



## 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 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

### **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

### 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 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?

### 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

### 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 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

### **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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