2025-2026 Descriptions and Requirements for SAHS Community Scholarships

Scholarships with the $ symbols require completion of the "financial information" section of the application.

Scholarship descriptions indicate if it is for a student with plans to attend a 2-year, 4-year, trade, vocational, technical school or military.

**All applicants/recipients must be a senior of Stillwater Area High School or St. Croix Valley ALC.*

Scholarships	Descriptions and Requirements
Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions **$1000 (3)** $ **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	A $1,000 Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions scholarship will be given to three graduating SAHS seniors who demonstrate a commitment to helping others now and in the future. Financial need may be considered and preference for one of the scholarships may be given to students pursuing trade or vocational school. A Lions connection is a plus. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Lives in Afton, Bayport, or Lakeland (including West Lakeland and Lakeland Shores) ● Have plans to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, vocational school or community college ● **Essay** of 250 - 500 words highlighting a personal story of helping an individual, group, or the community, demonstrating the Lion's motto of "We serve" ● **Submit a listing of volunteer hours or work hours**, exemplifying a commitment to improving the community or the lives of people in it. ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.
Annie Messelt Memorial **$1000** $ **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational Training** **Technical School**	Loved dearly by her friends, family, and community, Annie was an incredible 16 year old soon-to-be senior at SAHS who passed away unexpectedly while participating on a multi-week, traveling conservation effort during the summer of 2023. Annie had an absolutely fierce love of the natural world and was very active in her efforts to promote environmental justice. She had plans to pursue a degree in environmental science in college with a dream of spending her future dedicated to conserving and restoring the natural world. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to an individual who shares similar passions as Annie and to aid them in cultivating a beautiful future for themselves and for our world. Financial need or hardship will be taken into account when determining a beneficiary, but this scholarship will otherwise be awarded without regard to race, creed, gender, or national origin. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.

	● **Essay** of 1-2 pages describing your relationship with the natural world (i.e. environment) and how you plan to integrate environmental justice into your future (education, career, etc.)
Apple Autos **$2500**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational Training** **Technical School**	Apple Autos is a family run automotive dealership group that has been a pioneer of the best price philosophy. Serving their community has always remained at the forefront of their values and they recognize the incredible potential in young adults. They are thrilled to have the opportunity to support high school students through the Apple Autos Scholarship Fund. The Apple Autos Scholarship has a strong preference for students who are pursuing an education/career in the automotive tech industry. However, other technical/vocational school students or 2-year school students are encouraged to apply. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Student interested in pursuing an automotive-related field (strong preference) ● Attending a 2-year or technical school (strong preference – scholarship will open to 4-year students if no technical or 2-year student is found) ● **Minimum 2.5 GPA** (if your GPA is not quite 2.5 but you are pursuing an automotive tech field, we encourage you to apply) ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. Preference for some financial need demonstrated (whether that is FAFSA demonstrated, or they aren't receiving another scholarship from Stillwater; students receiving the NorthStar Promise Scholarship are eligible) ● Preference for some community service or community involvement
Berggren Academic **$12,600** **$9,000** **4year**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus. ● **GPA of 3.5 or higher** through the 1st Semester of their senior year. ● **Essay**: Submit a two page essay of your educational plans as they relate to your career goals. This is a major component in the selection process. *Finalists will be notified and will then prepare a three to five minute speech and answer selected questions at a special meeting before a committee of staff members from SAHS. Everyone that is selected as a finalist must attend their scheduled date (date TBD).* ***No Exceptions!***

Berggren Arts **$12,600** **$9,000** **4year**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships. This scholarship is for students involved in VISUAL or PERFORMING arts. For this scholarship, Applicants will submit samples of his/her artistic work (visual or performing arts). **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus. ● Performing Art Students: A music student will perform with an accompanist an 8 to 12 minute selection. ● Visual Art Stu**dents:** An art student is to submit a portfolio with 8 works; these must be original artistic creations displayed in an appropriate and professional manner, (for example, matted.) Visual Artists: SUBMIT YOUR PORTFOLIO TO THE ART DEPT. BY March 11, 2026 nisic@stillwaterschools.org or directly to Carey Nisi in A108) *Finalists will appear before a panel of three to five committee members to perform or to present his/her portfolio. This portion will count 40% toward determining the winner of the scholarship. After performing or presenting the portfolio, a prompt will be given. Each applicant will have 90 minutes to create an artistic response in one medium or interdisciplinary media. The applicant will have up to three minutes to present this response and seven minutes to discuss his/her creative solution. The creative problem will count 40% in determining the winner of the scholarship. 10% will be based on letters of recommendation and the remaining 10% will be judged on overall impression.* **Finalists will be notified through school email to schedule a time to meet with the panel.*
Berggren Beneficent **$12,600** **$9,000**  **4year**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships.

