



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. Tell us about your biggest accomplishment. How did you reach this accomplishment?
3. Tell us about a time you overcame adversity. Please provide details.

AARON STEPHENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Pursuing a program in a medical field
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 to 3.5

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 in 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, with a preference to pre-med, medical school, or nursing
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need

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 GENTLEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*

- ◆ Twin River High School senior
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Strong 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

JOE HESSELGESSER SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Enrolled in a 4-year Nebraska university or college
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above

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 in a college, university, or technical school
- ◆ 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

MATTHEW FISHBURN SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School senior (1 male and 1 female recipient)
- ◆ Courtesy and friendliness to elders, faculty, and school employees
- ◆ Leadership, responsibility, and compassion
- ◆ Adherence to religious principles of their choice, patriotism to the flag and country, and general citizenship
- ◆ Faculty vote at Central City High School
- ◆ No application process for this scholarship

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 COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Senior attending Central City High School, High Plains Community Schools, Nebraska Christian, or Palmer High School OR Merrick County resident
- ◆ Student with high community involvement and spirit of volunteerism
- ◆ Additional essay: Explain the desire and importance of what being drug-free means to you.

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

PHOEBE A. MCCULLOUGH-BARBARA A. MCGUIRE MEMORIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Central City High School senior
- ◆ Upper ½ of graduation class
- ◆ Responsibility to and appreciation for the community
- ◆ Courage, sense of humor, love of life, true character
- ◆ Accepts responsibility and enjoys a challenge
- ◆ Appreciation for education and the learning process
- ◆ Faculty vote at Central City High School
- ◆ No application process for this scholarship

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.
- ◆ Additional essay: What are three things you love about your country?

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

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

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