

Congratulations!

2024



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship awards three scholarships to Buffalo County students with financial need.

Recipients: Omar Corona, Ruben Hernandez Vazques and Carter Jasnoch

Asher Family Scholarship awards three scholarships to seniors of Ravenna High School.

Recipients: Erica Lockhorn, Jady Taylor and Morgan Treffer

Aubree Joy Hubbard Memorial Scholarship awards one scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School.

Recipient: Ayva Sullivan

Bernadine and Douglas Howarth Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School.

Recipient: Alyssa Moes

Betty Zwiener Rodehorst Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School.

Recipient: Kinley Gifstad

Blanche Thompson Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School who will be a first-year college student.

Recipient: Carter Dormann

Carla J. Middleswart Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a Buffalo County student who has served in the military or has a family member who has served.

Recipient: Madisyn Autabee

Carol Cope Alpha Xi Delta Scholarship awards a scholarship to a UNK student who is a member of Alpha Xi Delta National Women's Fraternity.

Recipient: Ashleigh Ritter

C.D. Orr and Emily Orr Scholarship awards a four-year scholarship to a Garden County High School senior.

Recipient: Gavin Hunt

Charles and Jeanette Mumma Scholarship awards three scholarships to seniors active in the Buffalo County 4-H program.

Recipients: Callee Carman, Claire Gangwish and Hannah Herrick

Charles and Verna Lee Falk Scholarship awards two scholarships for seniors of Wilcox-Hildreth High School, with a preference to those pursuing degrees in healthcare or agriculture.

Recipients: Addison Overholser and Georgia Ramsey

City of Oshkosh Scholarship awards a scholarship to a Garden County High School senior.

Recipient: Olivia Beuchamp

C.J. Williams and Lena A. Williams Scholarship awards two scholarships to Garden County High School seniors.

Recipients: Carter Dormann and Gunner Roberson

Colene Pfeiffer Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with preference given to those majoring in education.

Recipient: Lauren Smith

Don Newth Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School who will be a first-year college student.

Recipient: Kyle Rote

Donald Kaup Memorial Knights of Columbus Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior residing in Holt or Rock County.

Recipient: Carson Dannenbring

Dwight and Lois Gangwish Scholarship awards a scholarship to a current or past graduate of Shelton High School.

Recipient: Dru Niemack

Elm Creek Public School Foundation Clara Marshall Scholarship awards five scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

Recipients: Ashley Carlton, Abigail Lange, Alyssa Moes, Hope Pickel and Ayva Sullivan

Elm Creek School Foundation Scholarship awards five scholarships to seniors of Elm Creek High School.

Recipients: Ashley Carlton, Abigail Lange, Alyssa Moes, Hope Pickel and Ayva Sullivan

Faye Wendt Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with preference to those who attend UNK, majoring in education.

Recipient: Natalie Rasmussen

Ferol G. Carney and Patricia A. Carney Memorial Scholarship awards a multi-year scholarship to a senior of Garden County.

Recipient: Gavin Hunt

Garden County High School Alumni Scholarship awards two scholarships to seniors of Garden County High School.

Recipients: Carter Dormann and Gunner Roberson

Today, the Kearney Area Community Foundation manages **65 scholarships**. We have awarded **99 scholarships** equaling more than **\$187,780 in 2024** to local students enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university. This year, we are working with **64 scholarship recipients**.



96% of recipients used the Kearney Area Community Foundation's online universal scholarship application



95% of scholarships were awarded to students pursuing higher education in Nebraska



28% of scholarships were awarded to those with majors in the medical field



31% of scholarships were awarded to those getting a 2-year degree

Want to apply next year?

Visit www.kearneyfoundation.org/scholarships

The universal application opens February 3, 2025.

Scholarships with paper applications are available all year long.

Holy Cross Lutheran Mitchell Scholarship provides financial assistance to Holy Cross Lutheran church members.

Recipients: Andrew Dahlke, Nolan Dart, William Fiddelke, Fredrick Harbols, Abrial Humphrey, Lauren Kohtz, Dillon Kusek, Sydney Rohwer and Nathan Unger

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee Scholarship awards two scholarships to graduating high school students from a Buffalo or Kearney County high school pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Recipients: Logan Roggasch and Asher Saulsbury

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Bruce Blankenship Leadership in Business Scholarship awards a scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in the field of business.

Recipient: Kennidy Garner

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Friends of Law Enforcement Scholarship awards a scholarship to a student from Buffalo County pursuing a degree in law enforcement or a similar field.

Recipient: Hunter Liss

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship awards a scholarship to a student in Buffalo or Kearney County pursuing a degree in the construction trades field of study.

Recipient: Keaton Schirmer

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Student Leader Scholarship awards two scholarships to seniors from a Buffalo County high school who are enrolled full-time at CCC or UNK.

Recipients: Omar Corona (CCC) and Alyssa Moes (UNK)

Kenneth L. Erickson FFA Scholarship awards a scholarship to a Pleasanton or Ravenna High School senior involved in FFA.

