



## Merrick Foundation College Scholarship Directory

### Required Essay Questions

1. What are you planning to study and why? What do you plan to do following your college graduation?
2. What is a personal attribute or achievement that makes you proud?
3. Describe a time when you had a positive impact on others. What were the challenges? What were the rewards?

### ALBERT E. & DOROTHY E. EMGARTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a program in the agriculture field

### ALICE KLINGENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Chapman area address

### AMERICAN LEGION POST #6 40 & 8 SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in nursing
- ◆ Good academic standing

### AUSTIN & CLEO VANDERFORD SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Based on student's ability and work habits
- ◆ GPA 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### BENJAMIN THOMAS LINDNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Archer, Central City or Palmer address
- ◆ Pursuing a career to work with children (pediatrics, education, child care, etc.)
- ◆ GPA 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### CALVIN LEPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident OR a graduate of Central City High School
- ◆ Pursuing an ag-related program, preference to agribusiness
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA experience
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Additional essay: How has FFA benefited you and prepared you for the future? How has 4-H benefited you and prepared you for the future? If involved in both FFA and 4-H, be sure to provide two specific responses, one for each organization.

### CAROLE A. JOSEPH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Enrolled in a post-graduate program
- ◆ High GPA and active in undergraduate activities
- ◆ *Prior recipients are eligible to reapply*

### CHARLES & ANN KUHLMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Chapman, Clarks, or Central City address and Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program in agriculture or medicine
- ◆ Exhibit participation in church and community activities
- ◆ Additional letter of recommendation from pastor or church leader

### CLINTON M. WEGNER SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a program in agriculture, music, or education
- ◆ Exhibit participation in extracurricular activities
- ◆ Financial need

### DINSDALE SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2023
- ◆ GPA average or above
- ◆ Exhibit involvement in college activities

### DONALD NOUZOVSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Financial need

### DWAINE & CARMEN VAN PELT SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Central City High School graduate
- ◆ Enrolled in an education program with plans to be a vocational ag teacher

### ED & LAURIE DEXTER SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County permanent resident
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture, business, or the medical field

### EDWARD MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Financial need

### ELTON & NANCY ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a 4-year program in nursing, agriculture, education, or computer science
- ◆ Academic performance, leadership, school activities, reliability, and courtesy

### ELWIN & LUCILE FERRIS SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA experience
- ◆ Pursuing a program in agriculture, music, or art
- ◆ Financial need (*not required – but may be considered*)
- ◆ Additional essay: How has FFA benefited you and prepared you for the future? How has 4-H benefited you and prepared you for the future? If involved in both FFA and 4-H, be sure to provide two specific responses, one for each organization.

### EUGENE FISHBURN SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Chapman area address
- ◆ Junior or senior college standing fall 2023
- ◆ Academic success in college

### GARY BADER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Experience exhibiting beef cattle in 4-H
- ◆ Additional essay: Describe your experience showing beef cattle in 4-H and how it has positively impacted your life.

### GRIFFITH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in elementary education
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Exhibit volunteer experience with elementary students
- ◆ Financial need

### GUY & PAULINE LAMBERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Junior or senior college standing OR enrolled in a post-graduate program fall 2023

### HOHNROTH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Merrick County 4-H for 5 years and/or FFA for 3 years
- ◆ Additional essay: How has FFA benefited you and prepared you for the future? How has 4-H benefited you and prepared you for the future? If involved in both FFA and 4-H, be sure to provide two specific responses, one for each organization.

### J. OREN HOBACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2023
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture with preference towards farming/ranching
- ◆ Community service

### JACK & DOROTHY BURGER SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in education
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above

### JAMES & MARILYN HEINS SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Central City High School graduate
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 to 3.5
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation – one each from a teacher, pastor & employer
- ◆ Financial need

### LARRY DEARKING, DVM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program of study or professional degree in an agriculture related field

### **LEANNE ZMEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Enrolled in an accredited beauty or barber school
- ◆ Financial need

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Physical or intellectual disability
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study at a community college, technical school, or business school
- ◆ Additional essay: How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character, and high effort in response to an intellectual or physical disability diagnosis?

### **LINDNER-VAN PELT HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident who graduated from Central City High School or Palmer High School
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture, education, business, or science
- ◆ Financial need

### **MAYNARD & LOIS FULLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2023

### **MERRICK COUNTY CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2023
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in an agriculture related field
- ◆ Parent/guardian must be a member of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association

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

- ◆ High Plains Community or Central City High School graduate with a Clarks or Central City address
- ◆ Sophomore college status

### **MYRTLE & JIM CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School or Nebraska Christian graduate OR a resident of Central City, Clarks, Fullerton, Hordville, Polk, or the lake areas south of Central City
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Demonstrates achievement outside of school
- ◆ Financial need

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Financial need

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

- ◆ Western Merrick County area address
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, one must be from a school official

### **RAYMOND, LEONARD & LOIS STEGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in the medical field

### **RAYMOND W. STAROSTKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Preference given to students pursuing a program of study in agriculture or science

### **RICHARD MATTSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2023
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture at a Nebraska institution
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### **ROGENE ECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School graduate

### **SUMMER PAULSEN SIMON, CLASS OF 2001, MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School graduate
- ◆ Battling or overcame a serious or life threatening health issue such as cancer, heart conditions, seizures, epilepsy, etc.
- ◆ Additional essay: Describe how battling your serious disease or diagnosis has changed your outlook on life.
- ◆ If no applicant meets these criteria, open to a student pursuing a degree in early childhood education

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Enrolled in an accredited beauty or barber school

### VIRGIL & NORA LINDNER SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Archer, Central City or Palmer address
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture or education
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### WARREN & VIRGINIA MARSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ First preference to those pursuing a program of study in the medical field
- ◆ Second preference to other health-related disciplines
- ◆ Financial need

### WAYNE & MILDRED HILDER SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled in a nursing program

### WILLA FREELEND, WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School graduate
- ◆ Female student pursuing a 2- or 4-year program of study in the business field
- ◆ Exhibit community service and good citizenship

### WILLIAM & EMMA STEFFEN SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ First preference to those pursuing a program of study in nursing at a Nebraska institution
- ◆ Second preference to other health-related disciplines
- ◆ Exhibit leadership in school activities, good moral character and behavior, dependable, and organized

### YOU ARE WORTH IT SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School graduate (under age 22)
- ◆ Physical or intellectual disability
- ◆ Seeking education or training post high school
- ◆ One of two reference letters must be from a teacher in the Special Education department
- ◆ Additional essay: How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character, and high effort in response to an intellectual or physical disability diagnosis?
- ◆ If no applicant meets these criteria, open to a student seeking a degree in special education, physical therapy, speech therapy, or occupational therapy

**To find out more about our scholarships or  
how you can start a scholarship fund, please contact us!**

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