

# Davenport Schools Foundation

## James L. Sparbel

### Memorial Scholarship



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#### **Scholarship History:**

This scholarship was created in 2025 by Kathy Sparbel in honor of her late husband, James L. Sparbel. Jim graduated from West High School in 1968. He taught Special Education in Behavioral Disorders in the Davenport Community School District and had a passion for government, history and civics. He was foremost an educator and believed in the importance of a strong and good education, both for personal fulfillment and as foundational for a healthy democracy. He saw understanding history and the lived experiences of others as crucial to building a better society and a more just world.

#### **Eligibility:**

This scholarship is intended to benefit a student from West High School, who is continuing his/her education and has demonstrated academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service. The goal is to award an annual scholarship of \$1,000, depending on investment performance, starting in 2026.

#### **Requirements:**

Applicants must have graduated from Davenport West High School or are on track to graduate with a 3.5 GPA and/or ACT of 26. In addition, they need to demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular activities and community service, along with a commitment to lifelong learning. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in the liberal arts and sciences (LAS) with an emphasis on social studies or foreign languages.

**Award:** This is an annual \$1,000, non-renewable scholarship.

**Selection Committee:** Applications will be reviewed and the winner selected by members of the Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship Committee.

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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