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Did You Know?

Since 1990, Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars has worked toward its commitment to provide post-graduate education and training to graduates of Cambridge-Isanti High School. Its mission stems from the belief that education has the power to improve lives and, ultimately, society as a whole.

Cambridge-Isanti donors should be extremely proud of the impact that they are having upon our young people. Their gift of education represents hope for a brighter tomorrow — not just for our student recipients, but for our community as well.

Why is C-I Dollars for Scholars so important?

Rising costs are closing the doors to higher education for many individuals in our community. Through C-I Dollars for Scholars we have the opportunity to make a strong, collective statement about the importance of education beyond high school. We can provide both encouragement and financial support for local students.

Keep Connected with C-I Dollars for Scholars

Like us, follow us, and spread the word! Show your support by liking and following our Facebook page, then tell others to do the same. And, by sharing our posts, you'll be giving valuable scholarship advice to the students in your life. We provide scholarship links, Chapter updates, and a variety of newsworthy topics on financial aid and more.

Claim a Scholarship

Scholarship monies are sent directly by CIDFS to the financial aid office after a student successfully completes their first college semester. Further instructions on how to claim a scholarship will be included in the student's award packet. Information is also available on our website.

C-I Dollars for Scholars Honors Jane Skogman



The Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars story began with a few local community members with a passion for helping students pursue post-secondary education. Elected in 1973 she was the first female member elected to the Cambridge-Isanti District 911 School Board and held that position until 2009. Jane began her role as a Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars board member in 1990. Today, at 93 years of age, Jane's support and passion for students continues as one of the longest serving Dollars for Scholars board members alongside President, Ray Hoheisel.

Jane has served diligently not only as a board member, but also was secretary for over 20 years, served on the Fundraising Committee and helped at the Phonathon.

Growing Success

- In 1990, four scholarships were awarded. The value of the scholarships that year totaled \$5,000.
- In 2018, 209 recipients were awarded scholarships. The value of the scholarships in 2018 totaled approximately **\$181,530**.
- To date, **\$3,011,830** has been awarded in scholarships since the start of the C-I Dollars for Scholars.
- The Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars Phonathon was initiated in 1994. That year, the student callers raised \$2,066.
- In 2018, the Phonathon student callers raised over \$17,390 in pledges during a two-night event. Actual paid pledges totaled \$22,893.
- To date, over **\$527,148** has been raised by the Phonathon student callers.
- Since our start in 1990, our donors have awarded **3,989 scholarships** to **3,655 Cambridge-Isanti students**.

Leave Your Legacy

There are many ways to give and leave a legacy to support deserving students' post-secondary educational success. C-I Dollars for Scholars accepts gifts of cash, appreciated securities, and other assets, including stock, life insurance, retirement assets, and real estate. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, all gifts to Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

We encourage CIHS alumni to join in with their classmates and establish a scholarship fund in their class name. All that's needed is 20 members of a CIHS alumni class to make a (one time or annual) \$50 tax deductible donation toward a \$1,000 scholarship in their class year's name. If you are planning a class reunion and would like information on starting an Alumni scholarship please contact us.

ANNUAL REPORT – 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

New Scholarships—Awarded on May 29, 2018 (2019 donors will be on next year's report)

- Steve Schwarten and family gave the Susan Porter Schwarten Memorial Scholarship of \$700.
- Tim Hitchings established the Vinyl Art Inc. Arts Scholarship for \$1,000.
- Mark Schnepfmueller gave the Cherish Schnepfmueller Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000.
- Melyssa and Anna Varsoke established two MelAnna, LLC. From Melyssa and Anna Varsoke Scholarships at \$500.
- Michelle and Brian Varsoke established two Premier Outdoor Products – From the Varsoke Family Scholarships at \$500.
- Michelle and Brian Varsoke established four VMPA, Inc. – From the Varsoke Family Scholarships at \$500.
- Scott and Karen Nelson family and friends endowed the Maddy Nelson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000.
- Family and friends of Dwight Maikkula gave the Dwight Maikkula Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500.

Donations Towards New or Existing Permanent Scholarships/Memorials Received in 2018 (2019 donors will be on next year's report)

- Rebecca and George Lieser added to Rebecca and George Lieser Scholarship, now providing a \$2,500 annual scholarship.
- Nancy Johnson added to her scholarship fund.

The 2018 scholarship recipients indicated plans to attend 51 different post secondary institutions.

- Anoka Ramsey Community College Cambridge Campus (40)
- University of Minnesota Duluth (10)
- Minnesota State Mankato (9)
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities (7)
- University of Wisconsin-Stout (5)
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls (5)

Accomplishments

- Awarded \$181,530 in Dollars for Scholars scholarships, compared to \$159,700 in 2017. The number of recipients was 209.
- Forty students received \$44,350 in scholarships to attend AARC – Cambridge Campus at the Thirty-Fifth Annual Scholarship night.
- Presentation about Dollars for Scholars given at CIHS financial aid night and senior class of 2019 meeting.
- Eleven 2018 scholarship recipients can apply for matching awards from these colleges: Alexandria Technical College (3), College of St. Scholastica (3), Southwest Minnesota State University (1), University of St. Thomas (3) and University of Southern California (1).
- Endowment funds reached \$829,775, up from \$768,360 in 2017.
- Phonathon results for 2018 were \$22,258 compared to \$19,720 in 2017.

Scholarships Increased in 2018

- East Central Veterinarian Scholarship increased from \$500 to \$750
- Cambridge-Isanti Music Teachers Scholarship increased from \$800 to \$880.

New Board Member Welcomed

Steve Gibbs, CIHS principal was welcomed to the board in August.

Thank you for your generosity and consideration in continuing my education. I plan on pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at North Dakota State University. Your support in my education is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much! MC

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Wall of Honor Changes

As of 12/31/2018

From Heritage to Generation (\$75,000 +)

- Tom and Mona Cameron Family

From Master to Heritage (\$50,000 +)

- Rebecca and George Lieser

From Foundation to Master (\$25,000 +)

- Cambridge Eye Associates, P.A.

Foundation (\$15,000 +)

- Maddy Nelson Memorial

From Builder to Foundation (\$15,000 +)

- Cambridge Lions Club
- Lewis and Barb Leasure
- Century 21 Moline Realty, Inc.

From Patron to Benefactor (\$5,000 +)

- Melissa Hutchens, D.D.S.
- Cambridge Drift Dusters
- Cambridge-Isanti Music Teachers Scholarship
- Rum River Quality Deer Management Association
- Cambridge Orthodontics, P.A.
- Richard and Judi Huempfer

Special Thanks: To Brenda Damiani, former CIHS principal, and Nate Reibel, school board representative, for serving on the board and supporting the scholarship efforts for CIHS students.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It means so much to me knowing people in this community are willing to support me in order for me to pursue my dream of going to college. I know it will be hard, but I am excited to start my journey.