	Requirements: ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus. ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. ● **Essay:** Submit a one page essay on factors such as personal crisis in your family, unemployment or parent/guardian, or other related factors that might affect your financial plans for your post-secondary education. Please also include your educational plans as they relate to your career goals.
Berggren Lamplighter **$12,600** **$9,000** **4years**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus. ● **Read** Arthur Berggren's statement defining "Lamplighter" and explaining the "Lamplighter" scholarship. ● **Essay:** Write and submit an essay of 300 words or less outlining your goals and your ability to make a difference as a "Lamplighter". **The Arthur E. Berggren - Lamplighter Scholarship Statement** Today, we can put man on the moon, but man still huddles fearfully in the dark ages. All of earth's children are afraid of the darkness because there are hobgoblins out there whom they think will do them harm. And the hobgoblins fear us because they think we want to kill them. But since everyone knows that hobgoblins can exist only in the dark, we can banish fear by simply lighting up the world. And there is hope. From every corner of the world, voices of reason are being heard. They are the lamplighters who begin to brighten the hopes of humanity. Our world needs many lamplighters. Teachers who care can lead the way. Statesmen must replace our politicians. Journalists should educate. But if the senior class of Stillwater Area High School and the University of Minnesota can produce a super lamplighter…that would be even better than being #1 in football. During April of your graduating year, representative senior students will be asked to choose a winner of this scholarship; the classmate whom they think may in one way or another, make a difference; a dreamer who has the intelligence, the courage and the will to make dreams come true. Without a crystal ball, it is very hard to know how tall one of your classmates may grow…but students are often very good judges of their peers. *- Arthur E. Berggren* **Your application and essay will be read and ranked by a committee of senior class members selected for this purpose. Student names on the essays will be*

	blacked out during the processing of this scholarship because of confidentiality. This committee will also consider the personal qualities of the applicant to determine which one best fits Arthur Berggren's definition of a "Lamplighter" for this class. *The senior class is given great responsibility, and students in the class become importantly involved. Arthur Berggren said "I wrote the hobgoblin piece to lead the student body into serious thought." "Today, greed seems to have dethroned decency. Hopefully, my statement may encourage parents to remind young minds that helping one another should come back in style."*
Berggren **Spoken &** **Written Word** **$12,600** **$9,000** **4year**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus. ● Applicants must submit a portfolio that contains **five samples** of his/her written works ranging from the formal to the imaginative. ● Copies must be clean and free of any teacher comments. ● The student must include a signed statement verifying that all work in the portfolio is original. ● Submit writing samples from five of the 8 following categories: ○ *personal essay* ○ *short story or narrative* ○ *poem* ○ *academic or thesis paper* ○ *journalistic or editorial writing* ○ *autobiography* ○ *humorous writing* ○ *speech script or one-act play* *Finalists will be asked to write a supervised impromptu essay and present an assigned speech at a date and time to be announced. The essay topic will be selected in advance by the scholarship committee. The speech should be a minimum of four minutes but not exceed eight minutes. The committee's decision will be based on a combination of teacher recommendations, a portfolio of writings, an impromptu essay, and an original oral presentation. Everyone that is selected as a finalist must attend their scheduled date (date TBD).* ***No Exceptions!***
Berggren **Young Scientist** **$12,600**	**The Berggren Scholarships are for any University of Minnesota campus. Two winners for each category: $12,600 and $9,000 distributed over 4 years. YOU CAN APPLY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE *BUT YOU CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE*.** **All Berggren scholarships minimally require:** an acceptance letter to

