

# Davenport Schools Foundation

## Jan Mutum

### Educator Opportunity Scholarship



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**Scholarship History:** After an accident claimed her husband, Jan Mutum was left to raise their young children. She worked hard and sacrificed to meet the needs of her children, instilling in them the value of family, service to others, and education. All attended West High School and postsecondary education, and today each is making a difference in their respective spheres of influence. The Mutum family's hope is that this scholarship will support individuals who, in turn, will inspire a love of learning in the next generation.

**Eligibility:** This scholarship will be awarded to a Davenport Community Schools West High School graduating senior who is intent on entering the field of education – as a teacher, administrator, counselor, coach, etc. The Mutum family seeks to reward a student who is passionate about becoming a teacher, and who will celebrate and demonstrate the profession's benefit to society every day. This scholarship was created specifically for, and will be awarded to, students who have financial need.

**Requirements:** The successful applicant will:

- Seek an undergraduate degree in education or a related field, with the intention of a career centered on education.
- Have attained at least a 2.75 GPA during first seven semesters of high school OR an ACT of 24.
- Complete the attached application and a 300-word essay stating their desire to become an educator and how their background experience will assist this goal.
- File a FAFSA application with the Federal government, and include with this application a copy of the official result of the Student Aid Index (SAI) number from the Student Aid Report.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from an instructor who has knowledge of the applicant's educational preparation.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA each year in college, in order to renew the remaining yearly \$2,500 stipend to complete the up to \$10,000 scholarship award.

If awarded this scholarship a verification of enrollment (Student Information Form) must be submitted to the Davenport Schools Foundation office by **June 1**. Failure to submit the Student Information Form may forfeit an award. Award funds will be distributed to the institution of enrollment in August.

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**Award:** One scholarship will be awarded per academic year during the recipient's school awards ceremony in May. If no applicant is qualified, the scholarship will be carried over into the following year.

The scholarship amount is a four-year renewable endowed scholarship of up to \$10,000, (\$2,500 per year), depending on the fund's investment performance in any given year. Verification of community college, college or university enrollment is required before funds will be released to the school. The scholarship will be awarded to the most deserving applicant, as judged by a selection committee following a personal interview.

**Selection Committee:** The recipient is selected by the Science teachers at West High from seniors who have shown an interest in science and who intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university. Selection is based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, moral character, and community involvement. Applicants must also complete a 300-word essay outlining their purpose in going to college, their immediate objectives and their future goals.

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