



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 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?

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

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

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

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
- ◆ Preference to a program in agriculture, music, or education
- ◆ Exhibit participation in extracurricular activities
- ◆ Preference for financial need

DARRELL & TWILA WIDMAN ENDOWED MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

DINSDALE SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2025
- ◆ GPA average or above
- ◆ Exhibit involvement in college activities

DONALD NOUZOVSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Preference for 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 GENTLEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Twin River graduate and previous recipient
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Strong financial need

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 2025
- ◆ Academic success in college

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 programming

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 2025

HARRY F. PROCHASKA & EDITH STONE PROCHASKA SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Palmer High School graduate
- ◆ Pursuing degree in education or music

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 2025
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2025
- ◆ 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?

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 of 3.0 or above
- ◆ Financial need

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 2025

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 J. STEINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County Resident or Merrick County high school graduate
- ◆ Pursuing degree in the mental health field
- ◆ GPA of 3.5 or above
- ◆ Financial need may be considered

RICHARD MATTSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- ◆ Merrick County resident
- ◆ Sophomore college status fall 2025
- ◆ Pursuing a program of study in agriculture at a Nebraska institution
- ◆ GPA of 3.0 or above
- ◆ 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 ancestral ties to Merrick County

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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