

FILLMORE COUNTY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Spring 2026

All applications shall contain the same following information except as otherwise designated. One personal statement, resume, grade transcript, ACT/SAT test result and senior photo/head-shot is sufficient for all applications. A letter of recommendation is optional. Each applicant must identify the requested scholarship to be considered. The deadline for consideration for the scholarship is April 9, 2026. Applications can be completed and submitted online by visiting <https://www.fillmorecountyfoundation.org/applications>. If completing a physical application, they can be turned into the schools Guidance Counselor, Heartland Trust Company, Geneva NE, or emailed to email@hllawoffice.com. Reference to a "Fillmore County High School" shall include only Shickley, Exeter-Milligan-Friend and Fillmore Central High Schools. All of the following scholarships are only for "Fillmore County Residents" that are a graduating student, in which they, their parent or guardian is a resident of Fillmore County Nebraska.

Application Contents:

- Personal statement and resume with extracurricular activities, work experience, **volunteer experience**, awards, recognitions, and community activities. This will be given as much if not more weight in the decision making process as academics.
- Narrative about future education plans, (choice of school, why chosen, etc.)
- Long term goals
- Class ranking
- Grade transcript
- College testing results
- Senior Photo/Head-shot
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)

Allowable Expenses:

Tuition, lab fees, books, room, board, etc. at school of grantees choice: Community College, Private and Public Colleges and Universities, Business Schools, Technical Schools, etc.

Payment:

A check will be issued after July 1, by presentation of your acceptance letter from the school you will be attending (or a transcript of grades if already in the school) delivered to the Trust Department of the Heartland Bank Trust Dept, 896 G St., PO Box 353, Geneva, NE, 68361 or emailed to bbowman@myhbank.com. The check will be made payable to you and the school you will be attending. Checks may then be cashed at your school's financial aid office.

(Please call ahead to set up a time to pick-up the check 402-759-3114)

If the scholarship is for more than one year, then every year thereafter the recipient needs to bring, mail, or email proof to Heartland Bank Trust Company of his or her grades from the previous year and his or her class schedule for the Fall and Spring semester of the current year.

Community Scholarships (6) -- \$2,000 non-renewable

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School from Shickley, Exeter-Milligan-Friend, or Fillmore Central High Schools will be awarded a total of six scholarships; one each for a [1] Shickley, [2] Exeter, [3] Milligan, [4] Fairmont, and [5] Geneva student **plus** [6] an **at-**

large scholarship for a graduating senior that resides in Fillmore County and attends a high school located outside of Fillmore County.

The application must indicate the community or the at-large status in which the applicant wishes to be considered for the scholarship. If there is no community or at-large designation or more than one community designation, the scholarship application will **not** be considered for a Community Scholarship.

Historical Essay Award (2)

- Eligibility:** A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School.
- Amount:** **\$1,000** - 1st place award, non-renewable and
\$ 500 - 2nd place award, non-renewable
- Application:** contents must include a two-page essay referencing a person, place, or event in Fillmore County's history
- Research:** Parent and grandparent interviews are highly influential sources of information. Old Fillmore County newspapers are now on the internet with a searchable database at <http://fillmorecountyne.advantage-preservation.com>

Four Year Scholarship - (deferred forgivable loan) (1)

- Eligibility:** A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School.
- Be sure to include a short paragraph detailing your **plans to return to Fillmore County**.
- The loan will be required to be paid back if the Scholarship winner fails to reside in Fillmore County, Nebraska after graduation from college including graduate school, military service or Peace Corps. The loan will be forgiven for each year the applicant resides in Fillmore County equal to the number of years receiving the loan. Payment is due five years after each annual loan, except the five year due date shall be extended to recognize graduate school. Military service or Peace Corps service will count as residency in Fillmore County. The loan will not draw interest.
- Amount:** **\$1,500 per year- Renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - \$6,000:**
- Student maintains a 2.25 grade point average
 - Student must take at least 12 hours a semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
 - Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree

NORMA WAGNER MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Eligibility:** A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School who is **studying music or a music-related discipline** such as a music education. The scholarship will not be awarded just on the basis of academic accomplishments and financial need.

Amount: **\$15,000 per year - renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - \$60,000:**

- Student maintains a 2.75 grade point average
- Student must take at least 12 hours per semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
- Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree
- Minimum of 9 hour music courses must be taken per school year (fall and spring semesters)

Prior Scholarship - current music scholarship students previously awarded this scholarship will receive \$7,500 for the spring of 2026 and then will increase to \$15,000 per school year as long as they continue to qualify. Contact Frank Heinisch at email@hllawoffice.com if you have questions.

\$7,500 per year - renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - \$30,000:

- Student maintains a 2.75 grade point average
- Student must take at least 12 hours per semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
- Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree
- Minimum of one 3 hour music course must be taken per semester

Prior Scholarship - current music scholarship students previously awarded this scholarship will receive \$3,750 for the spring of 2026 and then will increase to \$7,500 per school year as long as they continue to qualify. Contact Frank Heinisch at email@hllawoffice.com if you have questions.

HENRY WAGNER MEMORIAL FARM SCHOLARSHIP (2)

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School who is pursuing a **degree in Agriculture or an Agriculture-related discipline**. The scholarship will not be awarded just on the basis of academic accomplishments and financial need.

Amount: **Two Scholarships, each \$4,000 per year -- renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - \$16,000 per student for each scholarship:**

- Student maintains a 2.75 grade point average
- Student must take at least 12 hours per semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
- Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree

KAY & JESS GRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2)

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School. Priority will be given to students who are above average students, but not in the top 10% of their class and have a desire to return to Fillmore County after completing their education. Number of years attending **Fillmore Central High School** will be considered.

Be sure to include a short paragraph detailing your plans to return to Fillmore County Nebraska.

Amount: **Two Scholarships, each \$5,000 per year** -- renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - **\$20,000:**

- Student maintains a 2.75 grade point average
- Student must take at least 12 hours per semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
- Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree

DR. CHARLES & JEAN ASHBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from a Fillmore County High School. Priority will be given to students who are in the **middle third** of their graduating class.

Amount: **\$1,200 per year** - renewable up to three years on the following conditions. Maximum - **\$4,800:**

- Student maintains a 2.0 grade point average
- Student must take at least 12 hours a semester or equivalent, if on quarter system
- Student is making reasonable progress toward a degree

NEIL F. HASSLER SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from **Exeter-Milligan-Friend High School**. Priority will be given to students who show financial need and their intention to return to rural Nebraska.

Be sure to include a short paragraph detailing your **plans to return to rural Nebraska**

Amount: **\$750** non-renewable.

BRENDA L. MUMM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1)

Eligibility: A Fillmore County Resident graduating from High School who may or may not attend a Fillmore County High School and is pursuing a 2- or 4- year degree in the **medical field**. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a 4-year degree.

Amount: **\$500 non-renewable**

RUTH I. BLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligibility: Fillmore County resident attending a Fillmore County High School who designates their status as a **Fairmont student**.

Amount: **\$1,000** non-renewable.

All decisions of the Fillmore County Foundation Scholarship Committee are final.

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