$9,000 **4year**	any U of M campus; Twin Cities, Crookston, U of M-Duluth, Morris or the Rochester Campus. *(you may turn-in acceptance letter at a future date if you have not received it by due date)* You may apply for as MANY Berggren Scholarships as you want, (as long as you meet the individual requirements for each scholarship), but may be awarded only **one** scholarship. Even if you are undecided about your college choice and have applied at a U of M campus, we encourage you to apply for these scholarships. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a University of Minnesota campus ● **GPA in science of 3.30 or higher** and an **overall GPA of at least 3.30** ● **Essay:** Submit a well-thought-out paragraph for each of the following describing your reasons for wanting a Berggren scholarship. (This is a major component in the selection process) ***continued on next page……*** ❖ What are your career goals? ❖ Why is science research important to our society? Please describe in your own words. ❖ Why are you interested in a career in science and what do you hope to gain from your experience at the University of Minnesota? Applicants must mention in their paragraphs any research experience they may have been involved with i.e., science fairs, science clubs, science projects. This research experience must be validated by a teacher's signature. *Finalists will be interviewed by the decision panel. Everyone that is selected as a finalist must attend their interview date (date TBD).* ***No Exceptions!***
Building & Mechanical Trades, or Apprenticeship Program **$2000 (2)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School** **Apprenticeship**	Two students who are enrolling in an adult apprenticeship program, vocational school, technical college, or 4-year institution will each be awarded a $2,000 scholarship. The list of careers includes but is not limited to the following: aircraft mechanics, auto technician, auto body repair, carpentry, construction, electrician, engine repair, HVAC, mason, material moving, plumber, refrigeration, roofing, sheet metal and welder. **Requirements:** **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application and unofficial transcript **only**) ****For this scholarship you are <u>NOT</u> required to submit a Personal Statement.***
Century College Kopp Leadership **$1000** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	The Century College Kopp Leadership Scholarship is a $1000 scholarship applied over two semesters. It is awarded to students who have already applied and been accepted to Century and have demonstrated a commitment to leadership and community service. What is unique about this scholarship is that the high school may choose one student based on the criteria of the scholarship, without any input from the college. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Student needs to have applied and been accepted to Century College ● **Letter of Acceptance from Century College**

Chuck Anderson Scholarship Fund **$500 (2)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	The purpose of this scholarship is in recognition, honor and memory of Chuck Anderson. A senior girl & boy SAHS tennis player whose achievement and character indicate that she/he possesses the dedication/competitiveness that Chuck Anderson had will be awarded this scholarship. Coach Chuck 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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **SAHS tennis athlete**
Dan Kilkelly **$1000**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	Dan Kilkelly was a beloved Social Studies and Humanities Teacher at SAHS. 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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 2.5 or higher** ● Attend 4 year, vocational or 2 year post-secondary institution ● **Complete the “Financial Information”** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. ● **Essay:** Submit a 500 word essay defining and demonstrating how you live life to the fullest. Give examples of community involvement, academics and/or athletics and critical thinking/problem solving.
DiaSorin Inc. **$1000 (2)** **4year**	DiaSorin is a global leader in the laboratory diagnostic market, specializing in the immunodiagnostics and molecular diagnostics segments. We are a unique company with the experience and innovation to effectively partner science and automation. Scholarships will be awarded to graduation seniors who plan to pursue a degree in the field of STEM. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution. ● **Essay:** Submit a one-page essay that describes why you are interested in a career in STEM.
Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness **$4000**	One $4000 scholarship will be awarded to a male or female member of Stillwater’s alpine ski team. Dr. Greg Seftick was a 1998 graduate of Stillwater High School who died in an avalanche in Grand Teton National Park in April 2011. Greg developed his skills as a member of both Stillwater and St. Olaf College’s alpine ski teams. After graduation he became a passionate backcountry skier who loved the mountains and wilderness. Applicants should

4year **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	have a similar love of nature. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● A member of the Stillwater High School alpine ski team ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher** ● **Essay:** A one page essay discussing a wilderness experience or a passion for the mountains
EagleView Wealth Management Group Financial Literacy **$1000** **4year**	This financial literacy scholarship will be awarded to a student who is intending to pursue a Bachelor's degree in finance, economics or business. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution. ● **GPA of 3.00+** ● **Essay:** Short essay on your educational plans and how they will relate to your career goals, why you feel financial literacy is important and plans after receiving your college degree
EagleView Wealth Management Group Ringo Strong Scholarship **$1000** **4year** **2year**	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 EagleView Wealth Management Group 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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Must be a senior girl Pony soccer athlete.** ● **Essay:** in 250-500 words, explain how the Stillwater soccer program has impacted you as a student athlete. What being a part of a team means to you. How you've positively impacted those around you.
Evelyn Elizabeth & Russell Karl Anderson Scholarship Fund **$2000** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Plans to attend a 2-year or Vocational/Technical school

