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School/Scholarship Key



Culver Community High School

- Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship
- Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship
- Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship
- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship

County Wide For Non-traditional Students

- Brad Lawrence Scholarship
- Jerry Scherf Scholarship
- Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship
- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship

Knox High School

- Helen and Ware Edgar Scholarship
- Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship
- Hamblin Scholarship In Honor Of Eleanor and Jim Hamblin
- Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship
- Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Scholarship
- Brad Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- James and Carris Lucas Scholarship
- Jerry Scherf Scholarship
- Dorothy Johnson Shei Scholarship
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- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship
- Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship
- Robert O. and Doris E. Winters Scholarship

Current College Students

- Starke Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship
- Hamblin Scholarship In Honor Of Eleanor and Jim Hamblin
- Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship
- Jerry Scherf Scholarship
- Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship
- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship

North Judson – San Pierre High School

- Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship
- Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship
- Nella Kersting Memorial Scholarship
- Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Scholarship
- Brad Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship
- Jerry Scherf Scholarship
- Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship
- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship
- 1897 Charley Vorm Memorial Scholarship

Oregon Davis High School

- Linda and Louis Berg Scholarship
- Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship
- Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship
- Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Scholarship
- Brad Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence Lawrence Memorial Scholarship
- Jerry Scherf Scholarship
- Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship
- Starke Memorial Hosp. Med. Staff Health Occ/Medical Ed. Scholarship
- Steve L. Toth and Donna M. Toth Family Fund Scholarship
- Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship
- Carl and Josephine Wozniak Scholarship Fund

This page lists all the scholarships and the schools they are associated with. Please review the Scholarship Description and Criteria pages to confirm eligibility.

🏠 Linda and Louis Berg Scholarship: For students attending Oregon Davis High School. Contact the high school counselor for applications.

🏠 Helen and Ware Edgar Scholarship: The Helen and Ware Edgar Scholarship was established in 1997 to provide support to Starke County graduates who plan to pursue a career in journalism. Ware Edgar purchased the Starke County Democrat, and with his wife Helen formed the Knox Publishing company in 1950. Through this company they acquired the Starke County Republican and The News. Both Helen and Edgar were very active in the community and were a major influence in the Indiana newspaper industry.

Eligibility

For a graduating senior from any public high school in Starke County Indiana who plans to pursue a career in journalism, music, business, graphic design, marketing at an accredited college or vocational program. Must have attended high school in Indiana for at least four (4) years.

Additional Required Information

Essay question C

🏠 Richard H. Gumz Agricultural Scholarship:

The Richard Gumz Agricultural Scholarship was established by his family to benefit graduates of Starke County who are pursuing a career in agriculture. This scholarship honors the legacy of Richard Gumz and his never-ending quest for advanced farming techniques.

Eligibility

For a graduating senior from any public high school in Starke County Indiana, attended high school in Indiana for at least four years and enrolled at Purdue University in either a trade school program, a short or a full baccalaureate course of study in an agricultural or related field of study. Student must be active and involved in school, work and community.

Additional Required Information

Essay question B

🏠 Hamblin Scholarship In Honor Of Eleanor and Jim Hamblin: Eleanor G. Hamblin was an accomplished teacher and participant in the life of Starke County for more than 50 years. Dedicated to the profession of teaching, she taught English, business studies, accounting, and secretarial practice to three generations of students in the Knox Schools. She also wrote the words to the Knox High School alma mater.

Eligibility

For Knox High School graduating seniors, those who have graduated from Knox High School within the previous five years or nontraditional students. The following criteria shall be important.

1. Must have at least a 3.00 high school GPA or, if in college, at least a 3.00 college GPA;
2. Demonstrate meaningful involvement and leadership in high school activities, especially band, chorus, newspaper, debate, or drama;
3. Demonstrate meaningful involvement in his/her community, especially Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, or other civic projects;
4. If in college, demonstrate meaningful involvement & leadership in college activities;

Greater consideration given for those who:

1. Attend Ball State University, Cottey College, Manchester College, or Purdue University;
2. Major in English, library science, or business studies like secretarial practice, shorthand, or accounting; or
3. Enter the field of secondary school teaching upon graduation.

Additional Required Information

Eleanor and Jim Hamblin essay question.

FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included

☞ **Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship:** The unmistakable voice of Ed Hasnerl speaks "of many things" everyday on our radio. Ed and the WKVI staff support students interested in the study of communications or media related subjects.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is a Starke County resident. Have a "C" average or above and express an interest in the study of English, history, music, electronic engineering, broadcast sales, theater, digital media, or graphic design.

Additional Required Information

- One Letter of Recommendation from your High School principal or faculty advisor.
- Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship Essay Question

☞ **Nella Kersting Memorial Scholarship:** Nella Kersting was a beloved wife and mother. Along with her husband Jim, they established Kersting's Cycle Center in North Judson, Indiana.

