



## Annual Awards Night

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Fairmont High School

Tonight we will award 168 college scholarships totaling \$289,050.  
Since 1974, 4,697 scholarships have been awarded valued at \$4,767,629.

### New Scholarships in 2023

Scott Gerhardt Memorial, Robert Raymond and Anna Bartunek Flynn

Recipients, please sit near the front toward the left side of the stage. Proceed to the left stage stairway when the number in front of your scholarship is coming up. When your name is read, proceed to the microphone. State your name, college and year of study, major and career choice.

Recipients and donors, please go to your assigned table (indicated in parantheses after the recipient's name) immediately after the student has received the scholarship certificate.

- 1. Minnie Jorgensen.** This scholarship was created by Minnie's daughter, Marjorie L. McClain, a 1937 Fairmont graduate. → *Josie Bleess, Selma Bleess, Kaycie Brookens, Jack Hagen, Ellie Hernes, Lillian Higgins, Angelica Kerekes, Anna Utermarck, Andrea Westcott, Annika Wheeler [21]*
- 2. Dennis Murphy.** For a graduating senior involved in fine arts and athletics. → *Kate Busche, Johanna Petschke, Brendan Schmidtke, Cale Steuber, Sawyer Tordsen, Trey Tumbleson [41]*
- 3. Lorraine Balske Memorial.** A devoted Dollars for Scholars volunteer who was passionate about helping students. → *Jazlyn Geerdes, Mackenzie Householder, Paige Linse, Chantel Moeller, Jacalyn Reischl, Tabitha Thatcher, Lauren Wheeler [22]*
- 4. The Richardson Family.** Bill Richardson's father, Brad, was a Fairmont High School teacher and principal. → *Alex Dorow, Sophie Johnson [22]*
- 5. Fairmont Firefighters Relief.** Priority is given to children of Fairmont firefighters. → *Owen Burmeister, Gage Cyphers, Bryn Miller, Kaitlyn Scott [42]*
- 6. Fairmont Railway Motors Foundation/Richard and Maxine Wade.** Fairmont Railway Motors, established in the early 1900s, manufactured railroad equipment. → *Hadley Artz, Blake Hatfield, Jayden Smith [3]*
- 7. Gertrude Schissel.** These are two-year scholarships. One of these is a renewal, and two are for first-year college students. → *Hudson Artz, Lincoln Becker, Brooklyn Pfeffer, Cassidy Schultz [23]*
- 8. Gertrude Schissel.** Gertrude and Art Schissel, long-time Fairmont residents, gave money to a number of organizations. → *Yazayde Balderas, Cadence Breitbarth, Ian Fortune, Tegan Livesay [23]*

- 9. Herb & Jeannette Wolf.** Jeannette was a teacher in the Truman schools and Herb a teacher/coach at Fairmont High School. → *Vanessa Bliesmer, Thomas Klanderud, Laura Thompson [1]*
- 10. Marilyn Sweet Borchardt Education.** This award honors Marilyn, a single mom who worked hard to raise her family. → *Lacie Fetters, Jaylin Miller, Kyler Wolters [18]*
- 11. Schellpeper Family.** Renewable awards for students pursuing science studies. → *Gibson Berg, Hayden Clabaugh, Kainen Craig, Riley Henzler, Allison Janssen, Chloe Miller, Aiden Nelson, Hannah Neusch, Kady Pedroza, Carissa Saxton [24]*
- 12. Duane Schmicking.** Duane was a long-time Fairmont employee. → *Emily Hagen, Paige Hainy, Audrianna Lewison [30]*
- 13. Harold Metcalf.** The Metcalfs were great educational financial supporters. → *Beau Becker, Christina McGowan, Aden Welcome [30]*
- 14. Ashley Waterbury Memorial.** Ashley was a student at FHS. For a student in child care. → *Cambrie Anderson [37]*
- 15. Ashley Waterbury Family.** Preference is for a student who attended youth group at St. John's UCC, SJV or UMC. → *Macey Bearson [37]*
- 16. Beckman Scholarship.** For a student majoring in science. → *Jackson Francis, Skyeli Malo, Carson Pomerence, Maddy Schwieger [29]*
- 17. Budd Rich Family.** The Rich's seven children graduated from FHS and attended college. → *Lauren Green, Sabrina Segar [21]*
- 18. Casper & Mary Hegdal.** Cap Hegdal was on the board of Fairmont DFS for many years. → *Jaya Johnson, Rebecca Lunn [21]*