First State Bank And Trust Community Impact Award **$1000** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training Technical School**	First State Bank and Trust Community Impact Award First State Bank and Trust is your hometown community bank that first opened its doors in 1914. We take great pride in its economic development and philanthropic support, as well as its events sponsorship, staff volunteering, and board leadership on several local nonprofit organizations to serve the needs of the St. Croix Valley. First State Bank and Trust reinvests back in the communities that we live, work, and play through sponsorships and donations to local organizations. In addition, our employees volunteer countless hours with various organizations in our local communities. First State Bank and Trust is committed to investing in the future of our community. This scholarship is designed to support a graduating senior who has shown exceptional involvement in school, community service, and personal growth. FSBT believes that empowering young leaders helps strengthen the communities we serve. Criteria: A graduating senior who has demonstrated involvement in community service or volunteer work who participates in school clubs, athletics or leadership organizations. Special consideration will be to seniors who have demonstrated involvement in community service or volunteer work who have an interest in pursuing a career in business, finance, economics, or public service. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community ● Minimum GPA 2.5 ● Essay should answer the following questions with a minimum of one page and a maximum of two pages. ○ Describe your involvement in school or community activities and what you've learned from these experiences. What are your future educational and career goals? ○ How have you demonstrated leadership in your school or community? ○ FSBT values integrity, community, and service. Describe a time you demonstrated one of these values and how it shaped you. ○ What role do you believe financial literacy and responsibility play in building strong communities
Francis, Eunice & Vicki Petersen Memorial **$500**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training Technical School**	Francis (Frank), Eunice and 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 High School. This scholarship is solely based on financial need. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Plans to attend a post-secondary 2-year or 4-year school ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.
Friends of the St. Croix Valley **$500**	Friends of the St. Croix Valley is offering a scholarship for students who are involved in volunteer service: community, school, religious, etc. The scholarship may be used at an accredited university, college, community college, or technical school. Preference will be given to students demonstrating financial need. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed

4year **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Minimum GPA 2.5** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution.
Geri Hamrock Memorial **$750** **4year**	Geri had a lifelong love of music, theater, science and nature. She was an alto in the Concert Choir, a member of Vagabonds, and did volunteer work at the Science Museum of Minnesota-St. Croix Watershed Research Station. Geri would have been a 2014 graduate, but passed away in November 2012. She was kind to all she met, she cared greatly for others and was always ready to help and offer encouragement to her fellow students. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited 4-year, post-secondary institution. ● High school curricula should show membership in the Concert Choir ● **Essay:** brief essay that demonstrates accomplishments in music along with the meaning that music brings to your life, and your plans for pursuing music in college
Greater Stillwater Chamber Foundation **$1000** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	One scholarship of $1000 will be awarded to a student entering the trades. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from a trade/vocational/technical school. ● Show a diverse involvement in their community ● Community Service/Volunteer hours are a plus and encouraged ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher**
Isaac Schuman Foundation Scholarship **$2000** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	For young people pursuing a career in the trades industry. This program aims to provide financial assistance to those who, like Isaac, are determined to make a difference and achieve their aspirations. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Plans to attend a trade/vocational/technical school ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher** ● **Essay:** 700 word or less essay demonstrating your passion for kindness and generosity through adversity you've faced, as well as your life and career aspirations that you need help achieving.
J.T. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship **$1,000**	This scholarship has been established in memory of Jake "J.T." Mitchell who passed away November 2022 from Kidney failure. J.T. attended Stillwater High School and the Bridge Transition Program; he would have graduated in the spring of 2023. J.T. was a wonderful young man who had Down Syndrome. He was supported throughout school and his daily life by so many wonderful people

4year **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical Schoo**l	who went the extra mile to serve people with disabilities. His life was made immeasurably more complete with every interaction and this scholarship, while in memory of J.T., seeks to give back to someone entering a field of service to those with special needs. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Pursuing a degree, certificate, or trade in a field that seeks to help people with special needs. E.g., Tech school licensure/certification (CNA, phlebotomist, etc) - 4 year degree (OT, PT, Teacher, Nurse, etc…) ● **Essay:** minimum 4 paragraphs on how you plan to make a difference in the lives of people with special needs. Describe in your essay how your chosen field will benefit people with special needs. ● **List volunteer activities** you have been involved with both in and out of school. Special consideration given to TRUST buddies and/or unified partners.
Jean DeCurtins & **John DeCurtins** **$1000 (2)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	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. Two students will be awarded $1,000 each. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. Financial need is a primary factor ● Plans to Pursue a 2 or 4 year degree ● Plans for a career in the helping profession (ex: teacher, physical therapist, nurse, teacher's aide, radiologist, counselor, social worker, law enforcement, criminal justice, home health aide, paralegal, emergency medical technician)
John & Adrienne **Gyllen Scholarship $2,500** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	This scholarship is to be awarded to a student in the ALC (St. Croix Valley Alternative Learning Center) who shows a desire to pursue formal training in an apprenticeship, vocational training or a college degree. This student must show that they are in need of financial aid. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. ● Must be a student of the **St. Croix Valley ALC** ● **One letter of recommendation** from a St. Croix Valley ALC faculty member.
Jon Francis Scholar - Athlete **$4000**	Jon Francis, class of 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School, was a three sport athlete in cross country running, track and Nordic skiing. ***While serving as a Youth Minister in Utah and Idaho*** Jon died in a mountain climbing accident in Idaho, on July 15, 2006. His parents ***created*** the Jon Francis Foundation in honor of Jon's life and ***ministry.*** **Requirements:**

