

Community Scholarship Award Recipients



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Denis Brown Scholarship Award

Recipient: Mallory Otsuka

Denis Brown, longtime director of the Stillwater Choir, gave so much to the musical life of the Stillwater community. The Denis Brown Scholarship is given each year to an outstanding student musician(s) who consistently contributed musically to the choir at Stillwater Area High School.

Geri Hamrock Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Gianna Zawislak

A scholarship has been established in honor of Geri Hamrock, who had a lifelong love of music, theater, science and nature. Geri would have been a 2014 graduate, but passed away in November of 2012. Recipients of this scholarship have been accepted into a 4 year undergraduate program, have been a member of the Concert Choir and wrote a short essay that demonstrates accomplishments in music along with the meaning that music brings to their life.

Julianne LeMay Memorial Scholarship

*Recipients: Carl Gross
Lyndsey Sellman*

Julianne LeMay, a 1972 graduate of Stillwater High School, participated in both band and choir. She continued playing music throughout her life, bringing joy to her family and friends. Her sister created this scholarship in honor of her life and love of music. The recipient of this award is a participant in an SAHS music program, has a GPA of 2.5 or higher and wrote an essay about how they plan to incorporate music into their adult life.

The Ringo Strong Scholarship

Recipient: Brooke Nelson

Rob Andringa was a wonderful man and friend to many. He was very active in the community and a proud supporter of Stillwater Pony Athletics, especially the Stillwater Girls Soccer program where his daughter Dara was a star athlete. Rob fought cancer head on and had an extremely positive outlook throughout his battle. He eventually succumbed to this terrible disease at the young age of 51. This scholarship is to honor Rob's memory, his incredibly positive outlook on life and his warrior spirit. His 4 F's (family, faith, friends, fun) are a great reminder to all of us as to what's really important. The Ringo Strong Scholarship will be awarded to a senior female soccer player who is a leader on and off the soccer field and in the classroom and is committed to making the world a better place for all.

916 Education Foundation Scholarship

Recipient: Reese Nodes

THE 916 EDUCATION FOUNDATION is a charitable organization that enhances teaching and learning through economic support to the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions Scholarship

*Recipients: Blaine Batchelor
Chloe Bispala
Olivia DeJarnett*

The Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions Club Scholarship is awarded to a student who lives in Afton, Bayport, or Lakeland, has a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and submits an essay highlighting a personal story of leadership in volunteerism, demonstrating the Lion's motto of "We serve."

American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship

Recipient: Rachel Francis

Each year, Stillwater NHs hosts an American Red Cross blood drive for the school and surrounding community. If the school reaches a certain donation goal, a scholarship is earned and may be given to a student that has contributed toward this goal. The student selected for this scholarship has dedicated the most time and effort to organizing and planning for the blood drive.

Arthur and Audrey Berggren Scholarship Awards

*Recipients: Vyan Abdullah
Amelia Brower
Tiffany Ehimare-omo
Casper Gabor
Grace Grant
Sunmisola Olagunju
Cayman Pagel
Sam Young*

Arthur Berggren graduated from Stillwater in 1925. He had great regard for the educational programs at Stillwater Area High School and the University of Minnesota. In 1985 the Berggrens created scholarships for students enrolling in one of the five University of Minnesota campuses. The categories for the 9 scholarships are "Academic," "Beneficent," "Lamplighter," "Written and Spoken Word," and "Young Scientist."

Building Trades Scholarship

*Recipients: Raymond Carbone
Trevor Hannan*

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must enroll in an adult apprenticeship program, vocational school or technical college. This scholarship supports students in their endeavor to pursue a career in the construction and building industry. The list of construction trades includes, but is not limited to, the following: Carpenter, Electrician, Mason, Plumber, Sheet Metal Worker or Welder.

Century College Kopp Leadership Scholarship

Recipient: Raida Noor

Century College offers this scholarship to a student selected by the Stillwater Area High School counseling department who demonstrates a commitment to leadership and community service as well as academic promise. Century encourages and supports the educational goals of applicants, awarding one Presidential Scholarship to each of the 11 east suburban schools. Recipients must be accepted and plan to attend Century College as a full time student in the fall.

