

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 are the best words of advice you have received? Who shared them and how have you applied them in your own life?
- 3. How do you define success and what steps are you taking to achieve it?

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 resident or Merrick County high school senior
- ♦ Based on student's ability and work habits
- Financial need can be considered

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

BOB & BONNIE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Merrick County resident
- ♦ GPA of 3.5+
- ♦ Financial need
- First preference to a program in nursing, second preference to another health-related field

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
- ♦ Preference to 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

DONALD THIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Merrick County resident OR Central City High School, High Plains High School, or Twin River High School
- Pursuing a degree at a trade school

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

FRED, ESTHER, DONALD & SHIRLEY MAE LEWIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

- Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school senior
- Pursuing a degree in electronics, technology, mechatronics, and/or computer programing

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 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

HARRY F. PROCHASKA & EDITH STONE PROCHASKA SCHOLARSHIP

- Palmer High School senior
- Pursuing degree in education or music

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

JACOB JOHNSTON CLASS OF 2025 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Central City High School class of 2025 senior
- Recipient must share a memory of Jacob

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?

JUSTIN "SKIPPY" BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ High school senior
- Preference to Palmer Public School student first, then other students attending a Merrick County School and/or with Merrick County residency
- Preference to a student enrolled in a youth ministry or youth counseling program, then to other programs that will help the youth
- ♦ Financial need

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

LELAND & SHIRLEY GREVING SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Merrick County resident OR Merrick County high school senior
- Pursuing a program in the ag-related field
- ♦ GPA of 3.0 or above
- Financial need to be considered if all other criteria equal between applicants

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

LESTER & MAY FISHLER AND RAYMOND & RUTH KULA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- **♦** Merrick Count resident
- GPA of 3.0 or above
- Pursuing a nursing degree with plans to obtain a Registered Nurse license
- Intent to return to local area (Merrick or surrounding counties)
- Continued funding up to eight semesters with proof of maintaining GPA 3.0 or above
- Financial need

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 an education major for the following: 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

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975 SCHOLARSHIP

♦ Palmer High School 2025 Senior

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.

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

SHIRLEY MAE LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Merrick County resident
- Pursuing a degree in History with preference to interest in ancestry
- Additional essay: Detail your ancestorial ties to Merrick County

SILVER CREEK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Silver Creek address attending Twin River or surrounding area high school
- ♦ Enrolled in 2- or 4-year program of study
- ♦ 1 male and 1 female recipient (if applications allow)

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
- Financial need (to be considered if all other criteria equal between applicants)
- 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 education (preference to elementary education)
- Exhibit participation in school activities
- ♦ Leadership, effort, reliability, patriotism, courtesy and friendship

TYLER HOOK HILLMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ High Plains, Twin River, Palmer or Central City senior
- ♦ GPA between 2.5-3.5
- ♦ Financial need
- Participate in extracurricular activity each year of high school
- Kindness, honesty, cooperation, respect for others, hardworking, helpful, responsible, high integrity, dependable, good judgement
- Additional essay: How have you turned a bad life experience into a positive difference in your life or the life of others?

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 B average
- Preference to applicants pursuing a trade program or business degree

YOU ARE WORTH IT SCHOLARSHIP

- ♦ Central City High School senior
- 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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