4year **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher.** ● **Participation in Cross Country, Track, or Nordic Ski**: must have been on the team for at least one season during high school. ● **Read the** Award Winning Memoir, "Bringing Jon Home" (pdf version in SchooLinks or hard copy available in the CCC). ● **Essay:** 250 - 500 words responding to all three questions below ❖ Describe how you felt after reading "Bringing Jon Home" ❖ Briefly describe Jon's ministry. What did Jon scatter? ❖ What do you hope to do in the future to "scatter", to make a positive difference in the world and to touch and inspire others? ***The recipient of this scholarship will receive $1000 each year.***
Julianne LeMay Memorial Scholarship **$1,000 (2)** **4 year**	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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 2.5 or higher.** ● **Participant in a school-sponsored music program** ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited 4-year, post-secondary institution. ● **Essay:** minimum 300 words on how you plan to incorporate your love of music into your adult life.
Kopp Family Foundation **$500 (3)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	**Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 2.70 to 3.30**. ● Scholarships are awarded for both 2-year/vocational-technical programs and for 4-year accredited colleges or universities. ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.
Lake Elmo Bank **$1000** **4year**	Lake Elmo Bank is a local, community bank with a tradition of community commitment. This $500 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating SAHS senior wishing to pursue a degree either from a 4-year college or a 2-year vocational technical college. Applicants must exemplify a commitment to the community through volunteer efforts or involvement with a local community organization. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement)

2year **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	● **GPA of 2.5 or higher** ● **Essay:** Minimum one page on their community involvement and how this scholarship will benefit their education plans. ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.
Lake Elmo V.F.W. **Irrevocable Trust Scholarship Fund** **$5000 (approximate)**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	The Lake Elmo VFW Irrevocable Trust was established to commemorate the members of the Lake Elmo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5725 and Auxiliary, who have served their country overseas in war, conflict, or other combat action. This scholarship honors the courage, bravery, and sacrifice of these veterans, whose legacy lives on through the trust. **Multiple scholarships with a combined value of approximately $5,000 will be awarded to students based on their academic standing, extracurricular activities, and good citizenship.** The purpose of the scholarship is to foster and promote higher education for individuals whose academic accomplishments and personal qualities suggest that they have the potential to succeed in higher education. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Be a graduating student of Stillwater Area High School or a graduate of Stillwater Area High School *or* be a child or grandchild of a legacy Lake Elmo VFW or Auxiliary member ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. Your family income needs to be less than $150,000. *There are no income limits or Stillwater graduation requirements for legacy Lake Elmo VFW Post 5725 and Auxiliary children or grandchildren.* ● **Essay:** 250-500 words, using one of the prompts below: *Option 1:* Describe how veterans and/or active military members have impacted your life and why. *Option 2:* Describe what you have done to support veterans or active military in your community, state and/or nation. Once selected, a student maintaining a "B" average or its equivalent as indicated by official record will be eligible to apply for a renewal of this scholarship for up to three (3) additional years. Application for renewal is solely the responsibility of the student.
Lakeview Health **$2000** **4year** **2year**	The Lakeview Foundation has established a $1,000.00 scholarship. This scholarship is for either a 2-year or 4-year school. **Requirement:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Must plan to enroll in a program of study involving healthcare at an accredited college/university ● Served as a Lakeview Health (including Foundation, Hospital, Clinic, and Hospice) volunteer.
LoAnn Johnson Memorial **$1000**	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 helping students in the process of applying for scholarships and college. She could often be found searching out potential scholarship candidates. When not helping kids with their post secondary plans, she spent countless hours

