

**MERRICK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**Required Essay Questions:**

1. What are your professional and educational goals, and what is your plan to achieve them?
2. Describe a situation where you have demonstrated leadership skills.
3. Tell us about a personal challenge you recently faced. What did you learn and how has this influenced your goals and perspectives?

**Optional Essay Questions for Specific Scholarships:**

4. How has FFA and/or 4-H prepared you for the future?
5. How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character, and high effort to overcome a mental or physical disability?

**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
- ◆ Answer essay question #4

**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 average or above
- ◆ 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

### **CENTRAL CITY SCALE-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
- ◆ Upper 1/3 of graduating class
- ◆ Pursuing a 2- or 4-year program in agriculture or medicine
- ◆ Exhibit participation in church and community activities

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

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ FFA participant
- ◆ GPA above average
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Answer essay question #4

### **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 average or above
- ◆ Financial need

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Aurora address
- ◆ Physical or intellectual disability
- ◆ Answer essay question #5

**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 MEMORIAL 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*)
- ◆ Answer essay question #4

**EMIL & DOROTHY CZARNICK SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**ERNEST & PEGGY NABITY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School or Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA above 90%
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Letter from church official verifying regular church attendance
- ◆ Of the two required reference letters, both must be from high school teachers
- ◆ Answer essay question #4 if applicable

**ERVIN & BONNIE BLAUHORN SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Central City High School or Palmer High School senior
- ◆ Upper 1/4 of graduating class
- ◆ 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

### **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 above average
- ◆ 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\***

- ◆ Twin River High School senior with a Merrick County 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 90% or higher
- ◆ Enrolled full time in a program of study with preference given to agriculture related field
- ◆ Leadership qualities in school & civic organizations

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ◆ 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**

*(Additional application form from high school guidance counselor)*

- ◆ 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
- ◆ See separate application for further guidelines

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

- ◆ Central City High School or High Plains Community senior
- ◆ GPA average 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
- ◆ Answer essay questions #5

### **LES JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Silver Creek address
- ◆ Upper 1/2 of graduating class
- ◆ 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 80% or higher
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture, education, business, or science
- ◆ Financial need

**MARY CHOCHON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Palmer High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 90% or higher
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Preferably a participant in 4-H and/or FFA
- ◆ Financial need
- ◆ Answer essay question #4 if applicable

**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 - 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 above average
- ◆ 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 90% or higher
- ◆ Pursuing a full-time program of study in education
- ◆ Leadership qualities in school & civic organizations

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA above average
- ◆ Active in 4-H (4 years) and/or FFA (2 years)
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation – one each from a teacher, pastor & employer
- ◆ Answer essay question #4

### **ROGENE ECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- ◆ Central City High School senior

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

- ◆ Merrick County high school senior
- ◆ Participant in 4-H equine activities
- ◆ Pursing 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

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

- ◆ High Plains Community senior with a Merrick County Clarks address
- ◆ GPA average 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 above average
- ◆ Financial need

### **WARREN & VIRGINIA MARSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA average 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
- ◆ Upper 1/3 of graduating class
- ◆ 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 average 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

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

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ GPA above average
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Average GPA

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