



Senior Scholarship Descriptions

(September 2023)

Abbi's "Anchored in Hope" Scholarship

In memory of former Jefferson student Abbi Smith, these scholarships are awarded to students with Abbi's pursuits and dreams in the areas of sports and fine arts.

Aenille-Stewart-Swaney Memorial Scholarship

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

Kandi Anderson Memorial Scholarship

For a WHS graduate known for their kindness and willingness to help others.

Paul Anthony Memorial Music Scholarship

Established in 1967, this scholarship is in memory of Paul Anthony, long time 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 one student at each CRCSD high school 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 Baseball 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. (Rotating)

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.

Collins Community Credit Union "Community Character & Culture" Scholarship

A total of 4 scholarships at \$500/per for WHS students with positive community contributions and high character, with an additional \$1,000 scholarship given to a minority student reflecting the same. Funds may be used for any academic, trade school, or job placement.

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 from Washington High School who will pursue a post-secondary degree in music.

Nate Dunn's "Next Generation of Leaders" Scholarship

To provide a scholarship to a District graduate with a desired passion in leadership. (Rotating)

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 JHS & KHS)

Jack & Jeanette Ernst "Grateful Grannies" Scholarship

In recognition of Jack and Jeanette Ernst and their longtime commitment to the "Grateful Grannies" organization, for two JHS seniors with any post high school education/training plan. Students must have a strong work ethic, good moral character, financial need, and drive to be a positive presence in the world.

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.

William & Donna Frese Scholarship

Awarded by the WHS coaching staff and coaches, the scholarships will be given to an outstanding male and female basketball athlete who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the scholarship agreement document on file with the WHS Activities Director.

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)

Robert & Alo Geuder Memorial 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 and be a member of JHS Thespian Troupe 561.

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 graduating seniors from Jefferson High School with the intent of majoring in education. Students must exhibit a strong work ethic, leadership skills, good character and positive values during high school.

John Hegarty Scholarship

In honor of John Hegarty, long time science teacher and wrestling coach at JHS, for a student who excels in the classroom and in the wrestling room.

Henderson Memorial Scholarship

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

Steven W. Hilby Memorial Scholarship

A former Roosevelt student with 2.0 grade point or above who is also an athlete; not necessarily varsity but has dedication, a love of the game, a positive attitude, and is a great

teammate. Student must plan to attend a technical school, 2-year, or 4-year institution. Financial need a plus, but not required.

Patricia Hobson Memorial Scholarship

A female leader at Jefferson who has had hardship in her life, but still pushes through and works hard. Someone who lifts others up and has a strong work ethic. Optional/Ideal: A first-time family college attendee and/or has an interest in finance/banking industry.

IGHSAU Scholarship

For an outstanding female athlete at Jefferson High School.

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.

Sabrina H. Jackson Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship in memory of Sabrina Jackson, a 2020 graduate of KHS, whose life ended tragically in June 2021. Student awardee should display the personal characteristics of Sabrina – kind, patient, empathetic, studious. Ideally, student will have an interest in Asian studies, music education and/or political activism.

Senquez Jackson Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship in memory of WHS student Senquez Jackson, for an award given to a 4-year iJAG student.

Jefferson Alumni Golf Apprenticeship Scholarship

Student(s) must be pursuing a career in one of the trades (electrical, carpentry, Sheet metal/HVAC, or Plumber/Pipefitter). Funds for formal trade appropriate training costs.

JFK Senior Leader Award

Given to a senior providing a lasting mark on Kennedy through spirit, service, and leadership. Once who will “leave Kennedy a better place and will leave a positive impression for years to come.”

Walter & Ida Kansky Charitable Fund Scholarship

Award to one student from each of the CRCSD high schools who will pursue further education in a trade program, vocational institution, or college. Financial need preferred. Recipient to be determined by individual high school staff.

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.

Bill Lammers Technical Theatre Scholarship

To be awarded to a senior who has been involved as a “techie” during their years at WHS.

Legacy Scholarship

Created by the WHS Class of 2013, to be awarded to a senior who works to promote the legacy of their graduating class above their personal legacy.

James & Peggy Livingston Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship for a Metro High School graduate who will pursue higher education. Recommended by Principal.

Candace Lynch “Future Ready Leader” Scholarship

Awarded to a graduate of Harrison or Johnson elementary schools who is pursuing any post-secondary program, including 2- or 4-year academic, military, or trade. Priority to student eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Gilbert J. Maas Memorial German Scholarship

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

Dr. Francis McMann Memorial Scholarship

Given in Dr. McMann’s memory to a student pursuing post-secondary education in economics or history.

James Miller Band Scholarship

To reward an outstanding student participating in WHS Band who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the scholarship agreement document.

NextGrad Scholarship

For one student at JHS, KHS, and WHS who has financial need to achieve any type of post secondary education. Determined by counseling staff.

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.

Dorothy Peterson Scholarship

In honor of long-time Jefferson math department chair, the Dorothy Peterson scholarships recognize outstanding, talented math students.

Michelle Pinkston Memorial Art Scholarship

To be awarded to a student with exceptional ability and spirit in the area of visual/photographic art. Established in memory of a promising graphic arts Kennedy alumnae.

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.

Rich & Connie Ripley Scholarship

For a Jefferson High School graduate of color with financial need in order to continue their post-secondary education (university, college, trades, etc.)

Lela Rowland Memorial Scholarship

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

Orville Rust Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by the WHS coaching staff and administration, the scholarships will be given to an outstanding male and female athlete who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the scholarship agreement document on file with the WHS Activities Director.

Tom & Carol Ryder Memorial Cougar Student Scholarship

In recognition of a Kennedy High School student who participated in extracurricular 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.

Schroeder Family Music Scholarship

In honor of WHS alums Pam & Kate Schroeder, to reward an outstanding 4-year music student (instrumental or vocal) who plans to pursue music in college.

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.

Malik Sheets Memorial Scholarship

In memory of WHS student Malik Sheets, to honor an African American AP scholar who has been involved in athletics and community service and/or internship during high school.

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.

Ronald Smrha Memorial Education Fund

To assist a deserving student interested in pursuing a career in journalism.

Don Stout Memorial Scholarship

To be given to a Metro High School student who will attend Kirkwood Community College, preferably to study a STEM career field, but not required.

Steve Strong Computer Scholarship

In honor of retired Washington High School Computer Science teacher, Steve Strong. To support a WHS 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.

John Wojtowicz Memorial Scholarship

In honor of Jefferson High School Academic Decathlon Coach, John Wojtowicz, for a member of the Academic Decathlon team who represents his dedication to learning.

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.