4year **2year**	selling tickets to events and cheering on the Pony athletes. Sadly, her career was cut short due to Alzheimer's Disease which robbed her of her continued plans as part of the SAHS staff. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA: 3.0 or higher** ● Active member in sports/activities ● Plan to attend 2 or 4 year college ● **Essay:** 250-400 words responding to the question, "How has having a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease impacted your life?"
Midwest Vending **Voc-Tech** **$500** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	Midwest Vending supports students at Stillwater Area High School by offering a scholarship to assist a graduate in furthering their education at vocational/technical, apprenticeship or alternative education programs. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Applicants must plan to attend a vocational/technical apprenticeship or alternative education program. ● **Essay:** responding to the prompt, "Why is a Post-Secondary Education Important to You?"
Nicholas A. Henton Memorial **$1000** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	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. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Plans to pursue a degree to become licensed as an Art, Physical Education or Technical Education teacher, or a building trades certification. ● Must be involved in an activity/activities. ● **Essay:** Write a 4-6 sentence paragraph on what makes you a proud Pony!
Otto Bonestroo **$2500 (2)** **4year** **2year**	The Bonestroo scholarship is dedicated to a vision of doing more than just what is required. It exemplifies doing that little extra to help make a better future for all of us. We will consider both academic and extracurricular activities (both school sponsored activities and outside activities). **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution. ● **GPA of 3.0 – 3.6** ● Interest in **pursuing a degree in Engineering, Technology, Science or Law.**

Palmer-Rathert Medical **Up to $2500 (2)** **4year**	Applicant who is enrolling in an undergraduate program with the intention of attending medical school. Two non-renewable scholarships of $1000 will be awarded each year with $1,000 to be paid during the student's freshman year and $1,500 paid upon enrollment in medical school. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **3.5 GPA or higher.** ● 3 years of science and math. ● Selection will be based on academic performance, leadership, and expressed interest in a career as a doctor. ● **Essay:** include a short essay on your plans as a medical student. **Please only apply if you are planning on a career as a physician or medical researcher (physical therapy, nursing students, do not qualify for this scholarship).**
Para-Professional #834 Scholarship **$500**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	Applicant who is a child/dependent or grandchild of an ISD #834 Para-professional (Full-Share Member) are eligible to apply. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Must provide name of relative and place of employment. ● **Essay:** Each applicant is required to submit a "Personal Goals/Accomplishments" essay ● **Minimum GPA of 2.5** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. The recipient of this $500 scholarship must plan on attending an accredited postsecondary college, technical school, trade school or community college. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
Perennial Garden Club of Stillwater Trillium Chapter **$500**  **4year** **2year**	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: 2026 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. *Perennial Garden Club of Stillwater - Trillium Chapter continued on the next page…* *Perennial Garden Club of Stillwater - Trillium Chapter continued:* **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 2.0 or higher** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS

	Community scholarship application. ● **Essay:** One page or less describing your career goals, commitment to the chosen area of study, personal characteristics that warrant the award, and why you should be the recipient of the award.
Ponies Touchdown Club **$1000** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	Stillwater Area High School senior football players have the opportunity to apply for a $1,000.00 scholarship to any school established by the Ponies Touchdown Club. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Essay:** 300 - 500 words explaining why you feel you would be a good candidate for the scholarship and what football has meant to you. Please explain how the Stillwater football program has impacted you as a student/athlete.
Rebecca Ann Leverty **$500** **4year** **2year**	Becky 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. Appropriate applicants will be male or female students at Stillwater Area High School who have had a parent or themselves be affected by a life threatening disease. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Letter of Acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution. ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher**. ● **Essay:** In 250-500 words, How has the impact of a life threatening disease to you or an immediate family member influenced you to pursue your higher education and what will being awarded this scholarship mean to you?
Richard N. (Dick) Olsen Memorial **$2000 (Multiple)**  **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	Dick was a 1953 graduate of Stillwater High School and a lifelong Stillwater Pony sports fan. He was a three-sport, all-conference athlete in football, basketball, and track. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Must be a senior Pony football athlete (JV or Varsity)** ● Have a minimum of **48 hours of community service** within the last calendar year ● Must submit a **letter of recommendation** on church letterhead from a priest, pastor, minister, faith leader, or youth minister, explaining how the applicant has participated as a member of the faith community ● **GPA of 2.0 or higher** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. This gives the applicant extra selection points. The $2000 scholarships will be granted for acceptance at a community college, trade school, online, or four-year college. Dick was a man with a golden heart that made **"dreams come true"** for many in the St. Croix Valley.

Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund **$2500** **4year**	Sandy Gibson Anderson was a beloved mother, sister, wife, and friend to all. Her actions reflected an insurmountable love for life which she passed down to her two children. To Sandy, education was of utmost importance but never came before her love for family. She lost the battle to breast cancer in 2015, but her memory persists in the passions of her loved ones. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher**. ● Plans to attend a 4-year College or University ● Have been affected directly (themselves) or indirectly (parent or sibling) with a life threatening disease ● **Essay:** 500 word reflection on your experience being directly (yourself) or indirectly (parent or sibling) affected with a life threatening disease and it has shaped you.
Speaks Family **$1000** **4year**	A $1000.00 Scholarship has been established at the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Actively involved in drama and theater at SAHS. ● Must have plans to attend an accredited four year college or university. ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application.
St. Croix Education Future Educator **$2500** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	The St. Croix Education Association (SCEA) 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 $2500 scholarship to recognize a graduating senior of Stillwater Area High School who plans to pursue the field of education in college. The scholarship shall be awarded in two installments. The selected graduating senior will receive $1000 during his/her first year of college. The remaining $1500 will be paid to the awardee when he/she begins student teaching in order to help offset expenses incurred during that portion of the education program. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA 3.0 or higher** ● Plans to attend a 2 or 4-year college ● Intention to pursue education as a major or program of study ● **Essay:** 250 words for each response to the two questions below. Question 1: Explain why you wish to pursue a career in education Question 2: Describe a teacher from your educational experience who represents the kind of teacher you hope to be **Please note: By applying to the SCEA Future Educators Scholarship, you grant the SCEA the right to use your essay responses in future publicity and to share them with any educator mentioned in the essays.*
St. John's Lodge #1 Masonic **$2,000 (1-3)** **4year**	Scholarship(s) will be awarded to a Stillwater High School graduating senior who has a Masonic affiliation, (i.e. father is a Mason, uncle is a Shriner, mother is in Eastern Star, etc.). 2 year and 4 year school applicants accepted. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial

2year **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	transcript, personal statement) ● **Please state the Lodge your family member is affiliated with.**
St. John's University/College of St. Benedict's Educational Fund **$6000/year**  **4yr**	The award for this scholarship is $6,000 each year for four years for a male or female student who plans on attending St. John's University/College of St. Benedict are eligible to apply. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **3.0 GPA or higher.** Recipients will be selected on the basis of scholarly attainment ● Strength of character & demonstration of creativity ● **Letter of acceptance** from St. John's University or The College of St. Benedict ● **Essay:** state your educational plans as they relate to your career goals is required ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. For renewal, students must demonstrate financial need each year of renewal. *The finalists will meet with the Building Leadership Team for an interview in which the student will present a 1 - 2 minute speech (topic to be determined)*
Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club **$500 (up to 4)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	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. They develop youth as leaders, raise funds for pediatric research and much more. Great things happen when you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **GPA of 2.50 or higher** ● Active in Key Club through their senior year ● Receiving the Key Club letter for service under the current guidelines ● Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary school
Stillwater Area Principals Association **$1500** **4year** **2year** **Military**	The Stillwater Area Principals Association (SAPA) is composed of building principals and assistant principals at the seven elementary and four secondary schools/programs. SAPA has established a $1500 scholarship to recognize a graduating senior of Stillwater Area High School who has demonstrated positive leadership attributes in and out of the classroom during their K-12 experience in the Stillwater Area Public Schools. As principals, we understand the importance of leadership in making schools a great place. We know that being a leader is no easy task as it requires motivation, positivity, and humility. Students look to their leaders for direction, inspiration, advice, and to keep us going when things get tough. We are indebted to students in our schools who have taken on a leadership role to support their classmates and their school through volunteerism, innovation, community service, and collaboration. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Admission to a 2 or 4 year college/university OR acceptance into a military branch of service

	● Experience in at least one leadership position (formal or informal) in your Stillwater K-12 years ● **Essay:** Respond to the following prompts in no more than 200 words each; ○ How have you demonstrated leadership in your school or community? ○ What inspires you to serve others? ○ How has your leadership
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Stillwater Chapter EP P.E.O. **$2000** **4year**	We are looking for demonstrated evidence of the potential for success of our applicants. This includes information about the applicant's personal attributes, their relational leadership abilities; as well as their abilities and commitment to academics, extracurricular activities, community service and a well-balanced lifestyle. We are interested in knowing how this applicant cooperates and communicates with others, exhibits a kind and caring attitude in their interactions and service to others, their passion and commitment to life and personal characteristics that indicate a high degree of potential to benefit from educational opportunities. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● A graduating senior woman attending SAHS and resides in District 834 ● **GPA of 3.0 or higher** ● Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the U.S., full time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation ● Citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. ● **2 Letters of Recommendation** ● **Essay:** The purpose of this essay is to convey a sense of your unique character to the scholarship committee. The essay should also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts coherently and your writing skills. Please select one of the following prompts: ● Which extracurricular or community activity that you are currently participating in has the highest priority to you? Why? makes you continue to contribute your time? What would

