



## Merrick Foundation High School 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 senior
- ◆ Pursuing a program in the agriculture field

### ALICE KLINGENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Chapman area address

### AUSTIN & CLEO VANDERFORD SCHOLARSHIP\*

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

### BARNEY BOCKERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA experience
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program in agriculture, mechanics, or education
- ◆ 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.

### BARRY & ALTA MARSH SCHOLARSHIP\*

- ◆ Merrick County resident and Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2-year trade program
- ◆ GPA of 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 of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### **BERNEY-MANUEL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4-year program
- ◆ Financial need

### **BONNIE KOHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled in 4-year nursing program
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, one must be from a teacher or school official and one must be from a pastor, employer, coach or other youth leader

### **BRYNLEE ZIMBELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ Enrolled at a community college
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Preference to applicant involved with the community and/or youth groups

### **CALVIN LEPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident or a senior at 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.

### **CENTRAL CITY SCALE-RON & JEANETTE HAWTHORNE SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior

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

- ◆ Chapman, Clarks, or Central City address & Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ 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

### **CHARLES & DORIS BENNER SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ FFA participant
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Additional essay: How has FFA benefited you and prepared you for the future?

### **CLINTON M. WEGNER SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Palmer High School senior
- ◆ Upper 1/2 of graduating class
- ◆ Pursuing a program in agriculture, music, or education
- ◆ Exhibit participation in extracurricular activities
- ◆ Financial need

### **DARRELL & TWILA WIDMAN ENDOWED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ Pursuing a program in health care sciences

### **DEREK ASPEDON SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2- or 4-year program of study
- ◆ Financial need

### **DONALD R. & JACKIE SAMPSON SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Exhibit participation in community and school activities; good citizenship
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

### **DWAINE & CARMEN VAN PELT SCHOLARSHIP\***

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

### **DYLAN VAN PELT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Aurora address
- ◆ Physical or intellectual disability
- ◆ How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character, and high effort in response to an intellectual or physical disability diagnosis?

### **ED & LAURIE DEXTER SCHOLARSHIP**

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

### **EDNA I. WIDMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2- or 4-year program of study
- ◆ Financial need

### **EDWARD MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP\***

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

### **ELTON & NANCY ERICKSON SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ 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 senior
- ◆ 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.

### **EMIL & DOROTHY CZARNICK SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Twin River High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4-year teaching program
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Exhibit participation in school and community activities

### **ERNEST & PEGGY NABITY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School or Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4-year program
- ◆ Two years of vocal music and/or band in high school
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA experience (*preferred – but not required*)
- ◆ Honesty, cooperation, good study habits, respect for others, and responsibility
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, both must be from high school teachers
- ◆ Additional letter of recommendation from pastor or church leader

### **ERVIN & BONNIE BLAUHORN SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School or Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4-year program
- ◆ Exhibit high character
- ◆ Financial need

### **ETHEL SWEET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Clarks address
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2- or 4-year program of study
- ◆ Financial need

### **GAIL GREGG FERRIS REGISTERED NURSE SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a program to become a registered nurse
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Preference for applicant involved in activities
- ◆ Additional essay: Why do you want to become a registered nurse?

### **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.

### **GARY MONTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Palmer High School, Centura High School, or Elwood High School senior
- ◆ Leadership, effort & responsibility

#### **GLEN D. & DORIS E. NEEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Clarks address
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled full time in a 2- or 4-year program of study (*preferably in Nebraska*)
- ◆ Preference to LPN or nursing programs
- ◆ Responsibility, high integrity, dependable, maturity in judgement
- ◆ Exhibit participation and leadership in school activities
- ◆ Financial need

#### **GREGORY RINKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ High school senior (preference to those attending Twin River)
- ◆ Silver Creek address
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2- or 4-year program
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership skills, courteous and friendly
- ◆ Exhibit participation in extracurricular activities
- ◆ Financial need

#### **HENRY “BUD” SANTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Enrolled full time in a program of study with preference given to agriculture related field
- ◆ Leadership qualities in school & civic organizations

#### **HUNTER PHILIP HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.0-3.5

#### **J. OREN HOBACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture with preference towards farming/ranching
- ◆ Community service

#### **JAMES & MARILYN HEINS SCHOLARSHIP\***

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

### **JOEL HOLBROOK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Participant in band three to four years during high school
- ◆ Good character, respectful, responsible, cooperative, and reliable
- ◆ Enjoy, excel and be enthusiastic about music
- ◆ Additional essay: How has your involvement with band impacted your life?