Chuck Anderson Tennis Scholarship Fund

*Recipients: Carter Magistad
Haley Swanson*

This scholarship is awarded to a member of the SAHS Tennis team whose achievements and character indicate that they possess the dedication and competitiveness that Chuck Anderson was known for. Coach Anderson always made sure having fun was a major part of the equation for his players and team. He compiled more than 1,000 victories before passing away in the fall of 2005 at the age of 69.

Ken Meister Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Annaliese North

This scholarship is in honor of Kenneth Meister. Ken was a dedicated civil engineer and U of M Institute of Technology Alumni. He was the first in his family to graduate with a Bachelor's degree and stressed the value of good education to his children and grandchildren. The recipient must be attending a U of M Campus majoring in engineering.

Community Thread Scholarship

Recipients: Kiran Leonard

Raina Gosso

The Community Thread Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior who has a strong commitment to local volunteerism and demonstrates how volunteerism has made an impact on his or her personal life and community.

Dan Kilkelly Scholarship

Recipient: Shawn Stephens

Dan Kilkelly was a beloved Social Studies and Humanities Teacher at SHS. His motto, "live life to the fullest" was reflected in his love for life which he passed on to his students, children and community. Dan was active in everything from academics to athletics. He was a teacher who encouraged critical thinking, often sparking discussions around challenging issues. His warm smile and kind heart touched the lives of many. Although Dan died of a heart attack at the young age of 44 years, he truly lived out his belief in living life to the fullest." In 1980 a scholarship was created in his memory for a soccer player who best combines the ability, enthusiasm and dedication to the Pony Soccer Program. The scholarship has been resurrected to support students in following their post-secondary dreams.

DiaSorin Scholarship

Recipients: Zachary Nelson

Greta Wimberger

The DiaSorin Scholarship is awarded to two students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in biology or chemistry. Recipients have taken rigorous high school classes in science and submitted an essay outlining their future goals.

Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness Scholarship

Recipient: Ethan Stabenow

The Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness Scholarship is awarded to an alpine skier. Greg was a 1998 graduate of Stillwater High School who died in an avalanche in Grand Teton National Park in April, 2011. He competed on the Alpine Ski Teams at Stillwater Area High School and at St. Olaf College. He had a love for the mountains and the wilderness. An essay discussing a wilderness experience or a passion for the mountains was required.

Eagleview Wealth Management Group Financial Literacy Scholarship

Recipient: Jair Diaz

These scholarships are awarded to students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's degree in finance, economics or business. Scholarship selection was based on an essay regarding the applicant's educational plans, how this relates to their career goals, and why they feel financial literacy is important.

Emmett Jean Noland

Recipients: Nadwah Mohammed

Genevieve Schroepfer

It's the smallest things that take up the most room in our hearts. Emmett Jean Noland was the courageous son of Patrick and Jessica Noland and adored brother of Oliver. Our focus is providing yearly scholarships for kids to further their education in the fields of Technology, Engineering and/or Science.

Perennial Garden Club of Stillwater Scholarship

Recipient: Jack Ralston

Trillium is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota; National Garden Clubs, Inc. Through speakers, field visits, tours and an exchange of information among local gardeners, they promote the love of gardening and the natural world. They support civic and environmental responsibility through the planting and maintenance of a public garden across from the Lowell Inn in Stillwater and other public plantings, education programs for children through the Stillwater Public Library and distribution of books to local schools and libraries. This scholarship is for students majoring in Natural Resources, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Environmental Sciences or related fields. Eligible Applicants: 2020 Graduate of SAHS; Accepted at a 2-yr or 4-yr college or university; Majoring in Forestry, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Environmental Sciences or related fields.

Evelyn Elizabeth & Russell Karl Anderson Scholarship Fund

Recipient: Lucas Stephens

This scholarship has been established through the St. Croix Foundation. It is awarded to a student who will be attending a 2-year or Vocational/Technical school after high school.

Francis, Eunice & Vicki Petersen Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Jonna Swanson

Francis and Eunice Petersen, along with daughter Vicki Petersen were long-time residents of Stillwater and firm believers in higher education. This scholarship is given in memory of them by their remaining children. All five children were graduates from Stillwater Area High School.

Friends of the St. Croix Valley Scholarship

Recipient: Ethan Foote

Friends of the St. Croix Valley is offering a scholarship for students who have made a significant contribution to the local community through volunteer service. The scholarship may be used at an accredited university, college, community college, or technical school.