	you say to others that would inspire them to join you in pursuing this activity? ● Tell about a special friendship. What makes this relationship unique? What strengths do you bring to friendships (give examples)? What do you look for in a friend? ● Tell about an accomplishment that sets you apart. Interesting accomplishments are not always ones we are recognized for. Describe how this accomplishment came tobe significant in the context of your life
Stillwater Elks Scholarship Fund **$1000 (3)** **Other Career Choice Including:** **Trade Schools** **Vocational Training** **Technical Schools**	**In memory of our past Members** 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. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement and good citizenship. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● All applicants and recipients must be a child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a Stillwater Elk. ● Demonstration of good academic status, co-curricular achievement and good citizenship ● **Essay:** write a personal letter about yourself, what you want from college/trade/vocational or other education; include any additional information you want the scholarship committee to consider in evaluating your personal qualifications
Stillwater Lions Club **$1000 (2)** **4year** **2year** **And** **Other Career Choice Including:** **Trade Schools** **Vocational Training** **Technical Schools**	This year The Stillwater Lions Club will be awarding 2 scholarships to students that meet the following qualifications. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● Applicants must live in Stillwater School District 834 ● Have plans to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, vocational school or community college ● **Submit a listing of volunteer hours**, exemplifying a strong commitment to local, community volunteerism ● **Essay:** detail the reasoning behind your chosen volunteer organization or type of volunteer work. *We will look favorably on applicants who have struggled to overcome limitations, such as hearing loss, vision problems, financial, mental health, diabetes or other impairments or situations.*
Stillwater Mountain Bike Scholarship **$500 (2)** **4year**	This award is given to a graduating Stillwater Area High School student that has been active on the Stillwater Mountain Bike Team. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement)

2year **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	● Must have earned a MTB letter during their senior year of high school. ● **Essay:** written essay or recorded video responding to this prompt, "Describe how your experiences on the Stillwater Mountain Bike Team have shaped who you are and who you see yourself becoming."
Stillwater Rotary Club **$1000 (3)** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical School**	The Stillwater Rotary Club will award three $1,000 scholarships annually to students who exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Scholarships will be awarded to students attending an accredited 2-year college, training/vocational program, or traditional 4-year college or university. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● A record of service and leadership. ● **Essay:** (maximum 500
Women's Business Bridge to Success **$1000** **4year** **2year** **Trade School** **Vocational training** **Technical Schoo**l	Stillwater Area High School senior **females** have the opportunity to apply for a $1000 scholarship established in 2016 by the Women's Business Bridge organization. This scholarship is available to a student planning on attending a 4-year post-secondary school, 2-year or vocational institution. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Essay:** 300-500 words detailing why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship. This essay should also respond to one of the following questions ○ What are three short and long-term goals you have? ○ What have you mastered that you are really proud of? (learning to snowboard, reading a significant book, acing an exam, winning a fishing contest, going on a mission trip). ● **GPA of 2.5 or higher** *As leaders in our community, the Women's Business Bridge is a program of the Greater Stillwater Chamber. Women of WBB play an active and vital role in local events and charities. WBB provides women of the St. Croix Valley the opportunity, education, and motivation to grow and succeed in business. In addition to the $1000 scholarship, the following is included:* ● 1-year membership to Women's Business Bridge ($185 value). We meet on the second Friday of each month at Lowell Inn Banquet Center from 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley **$1250 (4)** 	The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley offers scholarships each year to students graduating, and who reside in the St. Croix Valley and are from a military family whose parents or grandparents are in active U.S. Military or are a Veteran with general, honorable or medical discharge (Submit a copy of parent's/grandparent's discharge paperwork). Money will be held until attending college or technical school. **Requirements:** ● **Basic SAHS Community Scholarship materials** (completed SAHS community scholarship application, unofficial transcript, personal statement) ● **Essay:** 200 words describing your service to others or how a military

4year **2year** **Military**	person influenced you ● **Letter of Acceptance** from an accredited post-secondary institution. ● **One letter of recommendation** ● **Complete the "Financial Information"** section of the SAHS Community scholarship application. This gives the applicant extra selection points.

Good Luck!