Eligibility

Graduating from North Judson-San Pierre High School and attended at least 3 years and likely to succeed as college, university, trade or vocational students. Preference to those who plan to pursue a degree in the arts, but all students are encouraged to apply. Active in school, work, community; good citizenship, display good artistic accomplishments at least a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale)

Additional Required Information

- Essay question A

☞ **Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Scholarship:** The Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary feels the education of our future generations is very important. Three scholarship will be awarded to Starke County High School Students.

You do not need to have family who are members of the Knox VFW Post 748.

Eligibility

Financial need; good academic accomplishments; attendance; meaningful involvement and leadership in high school activities and attend vocational, accredited 2 or 4 year public or private institutions of higher learning.

Additional Required Information

- Two Letters of Recommendation from any of the following:
 - o high school principal
 - o high school teacher
 - o high school counselor

- Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Essay question

- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☞ **Brad Lawrence Memorial Scholarship:** When Brad Lawrence passed away in 2018, his family decided to honor his memory and commitment to his community by establishing the Brad Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund. A lifelong farmer, Brad's love of his community was always evident in his community involvement and his philanthropy.

Eligibility

Applicants must be residents of Starke County, Indiana, pursuing a two or four year degree in agriculture, or agribusiness at an accredited college, university or vocational school. Available to seniors as well as non-traditional adult students. Students who are receiving scholarships such as the 21st Century Scholarship, or other full tuition scholarships are ineligible for consideration. Must have a 3.0 minimum GPA. Academic performance and good citizenship considered. Special consideration given to students who are current or past graduates of Knox, North Judson-San Pierre, or Oregon-Davis High School.

Additional Required Information

- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☞ **Clarence Lawrence Memorial Scholarship:** Established by the family of Clarence to honor his memory as a trusted business-man and farmer while supporting Starke County graduating seniors.

Eligibility

Graduating seniors of North Judson San Pierre, Knox or Oregon-Davis High Schools. Financial need and plan to pursue a career in an Agriculture or Business-related field. Academic performance and good citizenship considered.

Additional Required Information

- One Letter of Recommendation
- Essay question D
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ **James and Carris Lucas Scholarship:** James and Carris Lucas taught for a combined 52 years within the Knox Community School system, education was an important part of their lives and those of their children and grandchildren.

Eligibility

Graduating Knox High School senior who attended at least 2 years and a resident of Starke County accepted into an accredited college or university pursuing a degree in:

Education

- Curriculum and Instruction: such as primary, secondary or higher education.

Natural sciences fields

- Space sciences such as astronomy, astrophysics.
- Earth sciences such as geology, soil science, geophysics.
- Life sciences such as biochemistry, biology related fields, biophysics.
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Formal sciences fields such as Computer sciences; Mathematics; Statistics;
- Professions and applied science fields such as Agriculture related fields; Engineering
- Health sciences includes numerous fields related to human and veterinary medicine.

Additional Required Information

- Two Letters of Recommendation from any of the following: high school principal, high school teacher or high school counselor.
- Essay question A

☛ **Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship:** Megan loved music and to laugh. She was part of the North Judson San Pierre class of 2006. Megan's positive attitude is remembered by everyone who knew and loved her. Megan's family created this scholarship to honor Megan and support NJ-SP students who are planning a music related field of study.

Eligibility

Must be graduating seniors of North Judson San Pierre High School pursuing a career with a major or minor in the field of music or a music related field, (i.e. Band, Choir, Theater, etc.) show good citizenship and financial need.

Additional Required Information

- One Letter of Recommendation
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ **Jerry Scherf Scholarship:** Jerry Scherf graduated from Knox HS in 1951. He has led a very entrepreneurial life selling insurance, cars and working for the county census. He has made his living in Starke County and would like to give back to the community.

Eligibility

Starke County residents and graduates of any Starke County High School; accepted into an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university or vocational school; involved in school and community activities. Minimum 3.7 GPA. Non-Traditional students are eligible.

Additional Required Information

- Essay Question A
- One Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, coach, principal or employer.

☛ **Dorothy Johnson Shei Scholarship:** This scholarship was created to support graduating seniors of Knox High School located in Starke County Indiana.

Eligibility

Graduating seniors of Knox High School who attended at least 4 years and plan to attend a college, university or trade school in Indiana; Active, involved and show good citizenship in school, work, and community; financial need; and B or higher GPA.

Additional Required Information

- Dorothy Shei Essay Question
- FASFA's Student Aid Report (SAR). The EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ Winifred J. Simpkins/Spirit of Nursing Scholarship: "Winnie" Simpkins was a person of strength, influence and a role model for young women. A Registered Nurse, she believed in her profession and felt women should have no boundaries or limits.

Eligibility

Starke County residents and graduates of any Indiana high school (at least 4 years), enrolled in an Indiana accredited Registered Nursing Program, deserving of financial assistance; Active in school, work, community.

Additional Required Information

- One Letter of Recommendation
- Winifred J. Simpkins Essay Question
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ Starke Memorial and Medical Staff Health Occupation/Medical Education Scholarship: Starke County residents seeking a career in a health field.

