



Foundation Student Scholarships Available

The **Spencer Community School Foundation Scholarships** are funded by multiple gifts presented to the Foundation by the following donors; I.J. "Mr. D." and Ruby Dvergsten, Agnes Goeke, Hazel Barringer Hoepfner, Greg Munday Memorial, Gilbert & Lillian Pullen, Kenneth and Yvonne Randall, Frank & Nelda Thomas, Milt Warner and David Wagner Memorial Scholarships. Scholarships are presented to more than forty Spencer High School students based on the information set forth in the application. All seniors qualify to apply.

Approximately 40 Awards: up to \$1,500 each

The **Thayer Family Scholarship** is given by the Thayer Family Fund in honor of the significant role Spencer High School has played in the many lives of its community members and in recognition of the excellent educational foundation it has provided to its students. The Thayer Family Scholarship has the potential to be awarded for another four years to the recipient, assuming the recipient meets the requirements for continued funding. Eligible students must be graduating seniors from Spencer High School and must be planning to enroll and pursue a degree in an accredited post-secondary institution during the next succeeding academic year. Students must also have excelled in academics, earning a 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, participated in extra-curricular activities in high school and throughout the community, demonstrated skills of a successful leader through athletics, school government, fine arts, or employment. Applicants must answer each of the following questions in 150-250 words. 1) What are the three most important strengths you have and how do you utilize them? How do you ensure your strengths benefit others? 2) What are the three most important areas of improvement that you could make within yourself and how do you seek improvement? 3) What differentiates you from other applicants to this scholarship? 4) At this stage in your life how have you measured success? Ten years from now, how will you measure success and what does that mean to you?

Please provide four letters of recommendation from teachers, employers or someone who can demonstrate why you are worthy of receiving this scholarship. **Of the four recommendations only one can be written from a teacher, a peer must write one and at least one must be from a non-school, non-related acquaintance.**

Award: up to \$8,000

The **Adolph & Esther Vestergaard Memorial Scholarship** was designed with funds from the estate of long-time Dickinson County residents, Adolph and Esther Vestergaard. Their wishes directed that the trust assets be endowed with the income used to assist needy and worthy residents obtaining an education beyond high school. The primary criteria for evaluation are based on true financial need. Other qualifications include demonstration of positive academic performance, traits of good citizenship, residents of Clay or Dickinson County and enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational institution. If applying, you must attach a copy of the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from your financial aid application with your EFC.

Approximately 10 Awards: up to \$2,000 each

The **Howard & Velma Gannon Memorial Scholarship** was established by their children. Howard and Velma were connected to the Spencer educational system for more than twenty years, ranging from their graduation in 1942, his position as school board president, as well as their seven of nine children graduating from Spencer High School. Howard felt a good education could open many doors and allows one to pursue their dreams. This scholarship was intended for a worthy Spencer graduate to be provided some financial assistance to be used in pursuing further education and their dreams.

Award: up to \$1,000

The **Charles T. & Ruth Ann Whittenburg Family Scholarship** was established and designed for students interested in a two-year post secondary education (AA degree) in science and technology with an emphasis on industrial studies, pre-manufacturing and construction or pre-agriculture. (Students planning to attend a four-year college may apply, but priority will be given to those planning to attend a two-year school.) Applicants must complete an essay outlining 1) what course of study you have chosen to pursue and why, 2) how do you plan to use your education following completion of your course work i.e. state your employment plans or career goals.

Approximately 6 Awards: up to \$650

The **Ellis Family Scholarship** was initiated by Kathleen (Ellis) and Daniel Penkert in memory of their beloved family members, Harry and Helen Ellis and Terry B. Ellis. With Helen (1936 graduate), Terry (1969 graduate), and Kathleen (1965 graduate) all being Spencer High School alumnus with a family passion for music, it was a natural to benefit a Spencer student continuing their instrumental music goals. Students must be currently involved in music (either in school sponsored activities, personal band or performances (i.e.: plays instrument in community band or dance band). Applicants must intend on attending an institution of higher education at the community college level or higher focusing on a career in instrumental music, maintained a C average in school and demonstrate financial need through the use of the Student Aid Report. Applicants must complete a one-page explanation of the role that music plays in their life and indicate plans for the future. **Award: up to \$500**

The **Anna H. Schmid Memorial Business Education Scholarship** was established by Anna for graduating Spencer High School students interested in pursuing a (AA degree) in business education, secretarial, or pre-business. Anna was a 1932 graduate of Spencer High School and a graduate of Cedar Rapids Business College. She used her business education extensively in her 35-year career as a federal employee. Throughout her life she spent many hours volunteering for her community and especially for her church. Anna valued the training that she received both in high school and also in business college and used that training in her job and also for those organizations that she was a part of. Anna was known as a tireless worker and one that went above and beyond what was asked of her. Candidates must show academic excellence, good character, leadership and a willingness to work with others in their employment, community and their church. **Award: up to \$500**

The **Anna H. Schmid Memorial Education Scholarship** was established by Anna for graduating Spencer High School students interested in pursuing a four-year degree in education. Anna was a 1932 graduate of Spencer High School and learned the life values of education early on in her high school career. She was a long time federal employee and spent countless hours throughout her life volunteering her time and energies to those causes that she deemed worthy. Many hours were spent in service to her church and her community. Anna recognized the great value of education, especially to those who choose to pursue a career in teaching the next generation. Candidates must show academic excellence, leadership, good character, and participation in school, community, and church activities. **Award: up to \$500**

The **Alisa Schwarz White Memorial Award/Scholarship** was created due to the unexpected loss of Alisa, which prompted her class of 1980 friends to establish this memorial scholarship awarded to a Spencer High School senior in Alisa's honor. Criteria for evaluation include participation in school (especially drama and theatre), academic excellence and community activities, as well as future plans to pursue post-secondary education. **Award: up to \$250**

The **Thomas A. Conley Memorial Scholarship** was established by family in memory of a loved one (Thomas A. Conley) who possessed a 40-year passion for education. Lorraine Conley and her family, Kelly (Conley) and Dave Tellinghuisen, Mike and Becky Conley, and Ann (Conley) and Neil Williamsen have designed a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a career in education. Candidates must show academic excellence, leadership, participation in school activities, and involvement in character building activities such as church, employment, volunteer work and/or community interests. **Award: up to \$250**

The **Sharon Howe Hitchcock Memorial Scholarship** was established for an individual participating in girl's softball. **Award: up to \$200**