**Scholarship Recipients: Write a thank you to your donors.  
Please stay for refreshments and visit with your donor or a board representative who  
will visit the table number noted on the bulletin after your name.**

- 103. Vernon and Helen Peterson/Rollo and Nellie Crowther.** Both were farmers in Martin Cty. → *Katelynn Sommer [8]*
- 104. Bob and Ardella Schroeder/Major Nelson/Sentinel.** Preference is for a student in art. → *Gracia Heille [8]*
- 105. Dr. H. and K. Williamson, Dr. Andy and Janet Ruth, Fairmont Dentists, Mayo Health System.** Preference is for a student going into a health-related career. → *Faith Olson [8]*
- 106. Woodward Broadcasting.** Fairmont radio station scholarship for a FHS senior. → *Makayla Javers [34]*
- 97. Sagedahl Family.** All three Sagedahl children received Dollars for Scholars awards. → *Jenna Spencer [26]*
- 98. Scott Gerhardt Memorial.** Created by friends and family of Scott Gerhardt, a 1998 FHS graduate. → *Claire Nemmers [10]*
- 99. Sue Nelson.** Given in memory of Fairmont School's longtime business manager. → *Emma Schepmann [33]*
- 100. Tamara Schmidt Petschke.** Given in memory of Tamara by her parents. → *Madison Mitleham [4]*
- 101. The Churchhill Family.** Preference for this award is for a student studying at University of St. Thomas. → *Brycen Lutterman [4]*
- 102. Tom Mahoney.** Funded by Fairmont football players coached by Tom. → *Gavin Junkemeier [40]*

### You can receive up to four awards from us!

#### To apply for a 2024 award,

download step-by-step directions at <http://bit.ly/DFS2024>.

Be thorough as you complete AND UPDATE your profile as this gives you the most points in a competitive scholarship arena.

Applications are worth up to 200 points. When selecting award recipients, each application is given an identification number; these numbers, and not student names, are used for matching awards to student applications. Each section is worth up to the listed amount of points: Personal Data = 80 (Includes Activities, Work Experience, etc.) Current Grade Point Average = 80 Reference = 40

**If you receive a scholarship, be sure to log into your profile and accept the scholarship BEFORE July 31 OR contact the chapter with why you cannot accept your award or you may forfeit your scholarship.**

In mid-July, a check made out to the college listed on your Dollars for Scholars application will be mailed to your college. Contact Mary Granheim at fairmontdollars@gmail.com if your college choice changes, and make sure to update your student profile. If you have questions about your award or will graduate early, talk to our treasurer, Ryan Fett, in the commons tonight at table 20.

**Board Members:** President Joann Woodward, Vice President Chris Hasek, Treasurer Ryan Fett, Secretary Liz Wheeler, Nancy Baker, Mary Betts, Jim Davison, Teresa Davison, Emily Fett, Bruce Firkins, Wayne Hasek, Bob Huemoller, Lucas Miles, Laura Odgren, Kevin Pflingsten, Ben Rosol, Jim Simser, and Jim Wilson. Student Reps: Jack Hagen and Abi Peyman.