Gary & Mary Malmquist Scholarship

Recipient: Tiffany Ehimare-omo

This fund was established to assist graduates of Stillwater Area High School to attend a postsecondary Minnesota or Wisconsin state institution of higher education. Institutions include colleges, universities, trade schools, vocational schools or community colleges.

Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Recipient: Eve Vang

This scholarship is for a student pursuing a business degree in any field. The recipient must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year postsecondary program and show diverse involvement in the community.

Janet O. Gage Student Housing Scholarship

Recipients: Mikayla Tierney

This scholarship was created in honor of Janet Gage who served as a school counselor in Stillwater Area Schools for nearly 30 years. She was a graduate of Viterbo University, and was grateful to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration for the 11 years of quality Catholic education she received. In appreciation for her educational opportunities, she chose to create this scholarship for a student accepted and committed to attending Viterbo University.

Jean and John DeCurtins Scholarship

*Recipients: Tiffany Ehimare-omo
Ayiana Gabler*

Jean and John DeCurtins are brothers that graduated from Stillwater Area High School. Their scholarship seeks to support a student that may not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Applicants must attend a 2 or 4 year post secondary institution and pursue a career field that helps others.

John & Adrienne Gyllan Scholarship

Recipient: De'Jayah Andrews

This scholarship was established by the Gyllan family and is awarded to a student who attended the ALC (St. Croix Valley Alternative Learning Center) with intentions to pursue formal training in an apprenticeship, vocational training or a college degree.

Jon Francis Scholar - Athlete Scholarship

Recipient: Meredith Christensen

Jon Francis, class of 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School, was a three sport athlete in cross country running, track and Nordic skiing. Jon died in a mountain climbing accident in Idaho on July 15, 2006. His parents started the Jon Francis Foundation in honor of Jon's life. Stillwater Area High School Track and Cross Country participants are invited to apply for this scholarship. The applicants are required to respond to the following quote from Jon Francis: "It's not what we gather, but what we scatter, that defines the kind of life you have lived."

J.T. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Annaliese North

This scholarship has been established in memory of Jake "J.T." Mitchell who passed away November 2022 from Kidney failure. J.T. attended SAHS and the Bridge Transition Program; he would have graduated in the spring of 2023. This scholarship is offered to a student that plans to pursue a degree in a field that seeks to help people with special needs. The recipient submitted an essay about how they plan to make a difference in the lives of people with special needs.

Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club Scholarship

*Recipients: Jenna Phelps
Sam Young*

Stillwater Kiwanis was established in 2012 and is part of the global Kiwanis organization of volunteers. Through their service, Kiwanis members are dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis develops youth as leaders, raises funds for pediatric research and much more. Applicants for this scholarship must be an active member of Key Club who have received the Key Club letter for service.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship

*Recipients: Lizzy Kincaid
Will Teegarden
Cecilia Weber*

The Kopp family awards scholarships to students planning to attend a 2 or 4 year, vocational/technical, art institute, community college. Recipients wrote an essay about a person or event that had a positive influence in their life as they set their goals.

Lake Elmo Bank Community Scholarship

Recipients: Ramzy Youssef

Lake Elmo Bank has a tradition of community commitment. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior wishing to pursue a degree from a 4 year college or a vocational/technical college. Applicant must exemplify a commitment to the community through volunteer efforts or involvement with a local community organization.

Lake Elmo V.F.W Scholarship

*Recipients: Lyndsey Sellman
Jonna Swanson*

The purpose of the scholarship includes promoting and encouraging higher education for those individuals whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education.

Lakeview Health Scholarship

Recipient: Griffin Stone

The Lakeview Foundation scholarship is awarded to a student who has served as a Lakeview Health volunteer or has participated in the Lakeview Health/Hospital Explorers program.

LoAnn Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: John Halley

LoAnn worked at Stillwater Area High School for over 30 years, spending her final years as a Registrar where scholarships were of her utmost priority. LoAnn enjoyed seeking out students and helping them in the process of applying for scholarships and colleges. In addition to helping students with their post secondary plans, she spent countless hours working school events and cheering on Pony athletes. Sadly, her career was cut short due to Alzheimer's Disease. LoAnn will always be a part of the Stillwater Schools family.