Eligibility

Residents of Starke County; Good citizenship, deserving of financial assistance; Must have attended high school in Indiana for 4 years, graduated in the highest 20% of their class and pursuing a career in a health-related field.

Additional Required Information

- One letter of recommendation (From principal or faculty advisor of the high school)
- Essay question B
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ Starke Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship: Starke County residents who have completed at least one year of college or vocational school and must be pursuing a course of study in the medical field.

Eligibility

Residents of Starke County who have completed at least one year at any two-or-four-year college; Must be attending school full time, pursuing a career in a health-related field.

Additional Required Information

- Two letters of recommendation
- Submit college or vocational school transcript
- Essay question A

☛ Steve L. Toth and Donna M. Toth Family Fund Scholarship: A lifelong Starke County resident, Steve was killed in 2008. Donna is celebrating the life she and Steve had by helping Starke County students achieve a post-secondary level of education.

Eligibility

Graduating senior at Oregon Davis High School and resident of Starke County accepted into and attend an accredited college or university. Have at least a 3.0 GPA; Involved in school, community and show good citizenship. Recipients of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship and those in the top 5% of their class are not eligible.

Additional Required Information

- Two letters of recommendation
 - o high school principal, teacher or counselor on school letterhead.
 - o community member or previous employer who can attest to your work history and work ethics at a paid or volunteer position.
- Toth Family Essay Question

☛ **Christine and David VanVactor Scholarship:** For Knox or Oregon-Davis High Schools and non-traditional students. Preference given to those pursuing a degree in Construction Management or building trades.

The recipient is chosen on a point system.

- A Child of an individual who is or has been an employee of VanVactor Construction, LLC. If yes, 20 points. If no, 0 points;
- Majoring in construction management or building trades: 0 to 50 points;
- Financial Need: 0 to 10 points;
- Complete an essay expressing why they have chosen their specific field of study. 0 to 10 points;
- Attending Purdue University. If yes, 10 points. If no, 0 points.

Additional Required Information

- Essay question C
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ **1897 Charley Vorm Memorial Scholarship:** Celebrates the life of Charley Vorm, citizen of North Judson and successful businessman who established American Oak Preserving Company Inc.

Requirements

Graduating senior of North Judson San Pierre High School, attending an accredited college or university in Indiana seeking a bachelor's degree. Must have attended high school in Indiana at least four years and be in the highest 20% of their graduating class. Scholarship may be renewed.

Additional Required Information

- One letter of recommendation (From principal or faculty advisor of the high school)
- Essay question B
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ **Robert O. and Doris E. Winters Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 1999 by Doris Winters to help Starke County students pursue their higher education goals.

Eligibility

Applicants must be graduating from Knox Community High School with a "B" average or above and be deserving of financial assistance.

Additional Required Information

- One Letter of Recommendation
- Essay question B
- FAFSA's Student Aid Report (SAR). EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number must be included.

☛ **Carl and Josephine Wozniak Scholarship Fund:** This scholarship was established in 2012 by David and Lusia Wozniak to honor Dave's parents, Carl and Josephine Wozniak, who not only valued a college education, but made that a reality for David. This scholarship is to help Oregon Davis students pursue their higher education goals. Preference is given to those students pursuing a degree in engineering, science or agriculture at Purdue University.

Eligibility

Applicants must be graduating from Oregon Davis High School and be accepted into and attend Purdue University. They must demonstrate meaningful involvement in high school activities, community and demonstrate good citizenship.

Additional Required Information

Essay Questions

- **Essay question A.** Describe your plans for the future and the importance of receiving a post-high school education.
- **Essay question B.** Briefly describe the person that has been most influential in your life and how they assisted you. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.
- **Essay question C.** Describe your desire to pursue a career in your selected field. Please also express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education.
- **Essay question D.** Please explain why you feel you are most qualified to receive this scholarship.
- **Essay question E.** Discuss the greatest challenge you've faced in life and how you overcame it.

- **Eleanor and Jim Hamblin Essay Question.** Describe your strategy for making the most of college academically.
- **Ed Hasnerl/WKVI Scholarship Essay Question.** Briefly describe why you have chosen music, electronic engineering, broadcast sales, theater, digital media, graphic design, English or history as your area of study?
- **Knox VFW Post 748 Auxiliary Scholarship Essay question.** On the application you stated your "Major Field of College Study". For your essay please explain the reason for choosing this field of study. Essay must not be less than 300 words and no more than 500 words.
- **Dorothy Johnson Shei Scholarship.** What are some of the things in your community that need improving? What could you do about it?
- **Winifred J. Simpkins Essay Question.** Briefly describe why you have chosen a career in Nursing, and who, if anyone was influential in your decision to become a Registered Nurse. Also, please express your personal reasons for desiring a post-high school education regardless of career choice.
- **Toth Family Fund Scholarship Essay Question.** Submit a two part essay describing: 1) How have you overcome adversity and 2) briefly describe a random act of kindness in your life, whether as a giver or as the receiver. Or write about a time when you were both.