

## **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS - COLLEGE STUDENTS**

### **MERRICK FOUNDATION FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County senior (1)
- ◆ Intent to return to Merrick County
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ References (2)
- ◆ Community & School Activities
- ◆ Answer Essay Questions # 3

### **LEONARD & DORIS AERNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Handicapped student pursuing a degree at a community college, technical school, or business school having completed at least one year
- ◆ Essay of approx. 300 words explaining about handicap
- ◆ One renewable and one nonrenewable scholarship given
- ◆ Must reapply each year for renewable

### **LEONARD & DORIS AERNI MEMORIAL RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Previous recipient of the Aerni scholarship
- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Essay of approx. 300 words explaining about handicap
- ◆ Pursuing a degree at a community college, technical school, or business school
- ◆ One renewable and one nonrenewable scholarship given
- ◆ Must reapply each year for renewable

### **MICHAEL V. BITTINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Second year college or technological school student
- ◆ Must have graduated from Clarks/Clarks Consolidated high school or Central City high school and have an address of Clarks or Central City NE

### **CENTRAL CITY SCALE SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Essay explaining your educational goals

### **MYRTLE AND JIM CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Based on academic grades or overall achievement outside school
- ◆ Otherwise lack the resources, including student loans, to continue education beyond high school
- ◆ Resident of Central City, Clarks, Fullerton, Hordville, Polk, or lake areas south of Central City

### **EUGENE FISHBURN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ College Junior or Senior with a Chapman area address
- ◆ Based on academic success in college

### **HOHNROTH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Member of Merrick County 4-H Club for 5 years **and/or**
- ◆ Member of FFA for 3 years
- ◆ Essay on how 4-H and/or FFA has benefited you in preparation for your future and why you have chosen to continue your education
- ◆ Provide current college transcript

### **ALICE KLINGENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Chapman addressed student
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4 year course of study

### **BONNIE KOHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ A nursing student with one or more years completed maintaining a 3.0 GPA, cover letter about experiences so far in nursing school and stating enthusiasm for continuing their studies, preference to goal of Nurse Practitioner
- ◆ **OR** LPN pursuing Bachelor of Science in Nursing, must have minimum of 4 years of primary patient care in hospital or nursing home, verify flawless record from two most recent employers, endorsements from one doctor, one registered nurse or nurse practitioner, and one other person, maintain 3.0 GPA
- ◆ **OR** Registered Nurse pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing or Nurse Practitioner, minimum of 4 years of primary patient care in a hospital or nursing home, verify flawless record from two most recent employers, endorsements from one doctor, one registered nurse, nurse practitioner, one Director of Nursing, and one other person, maintain 3.0 GPA

### **CHARLES & ANN KUHLMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Resident of Chapman, Clarks, or Central City area **and** have attended a local high school
- ◆ Upper 1/3 of high school graduating class
- ◆ Enrolled in 2 or 4 year course of study in agriculture or medical
- ◆ Essay required on professional goals and steps to achieve them
- ◆ Exhibit active participation in his/her church and community

### **VIRGIL AND NORA LINDNER SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Archer, Central City or Palmer Address
- ◆ Pursuing a career in Education or Agriculture
- ◆ Average or above GPA

### **JOSEPHINE MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County Resident
- ◆ At least a sophomore in college
- ◆ Music Major

### **VERNIE L. LOCK SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Beauty or Barber school

### **WARREN MARSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Upper 1/4 of class
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ First preference given to students in medical schools
- ◆ Second preference to other health-related disciplines

### **RAY & MILDRED MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Archer vicinity resident
- ◆ Two typed paragraphs describing what you have done to enhance the community, including school leadership roles, and why you have chosen your course of study.
- ◆ Letter of recommendation from a school official on general leadership and moral character

### **DORIS E. NEEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Clarks, NE addressed student
- ◆ GPA of average or above
- ◆ Essay on why you are deserving of the scholarship, how you have demonstrated responsibility, maturity of judgment, high integrity and dependability
- ◆ Enrolled in accredited college for 2 or 4 year term
- ◆ First choice to LPN or RN student
- ◆ Financial need

### **RALPH STANLEY & ELLA HALSTEAD SEVERANCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Traditional or Nontraditional student
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation from other than relatives
- ◆ Cover letter stating why you are continuing your education, why this scholarship will benefit you and why you have a financial need
- ◆ Renewable if student maintains the minimum GPA required for graduation (transcript required)
- ◆ Must reapply each year

### **RALPH STANLEY & ELLA HALSTEAD SEVERANCE MEM RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Previous recipient of the Severance Memorial scholarship
- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Traditional or Nontraditional student
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation from other than relatives

- ◆ Cover letter stating why you are continuing your education, why this scholarship will benefit you and why you have a financial need
- ◆ Renewable if student maintains the minimum GPA required for graduation (transcript required)
- ◆ Must reapply each year

**RAYMOND W. STAROSTKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Resident of Merrick County
- ◆ Preference given to students pursuing a degree in agriculture or science

**WILLIAM AND EMMA STEFFEN NURSES SCHOLARSHIPS\***

- ◆ Graduates of Merrick County high schools
- ◆ Preference given to Nebraska accredited school of nursing students
- ◆ At least 12 credit hours per semester
- ◆ Above average GPA
- ◆ Leadership, social behavior, performance and financial need
- ◆ Paid by semester upon receipt of transcript verifying satisfactory performance
- ◆ May be renewed, must reapply each year

**WILLIAM AND EMMA STEFFEN NURSES RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Previous recipient of the Steffen scholarship showing satisfactory progress in the first, second, or third year (depending on current grade level) by providing transcript and schedule of upcoming classes
- ◆ Graduates of Merrick County high schools
- ◆ At least 12 credit hours per semester
- ◆ Above average GPA
- ◆ Paid by semester upon receipt of transcript verifying satisfactory performance
- ◆ May be renewed, must reapply each year

**AUSTIN & CLEO VANDERFORD SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Graduates of Merrick County High Schools
- ◆ Based on student's ability, work habits, GPA, and financial need

**CLINTON M. WEGNER SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ One or more years of college completed
- ◆ Graduate of Palmer High School
- ◆ Pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Music, or Education
- ◆ Financial need

**LEANNE ZMEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Hair stylist enrolled in beauty or barber school
- ◆ Merrick County graduate
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Available only if income is not awarded to girls softball teams in Clarks, Archer, Chapman, and Central City areas

## **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1: Why are you continuing your education?
- 2: What are your professional/educational goals and how will you achieve them?
- 3: How have you shown leadership in contributing to your community?
- 4: How have you demonstrated strong character such as responsibility, maturity, judgment and integrity?
- 5: What are your financial needs and how will a scholarship benefit your educational goals?
- 6: How has 4-H and/or FFA prepared you for the future?
- 7: How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character and high effort to overcome a handicap?

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