kennedy High School math teacher, for students pursuing a creative interest, whether a 4-year college, community college, trade school, private training, travel, or other means. Scholarship does not require that a student matriculates directly to college. This award honors the student(s) gifts as a genuine, supportive and friendly classmate to be encouraged to pursue interests.

George Novak Memorial Scholarship

For a Kennedy High School graduate who has made outstanding personal growth. Determined by counseling staff.

Olson Basketball Scholarship

Given to a Jefferson High School student who played basketball at least two years and plans to attend a post-secondary collegiate institution. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Preference given to a student with financial need. Determined by counseling staff.

Nancy Parmater Champion Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Nancy Parmater Champion, a 1965 graduate of Jefferson High School, for a graduating Jefferson senior with plans to enroll in the field of journalism or related field of communications at a college or university. Recipient must have participated in the school yearbook, school newspaper, or any other continuing school publications. Student should display leadership characteristics and a reasonable degree of academic achievement.

Polaski Family Scholarship

To recognize a Jefferson High School student that has shown dedication and commitment to their teams, coaches, and directors, who lead by example, and who go above and beyond to give of their time in areas of that required or expected. Student must participate in show choir and another winter activity.

Robert Reitz 'Future Educator' Scholarship

In honor of Robert Reitz, beloved Jefferson High School English teacher, for a Jefferson senior planning to major in Education at a 2-4 year college.

Grant Rutherford Memorial Scholarship

Annual award in memory of Kennedy Class of 2004 graduate, Grant Rutherford, to recognize a senior in good standing of the Kennedy High School men's swim team with commitment and contribution to the success of the men's swim team, academic achievement of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 with the qualification for Academic All-American (cumulative GPA of 3.875) desirable, and demonstrated involvement and leadership in the Kennedy and Cedar Rapids community.

Tom & Carol Ryder Memorial Cougar Student Scholarship

In recognition of a Kennedy High School student who participated in extra-curricular activities while maintaining high academic standards. Recipient must participate and provide leadership in one of the following activities: wrestling, volleyball, cheerleading, drama and/or music. Leadership can be exhibited by being an officer or captain in the activity, managing a fundraiser or other event or in some other role. A GPA of 3.5 or greater is desired, but secondary to a well-balanced educational curriculum. Student must plan to attend a 4-year college with the intention of continuing to participate in the above activities similar to those for which the scholarship is awarded.

James F. & Jacqueline K. Schneekloth Memorial Scholarship

In memory of James F. Schneekloth, a long-time associate principal at Kennedy High School, and his wife Jacqueline who taught District summer swimming lessons, for a Kennedy student that demonstrates the following values: caring dedication for the welfare of other people, provides willing service to the school, involved in school activities, hardworking attitude toward academics, and financial need.

Schneider Family Scholarship

To be awarded to two Jefferson High School graduating students with financial need to assist with the purchase of required academic books. Students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or demonstrate exceptional circumstances warranting consideration.

John M. Secl Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to a Metro High School graduating student with financial need by providing funding for participation in science, technology, arts, mathematics, and engineering activities and/or to pursue college level classes.

Andrew Seiler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Andrew Seiler, a 2017 graduate of Kennedy High School. Andrew studied Japanese for four years at Kennedy and participated in the school's exchange program visiting Japan. The scholarship makes it possible for a deserving Kennedy student with financial need to visit Japan as part of the Harry Preston/Student Abroad Program.

Richard & Jeanne Sentman Scholarship

Two scholarships will be given annually – one to a male and one to a female Washington High School graduate. Each student must have attended Arthur Elementary School for at least 4-years.

Shawn Dennis Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Two scholarships will be given annually – one to a male and one to a female Washington High School graduate. Students should ideally be the first in their family to seek post-secondary education, have financial need, be personally motivated, a leader within the school and/or with their peers, and have participated in school and/or community service work.

Susan Hovelson Shimon Memorial Scholarship

To be given to a deserving graduating senior from Washington High School, whose high school education program included an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), as a reward for the student who, despite a disability, has been admitted to a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university.

Steve Strong Computer Scholarship

In honor of retired Washington High School Computer Science teacher, Steve Strong. To support a graduate pursuing an education/career in computer science.

Daniel J. Vanorny Memorial Scholarship

In honor of Daniel Vanorny's support for Jefferson High School students and love of being a fine arts parent. Student awardees must have financial need, currently participating in at least one fine arts program, and have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

John W. Whipple Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to an outstanding history student, as determined by faculty, who has maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher. (Rotating)

Thomas R. White Memorial Scholarship

Given to a minority student under the age of 19 who has a 2.5 GPA or better. Graduate must have noted financial need with plans to enroll in an accredited college or university. (Rotating)

Irene Wiedeman Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to an outstanding business education student planning to enroll in a program of business education at an institution of higher learning. (Rotating)

Otto F. Wiedersberg, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to an outstanding business education student planning to enroll at a community college or technical school. (Rotating)

Gordon Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship

In honor of all the teachers who have taught at Jefferson High School, the student recipient must exhibit leadership qualities and the potential to succeed.

Sean Wu Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Sean Wu, a 2016 graduate of Kennedy High School, for a student who plans to pursue higher education in a creative career field. Student must embody Sean's spirit, original humor, interest in creative writing and cinematic arts, academic excellence, and the ability to brighten everyone's mood.

Alan Zazza Memorial Scholarship

For a student active in Business Education courses at Jefferson High School.