Mark Ostertag Community Service Memorial Scholarships

Recipient: James White

Ostertag was a 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School. He earned a Carpentry Diploma from MN State College Southeast Technical in Red Wing, MN and a Construction Electricity Diploma from St. Paul College in St. Paul, MN. In addition to working as an electrician, Mark was also very involved in the community. He was a member of the Bayport City Council and Bayport Fire Department. In these roles he was very active in giving back to the community that he so dearly loved. Sadly, Mark died tragically in 2012. This scholarship honors his memory as well as his pride in working in the trades by awarding scholarships to students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, have completed an essay explaining why they chose to become involved in community service and been involved in their community.

Mark Ostertag Voc-Tech Memorial Scholarships

Recipient: Will Teegarden

This scholarship honors the memory of Mark Ostertag and is offered to a student entering the trades after high school. The recipient of this award must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and complete a short essay explaining what drew them to pursue a career in the trades.

Nicholas A. Henton Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Kasey Weiland

This scholarship has been established on behalf of Nick who died in November 2021 from a sudden heart attack at the age of 43. Nick was a proud Pony from the time he entered school at Lily Lake until his graduation from SAHS in 1997. He enjoyed the many activities offered in Stillwater Public Schools, was on the 1997 state tennis championship team and his creativity was sparked by the quality teachers and staff who educated him along the way. Nick was an artisan who made heirloom quality woodworking pieces.

Otto G. Bonestroo Scholarship

*Recipients: Hope Hiemke
Zoe Vandenberg*

The Bonestroo Scholarship is dedicated to a vision of doing more than just what is required, doing that little extra to help make a better future for all. It is a reward for hard work, honesty, foresight, education and leadership. The recipients intend to study in the field of engineering, technology, science or law.

Palmer-Rathert Medical Scholarship

*Recipients: Vyan Abdullah
Monique Micallef*

This scholarship was established in 1997 by the David H. Palmer and Laura Rathert family to support an annual award to two graduating seniors at Stillwater Area High School. In addition to high scholastic achievement and commitment during their high school tenure, scholarship recipients must commit to and enroll in a medical related program of study within nine months of high school graduation.

Para-Professional #834 Scholarship

Recipient: Jack Ralston

Approximately 250 paraprofessionals are employed by District #834. They work in different capacities in all of the schools as classroom assistants and support staff. This award goes to children or grandchildren of district paraprofessionals. This scholarship is awarded to students who have met the scholarship criteria of academic focus, commitment to school activities, and participation in community service.

Paxton Harvieux Scholarship

Recipient: Jaden Jones

The Paxton Harvieux Scholarship was established in honor of Paxton Harvieux, a 2011 Stillwater Area High School graduate who passed away in a car crash in 2014. Paxton impacted everyone he came in contact with. He was a young man that dreamed big and accomplished many things that most would dream to achieve in life. He was an extraordinary friend and leader on and off the basketball court. Paxton's family established the scholarship to recognize a Stillwater Ponies boys basketball player who, like Paxton, is a hard working student athlete and whose character makes him a leader.

Ponies Touchdown Club Scholarship

Recipient: Joe Hoheisel

The Pony Touchdown Club was created in 2012 to support Stillwater Area football at all levels. The scholarships recognize seniors planning to attend 2 and 4 year colleges who demonstrate superior, holistic achievement as student athletes with special emphasis placed on contributions to the Stillwater Pony football program. The recipients have made a significant impact on the football program while using the experience to become better people.

Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Recipient: Jane Whitcomb Fossum

The Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has had a life threatening disease, or has had a sibling or parent with a life threatening disease. Applicants wrote an essay about the effect the life threatening disease had on them.

Scandia Marine Lions Club

*Recipients: Belle Lapos
Libby Thibodeau*

The Scandia-Marine Lions Club Scholarship is awarded to students who attended Scandia or Marine Elementary Schools or currently live in the Scandia or Marine School communities. An essay detailing involvement in community, church, social groups and volunteer activities was required. Grades are also a factor in determining the winners.

Speaks Family Scholarship for Drama

Recipient: Mallory Otsuka

This scholarship has been established through the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. The award is given to a graduating senior who has been actively involved in drama and theater at Stillwater Area High School and who will be attending a 4 year college or university.

St. Croix Education Association Future Educator Scholarship

Recipient: Annaliese North

The St. Croix Education Association proudly calls the teachers and other certified educators of Stillwater Area Schools its members. In order to honor the field of education and its dedicated members, the SCEA has established a scholarship to recognize a graduating senior of Stillwater Area High School who plans to pursue the field of education. The scholarship shall be awarded in two installments. The selected recipient will receive the first installment during the first year of college. The remaining installment will be paid to the awardee when student teaching begins.