Recipient: Mason Wendt

Kurt Keaschall Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton and Ravenna High School with preference given to those attending a two-year technical school.

Recipients: Tanner Zimmer (Pleasanton) and Jadyn Taylor (Ravenna)

Lance Corporal Kyle Codner Memorial Scholarship awards two scholarships to seniors of Shelton High School with financial need.

Recipients: Addison Burr and Callee Carman

LeRoy and Joyce Hongsermeier Scholarship awards a scholarship to a Ravenna High School senior pursuing a degree in an agriculture related field.

Recipient: Mason Wendt

Lynn Rosenlof Hoelting Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to an outstanding female athlete, student and leader of Kearney High School through a nomination process.

Recipient: Samantha Stava

McKenna's Rae of Hope Character Scholarship is a character-based scholarship where candidates are identified through a nomination process.

Recipients: Nathaniel Barker, Sage Fernau, Adeline Moore and Isabel Raburn

McKenna's Rae of Hope Mental Health Field Scholarship awards two scholarships to a high school senior, college student or graduate in a mental health program.

Recipients: Kinley Gifstad and Denae Nachtigal

Oren and Joyce Vogt Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School with financial need.

Recipient: Keaton Schirmer

Path to Success Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Buffalo County with financial need studying trades.

Recipient: Garrett Wedemeyer

Patricia Trubl Scholarship awards a scholarship to current and past graduates of Shelton High School.

Recipient: Dru Niemack

Pauline Fulton Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a graduate of a Nebraska high school who has been accepted into the nursing program at UNMC - Kearney division.

Recipient: Callie White

Pleasanton Career Builders Scholarship awards four scholarships to seniors of Pleasanton High School who have participated in community activities.

Recipients: Copeland Carstens, Jaycee Flood, Kinley Gifstad and Kaden Keaschall

Pleasanton Career Builders Scholarship in honor of Bob Bednar awards a scholarship to a Pleasanton High School senior.

Recipient: Lauren Smith

Pleasanton High School Alumni Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Pleasanton High School with financial need.

Recipient: Natalie Rasmussen

Ravenna Public School Class of 1948 Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School enrolled full-time in a Nebraska college, university or technical school.

Recipient: Hanna Johnson

Ravenna Public School Foundation Scholarship awards two scholarships to current, graduating seniors of Ravenna High School who are enrolled full-time in a Nebraska college or technical school.

Recipients: Erica Lockhorn and Chase Rager

Richard Dunn Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Garden County High School.

Recipient: Gunner Roberson

Robin and Judy Marshall Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Elm Creek High School with financial need.

Recipient: Hope Pickel

Ronald and Jaquelyn Kegley 4-H Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior graduating in Buffalo County and involved in 4-H activities.

Recipient: Alyssa Moes

Roy and Doris Abood Scholarship awards a scholarship to a first-generation college student enrolled at UNK.

Recipient: Brooklyn Mohrman

Shawn Reiber Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a current, graduating senior in Buffalo County.

Recipient: Copeland Carstens

Shelton FFA Boosters Scholarship awards scholarships to seniors of Shelton High School who participated in FFA.

Recipients: Addison Burr, Callee Carman and Luke Gillming

Shelton "Paying it Forward" Scholarship awards a scholarship to a Shelton High School Senior with preference given to those pursuing a degree in STEM subjects.

Recipient: Callee Carman

Ted Headley Ag Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Shelton High School pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Recipient: Callee Carman

Troy and Kay Bauer Scholarship awards a scholarship to an Amherst High School senior who plans to major in the agricultural or medical field.

Recipient: Chase Korth

Vanity Fare Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Paxton Consolidated Schools.

Recipient: Jacelyn Jorgensen

Vernon and Beverly Reinertson Scholarship awards scholarships to seniors of Ravenna High School pursuing a degree in a 2-year or 4-year program.

Recipients: Madisyn Autobee and Erica Lockhorn

Violet Wadzinski Memorial Scholarship awards a scholarship to a senior of Ravenna High School with financial need.

Recipient: Sarah McKeon

Youth Leadership Kearney Scholarship awards scholarships for high school seniors who graduated from the Youth Leadership Kearney program and are attending college in Nebraska.

Recipients: Claire Gangwish, Claire Rogers and Samantha Stava

These scholarships, through the Kearney Area Community Foundation, (KACF) are established by generous donors, businesses and organizations, like you, focused on assisting students in their pursuit of higher education.

A scholarship fund, through KACF, connects local donors with local youth to help them achieve their educational goals.

Are you interested in creating a scholarship fund and investing in our community's youth? The Kearney Area Community Foundation is here to help! Establishing a scholarship fund with KACF is an effective way to meet your charitable objectives as a local dreamer.

Scholarship funds may vary in size and complexity, but one thing is in common throughout all funds: the charitable spirit and dedication to the education of local youth. **Call our office at (308) 237-3114.**