- 19. Arthur and Monica Wiebe.** Art built homes in Fairmont. → *Morgan Hoong, Chloe Murphy [21]*
- 20. Charles and Mary Kiester.** Charles Kiester is a 1954 Fairmont High School graduate. → *Aaron Hendricks, Aubrey Scholl [21]*
- 21. Douglas and Dorothy Richards.** Doug is a retired educator while Dorothy is a retired dietitian. → *Apoorva Komaragiri [2]*
- 22. Fred Sahr.** A U of MN graduate, Fred had a radio/TV shop in Fairmont. → *Karalyn Closs, Grace Miller [2]*
- 23. Hunt Fund.** These awards are part of Hunt Funds designated for student enrichment. → *Misty Geerdes, Jacob Rahn [20]*
- 24. Jeanne Barker Memorial.** Preference is for an art major and a student in graphic arts/pottery. → *Madison Northwick, Dominic Hegdal [22]*
- 25. John F. Cade.** John Cade, 1966 Fairmont High School graduate, was the founder of Cade Industries, an aerospace company. → *Ameya Komaragiri, Alexander Moeller [22]*
- 26. Linda & Mike Katzenmeyer.** For a student pursuing a career in nursing. → *Anna Busche [22]*
- 27. Pioneer Fund.** Jessie Luedtke established these scholarships in memory of J.D. & Emily Crowther & William & Cora Bird, early settlers in the Fairmont area. → *Sarah Hoffmann, Briana Joseph [22]*
- 28. Winnifred Eglin.** After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Winnifred returned to her alma mater Granada and taught home ec. → *Andrew Johnson, Gavin Rodning [5]*
- 29. A. Zinter Chorale, J. Bird, L. Baumann, H. Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. Ruble.** All former Fairmont educators. → *Faith Heille [5]*
- 30. Alice F. Peters.** Alice, a FHS graduate, funded this for a student at a four-year college. → *Connor Artner [5]*
- 31. Alison Lutterman Memorial.** For a female studying science. → *Grace Klunder [16]*
- 32. American Association of University Women—Fairmont.** For a female pursuing higher education. → *Kaitlyn Freese [6]*
- 33. Anna Rahn.** Anna lived to be 100 years old. → *Emma Hoffmann [6]*
- 34. Arthur & Leona Barke.** Preference is for a student in nursing or elementary education. → *Taylor Madsen [6]*
- 35. Avery Weigh-Tronix/ITW.** An award from employee donations and a company three-for-one-match. → *Elizabeth Petrowiak [6]*
- 36. Betty Aakre/Evelyn Bork Wilcox /Maybelle & Harvey Einhaus.** Betty, Evelyn and Maybelle were all teachers. → *Shannon Green [32]*
- 37. Bill Cahalan.** Established in memory of Bill, a former *Sentinel* reporter. → *Lathon Rogge [32]*
- 38. Blanche Kindstrom.** Blanche was a Fairmont Public School librarian for many years. → *Eden Becker [32]*
- 39. Bob & Liz Huemoeller.** For an accounting student. → *Daniel Betts [19]*
- 40. Bolton & Menk, Inc.** Scholarship is for a student in engineering or math/science. → *Lillian Laven [30]*
- 41. Calvin Gould III.** Awarded to an athlete with good character and leadership skills. → *Brock Lutterman [30]*
- 42. Chartwell and Minnesota Motor Bus.** Two of Fairmont Area School's vendors. → *Emma Schultze [30]*
- 43. Cynthia Lyn Spee.** For a student who has volunteered and is studying healthcare. → *Cadence Becker [30]*
- 44. Dale Balske.** Dale enjoyed Fairmont HS sports. Preference is for a male student/athlete. → *Daniel Brummond [30]*
- 45. David N. Stusse.** David Stusse is a 1966 Fairmont High School graduate. → *Jordan Wolter [30]*
- 46. Denise Ballman Schwieger.** Preference is someone in arts/media. → *Libby Totzke [34]*
- 47. Donald Keene.** Mr. Keene was an area distributor of agricultural products. → *Emily Kerekes [34]*
- 48. Dr. and Mrs. Jim Dick.** For a student pursuing ag studies. → *Amy Saari [36]*
- 49. Dr. Robert and Mary Arneson.** Bob was a high school teacher before earning his degree in dentistry. → *Hannah Goerndt [17]*
- 50. Education Minnesota Fairmont.** Fairmont teachers funded this for a student in education. → *Kelly Lopau [13]*
- 51. Ellis & Arlene Saxton/Class of 1946.** Preference is for somebody attending a technical college. → *Adam Wohlhuter [7]*
- 52. Elton & Ellen Kuderer.** Elton was involved in our chapter in the formative years. → *Mackenzie Carlson [7]*
- 53. Esther Brasie.** For a male FHS grad pursuing a degree in education. → *Brett Staab [20]*
- 54. Fairmont Class of 1960.** It is estimated that at least 85 percent of the class invested to create this award. → *Kelly Chen [37]*
- 55. Fairmont Class of 1965.** First fully endowed scholarship by a Fairmont HS class. → *Lauren Davis [25]*
- 56. Fairmont Class of 1968.** Created in 2014, this scholarship alternates between STEM and technical studies. → *Cooper Steuber [28]*