St. Croix Valley Athletic Association (VAA) Scholarship

*Recipients: Ava Woodruff
Ramzy Youssef*

The St. Croix Valley Athletic Association was organized in 1967 for the purpose of promoting and providing athletic programs for youth who reside in the communities throughout the Saint Croix Valley. The SCVAA is a volunteer organization that sponsors youth athletic programs for children ranging from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Stillwater Area Principals Association

Recipient: Sam Young

The Stillwater Area Principals Association (SAPA) is composed of building principals and assistant principals at the 11 schools/programs in the district. SAPA established a scholarship to recognize a graduating senior who has demonstrated positive leadership attributes in and out of the classroom during their K-12 experience in Stillwater Area Public Schools.

Stillwater Area Scholastic Cycling Association Scholarship

*Recipients: Molly Goheen
Jack Ralston*

This award is given to a graduating Stillwater Area High School student that has been active on the Stillwater Mountain Bike Team. They must have earned a Mountain Bike Team letter during their senior year. They also had to submit a 2 minute video essay on the topic, "Things I have learned about myself while on my bike."

Stillwater Chapter EP P.E.O. Scholarship

Recipient: Lavender Schleder

Award winners have demonstrated evidence of their potential for success. This includes the applicant's personal attributes, relational leadership, abilities and commitment to academics, extracurricular activities, community service and a well-balanced lifestyle. Criteria considered includes cooperation, communication, a kind and caring attitude in their interactions and service to others. Recipients exhibit passion and commitment to life and personal characteristics that indicate a high degree of potential to benefit from educational opportunities.

Stillwater Elks Scholarship Fund

Recipient: Wannapa Ponchantuk

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Tom and Raymond Johnson. The purpose of this scholarship includes promoting and encouraging higher education for those individuals whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education. It is awarded to a Stillwater Area High School senior who is a child or grandchild of a living Stillwater Elk who joined before 2020.

Stillwater Lions Club Scholarship

*Recipients: Tiffany Ehimare-omo
CJ Walsh*

The Stillwater Lions Club awards the Father Tom Phillips Memorial Scholarship as an acknowledgement of his service as their Secretary-Treasurer for 26 years. He loved public service, scholarship and always had a genuine sense of civility. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve" and Father Tom emulated this. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who best exemplifies these qualities.

Stillwater Rotary Club Scholarship

*Recipients: Leah Cody
Grace Hendrie
Sam Young*

Rotary International's motto is "Service Above Self". This scholarship is awarded to seniors who demonstrated success in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and through their volunteer efforts in the community.

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary STRIVE Mentoring Scholarship

*Recipients: Chaz DeMars
Croix DeMars
Halie Dwyer
Tiffany Ehimare-omo
Maddox Feiner
Matthew Felty
Peightan Gergen
Muhammed Ibrahim
Yasir Ibrahim
Uyen Nguyen
Elora Osei
Wannapa Ponchantuk
Arnold Ramirez-Torres
Anyia Roettger
Da'Jawon Smith
Dawit Tadesse
Atherio Welch*

STRIVE is a mentoring partnership between Stillwater Area High School, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club, Lake Elmo Rotary Club, and Stillwater Noon Rotary Club. The overall goal of the STRIVE program is to provide students with tools for success after high school while assisting them in making connections with their areas of interest. Community members such as business leaders, retired professionals, and caring adults volunteer their time to encourage, inspire and broaden the perspectives of over 40 juniors and seniors each year. The program emphasizes attendance, success in the classroom and service to the community.

Saint John's University/College of Saint Benedict's Educational Fund

Recipient: Thomas Cass

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is attending St. John's University or the College of St. Benedict. The donor is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School and experienced exemplary educational opportunities. The recipient must demonstrate strength of character, creativity, and an inquiring mind that is capable of original thought.

St. John's Lodge #1 Masonic Lodge Scholarship

*Recipients: Maria Drompp
CJ Walsh
Patrick White*

The Stillwater Masonic Scholarship is awarded to Stillwater Area High School graduating seniors who have a Masonic affiliation, such as a family member who is a Mason, Shriner or member of the Eastern Star.

Midwest Vending Voc-Tech Scholarship

Recipient: Will Teegarden

This award is offered by Midwest Vending. The recipient of this award submitted an essay explaining why post-secondary education is important to them. It is awarded to a student with plans to attend a vocational/technical apprenticeship or alternative education program.