### **KAREN & DANIELLE BANNISTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School or High Plains Community senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program in education – elementary or secondary
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, one must be from a high school teacher

### **LARRY DEARKING, DVM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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

### **LARRY MEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Twin River High School senior with a Silver Creek address

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

- ◆ Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ 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?

### **LEROY HONGSERMEIER FFA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School or Grand Island Northwest senior
- ◆ Merrick County or Hall County resident
- ◆ Enrolled full time
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program in the agriculture field, such as animal science or ag education
- ◆ Active in FFA – involved in 3 local and 2 non-local (district, state, national) events
- ◆ Preference to applicant with Supervised Agriculture Experience involving livestock
- ◆ Additional essay: How has FFA benefited you and prepared you for the future?

### **LES JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Silver Creek address
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Preference will go to applicant who: (A) Intends to participate in intramural or intercollegiate athletics  
(B) Intends to pursue a program of study in wildlife management, forestry, or agriculture
- ◆ Exhibit good leadership and citizenship
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, both must be from high school teachers

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident attending 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

### **LONNY & WANDA DUENNERMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ High school senior
- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Physical or intellectual disability OR seeking a degree in teaching or another area that will benefit a child with a disability

### **MARY CHOCHON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Preference to those pursuing a full-time program of study in 1) math or science, 2) computer science, or 3) education
- ◆ Leadership qualities in school & civic organizations

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

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

### **MERRICK COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Enrolled in a 2- or 4-year agricultural program
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA participant
- ◆ 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.



### **MERRICK FOUNDATION FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Intent to return to Merrick County
- ◆ Exhibit participation in community and school activities, including volunteerism

### **MERRICK FOUNDATION INDUSTRIOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 2.0 to 3.5
- ◆ Pursuing any form of continuing education

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

- ◆ Central City High School or Nebraska Christian senior 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 senior
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in the medical field

### **RICHARD “DICK” CHOCHON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a full-time program of study in education
- ◆ Leadership qualities in school & civic organizations

### **ROBERT & LILLIAN KRUG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ High school senior
- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Active in 4-H (4 years) and/or FFA (2 years)
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation – one each from a teacher, pastor & employer
- ◆ 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.

### **ROGENE ECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior

### **RUSS RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ Participant in 4-H equine activities
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program of study in an equine related field
- ◆ Financial need

### **SILVER CREEK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Silver Creek address attending Twin River or surrounding area high school
- ◆ Enrolled in 2- or 4-year program of study

### **STANLEY FERRIS AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program in the agriculture field
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or above
- ◆ Preference for applicant involved in activities

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

- ◆ Central City High School senior or graduate (preference to senior)
- ◆ 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

### **TIM CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Pursuing an ag-related program, preference to equine
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ 4-H and/or FFA participant
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Preference for sports involvement
- ◆ 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.

### **TOM & NANCY WAGNER SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in public college or university
- ◆ Reside within Nebraska School District #4 (Central City Public Schools)
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 to 3.5
- ◆ Financial need

### **TOM & TERI BECK SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ High Plains Community senior with a Merrick County Clarks address
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture or elementary education
- ◆ Exhibit participation in school activities
- ◆ Leadership, effort, reliability, patriotism, courtesy and friendship

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

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

### **WILLIAM L. & VELMA R. MCLEAN SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Exhibit good character, leadership, involvement, effort, trustworthiness, reliability, patriotism, courtesy, consideration, and tolerance of others
- ◆ Financial need

### **WILLIS C. LENZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 2.0 to 3.5
- ◆ Preference to applicants pursuing a trade program or business degree

### **YOU ARE WORTH IT SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior (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

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how you can start a scholarship fund, please contact us!**

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