- 57. Fairmont Class of 1976.** Created in 2006, 30 years after this class' graduation. → *Kara Fischer [25]*
- 58. Fairmont Eagles Club.** The Fairmont Eagles' motto is "People Helping People." → *Nathan Rakness [33]*
- 59. Fairmont Early Risers Kiwanis.** Kiwanis motto is "Serving Children of the World." → *Alyssa Lutz [33]*
- 60. Fairmont Service Club, Lions, Rotary Clubs.** Fairmont service clubs' scholarship. → *Bailey Martinson [33]*
- 61. Fairmont Police Officer Association and Chad Petschke.** Preference for a student majoring in law enforcement. → *Yatzari Balderas [33]*
- 62. Fairmont Public Schools Employee Credit Union** → *Joharelyz Molina Rosario [14]*
- 63. First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.** To capitalize this fund, the bank donated monies based on Fairmont baseball and football scores. → *Alexis Newville [41]*
- 64. Florence Swanstrom.** Florence willed the chapter money to fund this scholarship. → *Jacob Crissinger [41]*
- 65. Frank and Madonna Milow.** Preference is for a student majoring in an agriculture program. → *Sara Sundblad [41]*
- 66. Gary Gjerstad/Martin and Dorothy Schamber.** Preference is for someone in music. → *Emma Gudahl [41]*
- 67. Geneva Flygare McCoun.** For a student at a liberal arts college. → *Janessa Nelson [41]*
- 68. Anne Nicole Gunther/Elsie Krueger/Leo & Lanore Seifert** → *Jebediah Green [20A]*
- 69. Helen Gould.** In memory of a stout supporter of Fairmont schools and students. → *Abigail Cihoski [20A]*
- 70. Herb and June Russ Family.** Herb and June were known for their volunteering. → *Campbell Krusemark [20A]*
- 71. James and Mary Humeston.** Jim was a Fairmont principal and Mary taught in Welcome. → *Kira Murphy [12]*
- 72. Jay and Eleanor Pieser.** The Piesers owned and operated the Fairmont Furniture Store. → *Shelby Harris [39]*
- 73. Jay Hauglid Memorial.** An avid sports fan computer science major. → *Piper Lebert [38]*
- 74. Jim and Winn Ann Simser.** For a student who demonstrates strong leadership. → *Mia Acosta [19]*
- 75. John F. Hayes.** Mr. Hayes was a 1932 graduate of FHS & a graduate of the U of MN, Mpls. → *Benjamin Griffin [42]*
- 76. Lloyd & Evelyn Alsworth.** Lloyd managed the Fairmont Airport for many years. → *Gracie Ziemer [27]*
- 77. Lura and Glenn Reed.** Preference is for a student planning to major in education. → *Anika Haugen [25]*
- 78. Lydia and R. E. Kietzer.** The Kietzers were local farmers who supported education. → *Kinze Stradtman [25]*
- 79. Mabel Rosenberg Eltgroth.** For a student pursuing education in studio arts or nursing. → *Kynlie Anderson [25]*
- 80. Mark and Sue Hamre.** The Hamres were FHS graduates. → *Anna Ehlert [25]*
- 81. Mark Boro Memorial.** Mark, a 2000 graduate of FHS, excelled in athletics and sportsmanship. Mark was a Business Administration graduate of Drake U. → *Benjamin Heinze [35]*
- 82. Marlowe and Jean Potter.** The Potters, Fairmont residents, annually fund this award. → *Alec Reutzel [41]*
- 83. Martin County Conservation Club.** This award is for a child of a member or a student in ecological studies. → *Allison Schwieger [15]*
- 84. Martin County VFW Post 1222 & Auxiliary, Jaycees.** Preference is given to a child of a VFW or Auxiliary member. → *Samantha Lenort [24]*
- 85. Maynard and Audrey Johnson.** Maynard taught mathematics and coached track at FHS for many years. → *Carolina Hernandez [23]*
- 86. Miller Fashions/G. Chapman/M. Evans/N. Godden/MARC** → *Landen Meyerdirk [23]*
- 87. Nettie Dorrance.** Nettie and her husband were farmers who supported education. → *Kaleb Hoye [23]*
- 88. Profinium Bank/Michael & Liz Garry/BPW/Herb Gunther/United Commercial** → *Calvin Guritz [23]*
- 89. Ray & Julia Dollen Miller Memorial.** Ray and Julia were parents of Lorraine Balske, a long-time DFS board member. → *Jack Kosbab [23]*
- 90. Reiter/Collins for Nursing.** Preference for a student going into nursing. → *Hannah Sanvig [23]*
- 91. Richard and Helen Gould.** For an all around good student involved in school activities. → *Corene Moeller [34]*
- 92. Robert and Verona Rock.** Preference for a student majoring in education. → *Samantha Castro [34]*
- 93. Robert Raymond and Anna Bartunek Flynn.** Created by their daughter Mary Margaret, a 1959 FHS graduate. → *Macy Berkness [19]*
- 94. Robert and Edna Sexe.** Bob, former Budd principal, funded this award in memory of his wife, Edna. → *Solveig Senf [19]*
- 95. Rod Heinrich Memorial.** For a student who played basketball at Fairmont. → *Maggy Totzke [19]*
- 96. Rudolf and Evelyn Peterson.** The Petersons had a strong interest in music. → *Jaxon Johnson [19]*