St. Paul Foundation Challenge Scholarship

*Recipients: Peter Banister
Raina Gosso
Jie Lian
Quinlin Olson*

The St. Paul Foundation Challenge Scholarship is sponsored by retired Stillwater teacher Bill Simpson. This scholarship is awarded to students who have successfully navigated an educational challenge throughout their high school years.

The Robert & Diane Hagstrom Nordic Ski Team Award

*Recipients: Leo Dybvig
Annika Fuhrmann*

The Robert & Diane Hagstrom Nordic Ski Team Award will be given each year to one girl and one boy Nordic Team member upon successful completion of their senior year. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their leadership, character and perseverance on their respective teams. Selection will be made by the Nordic Ski Team coaches.

The Stippel Humanities Advanced Placement Award

Recipient: Sam Young

Courses that immerse in the in-depth study of the humanities encourage the critical thinking and communication skills that cultivate a more nuanced understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live, allowing for a richness of life otherwise not achieved. The Advanced Placement humanities encourage the development of the soft skills necessary for individuals to maximize success—regardless of the career path they choose. A merit-based scholarship, this award is intended for an exceptional student of the Advanced Placement study of the humanities.

Tozer Foundation Scholarships

Recipients: Reece Bastyr

Amelia Brower

Andrew Droske

Jordan Fauks

Gavin Lombardi

Luke Mace

Ian Parham

Lavender Schleder

Tyler Schroeder

Eve Vang

Alaina Voelker

Ava Woodruff

Cameron Winters

The Tozer Foundation was created in 1947 by the late David Tozer. Approximately 450 - 500 scholarships are awarded to students in Pine, Kanabec and Washington counties. Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis and based on financial need and above average scholastic performance.

Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship

Recipients: Tae Bertz

Megan Johnson

Mirra Lysne

Molly Lysne

Emily Olson

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic accomplishments, co-curricular achievement and active involvement in Trinity Lutheran Church. Recipients must have been baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Women's Business Bridge to Success Scholarship

Recipients: Olivia Braun

The Women's Business Bridge (WBB) provides women of the St. Croix Valley the opportunity, education and motivation to succeed and grow in business. The WBB leadership board facilitates, coordinates and fosters an environment where women can connect with and learn from others who have similar business objectives in an informal networking atmosphere. The goal for each WBB member is to develop lasting, trusting relationships in order to grow their business.

Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley Scholarship

Recipients: Maria Drompp

Jill Kulzer

Will Teegarden

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley offers scholarships each year to students graduating in the St. Croix Valley area who have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year college and come from a family whose parents or grandparents are active in or Veterans of the U.S. Military. Recipients were required to write a 200 word essay describing their service to others or how a military person has influenced them.

Frank Chaney Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Nicholas Mankowski

Sam Suro

This scholarship has been established through the St. Croix Foundation. It is awarded to a student who plans to pursue any field in "the arts" and can be applied to any school.

Rebecca Ann Leverty Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Sam Suro

Rebecca was a paraprofessional in ISD 834 for 21 years and was stricken at age 55 with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) from which she did not survive. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior who has been affected by a life threatening disease. The recipient must be accepted to a 2 or 4 year college and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. In addition to this, the recipient was asked to write a 250-500 word essay answering the following question, "How has the impact of a life threatening disease to you or your immediate family member influenced your higher education goals and what will this scholarship mean to you?"

Coach Wes Windmiller Scholarship

Recipient: Joe Hoheisel

This scholarship is in memory of Wes "Coach" Windmiller. He was the head coach for the Ponies, from 1948-1959. Coach was so respected by his players that when he passed, his pallbearers were all former players and they also decided to start a memorial scholarship. The Coach Windmiller Scholarship is given each year to an outstanding student athlete who has a passion for continuing education and teaching the game of basketball.

Rick Nichols Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Lake DeJongh

This scholarship is provided by the Chestnut Street Basketball Club in memory of Rick Nichols. Rick was an active participant in and supporter of Stillwater Area Basketball (and all sports) for nearly 20 years as a coach, parent, game official and player. Up to two scholarships are provided to deserving Stillwater Area High School graduating seniors intending to pursue post-high school courses of study at either a college, university or other post-secondary educational institution and participate in collegiate basketball. Comment end

