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# YOUR GUIDE:

Scholarships for LaGrange  
County high school students

2022

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# Universal Application Scholarships

## Complete one application for numerous scholarships.

The Community Foundation oversees numerous scholarship funds, which provide dozens of award opportunities for high school students each year. To save you time and energy, we have developed an online, universal application that matches you directly with the scholarship for which you are eligible.

## TO APPLY:

Visit [lccf.net/scholarships](https://lccf.net/scholarships) and complete the online universal application. Only one application is required to apply for all scholarships.

## QUESTIONS:

Contact the LaGrange County Community Foundation at [260.463.4363](tel:260.463.4363)



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**December 1, 2022**

Application available online at [lccf.net/scholarships](https://lccf.net/scholarships)

**February 15, 2023**

Application deadline at 5 p.m.

**Mid-April, 2023**

Community Foundation will notify scholarship recipients

**August 2023**

Community Foundation will issue checks to college/university



# LaGrange County Community Foundation Scholarships

**NOTE:** A traditional student is a graduating high school senior, including those who are home schooled. A non-traditional student is any student that delays enrollment in post-secondary education after high school OR is currently attending a college or university. Awards are only paid to accredited colleges, universities, or trade-schools.

## Allread-Rife Family Scholarship:

Graduating LaGrange County public high school senior pursuing a degree in nursing or teaching. Two new scholarships awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Amanda Lou Crofts Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Prairie Heights High School senior pursuing a career in teaching, nursing or music on a full-time basis at a two-or four-year college or university. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Beverly J. Todd Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Prairie Heights High School senior or home-schooled student pursuing a career in the education field. The student must live in LaGrange or Steuben County. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Brian Evans Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior who is not in the top 10 of their graduating class. Financial need considered. FAFSA is required. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Bruce Brown Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior who plans full-time enrollment in a two-or four-year college. Must have participated in sports while in high school and rank in the top 50% of the graduating class. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Bulldog Spirit Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior who attended Wolcott Mills Elementary School and plans to be enrolled in a certificate or baccalaureate program at a college, university, or trade school. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)



## Chase E. Scott Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior planning full time enrollment in an accredited college, university, trade, or vocational school. Must have participated in all 4 years of high school football. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Craig D & Ronda S. Neff Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County high school. Requirement: attended the school for a minimum of two years. The student must be a LaGrange County resident and participated in 4-H. Financial need considered. FAFSA is required. Two new scholarships awarded annually. (1-year award)

## Ellsworth Fanning Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating senior from the Edd's Supply Service Area (LaGrange, Elkhart, Kosciusko & Noble Counties) that is pursuing an education in agriculture or agricultural-related field of study including veterinary medicine. The student must plan full-time enrollment at a college, university, or trade school. One new scholarship awarded each year. (4-year award)

## George O. Witwer News-Sun Journalism Scholarship:

Resident of LaGrange County. Graduating high school senior from a LaGrange County public school, private or homeschool. Planning to pursue a degree in journalism or a related media field (English, communications, digital media, radio, television and digital communication, video production, broadcast journalism, etc). One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Holly Petersen Memorial Science Scholarship:

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County public high school, planning to pursue full time enrollment in a 4-year college or university to study in some area of science. Must be graduating in the top 33% of their class and completed advanced science courses in high school. Financial need is considered. Preference given to students who attended Parkside Elementary, and/or students accepted by Purdue University, Northwestern University or Kalamazoo University, but those are not a requirement to apply for the scholarship. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### HOPE Nursing Scholarship:

Graduating seniors who live in LaGrange County, who have had experience in the health care field and plan to enroll full-time in a 2-or-4 year college, university or trade school in the field of nursing. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)



“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

### J.O. Mory Company Scholarship:

Graduating senior from LaGrange, Steuben, Noble or DeKalb County pursuing a career in the engineering or construction area. The student must plan full-time enrollment in a 2-or-4-year college, university or trade school. Preference given to students who participated in a construction trades program or CAD curriculum offered through one or more of the LaGrange County School Systems or Impact Institute but is not required to apply. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### James F. Kalb Memorial Scholarship:

Westview High School graduating senior planning full-time enrollment in a 2- or 4-year college, university, or trade school. Must have participated in extracurricular activities during their senior year. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### Joseph J. Willard Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating LaGrange County public high school senior planning to enroll full time in a nationally and regionally accredited school of engineering at a four-year college or university. Must be a LaGrange County resident. Financial need is considered. FAFSA required. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### Judy Gage-Keenan Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High school senior planning full-time enrollment in a four-year college or university to pursue a four-year bachelor's degree in the healthcare field. Must be ranked in the top third of their class, involved in extracurricular activities or part-time work experience during high school. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Keith & Arline Davis Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Westview High School senior planning to attend full-time at a 4-year college or university. Must have participated in sports their senior year in high school, have a GPA of at least 3.0 or higher, and participated in community service and volunteer activities during their high school years. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Kerry Wilt-Spradlin Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Westview High School senior planning to enroll full time at a 4-year college to pursue a degree in one of the following: medicine, healthcare, government, public affairs, communications, or journalism. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and participated in community service during high school. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Kevin Lewis Purdue Agriculture Memorial Scholarship:

Prairie Heights graduating senior who is planning to enroll as a full-time student in the Purdue University School of Agriculture. Must have attended Prairie Heights High School for at least 2 years. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### LaGrange County Farm Bureau Co-op Scholarship:

Graduating senior who attends a LaGrange County public school, private school or homeschool planning to enroll full-time in a college or university to pursue a degree in agriculture, or an agriculture-related field including traditional farming, vocations in agricultural education, finance, materials and equipment supply, research, and development of agricultural products. Student must be a LaGrange County resident and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. 4-H and FFA participation preferred but not a requirement to apply. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### Lakeland Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade-school full-time. One new scholarship awarded annually.

(1-year award)

### LIFE Scholarship:

Graduating senior from one of the LaGrange County public high schools. Must have attended the high school at least the past two years, participated in positive community service and volunteer activities. LIFE members are not eligible to apply for this award. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Lyle Smith Scholarship:

Graduating Westview High School senior planning full-time enrollment in a 2-to-4-year college or university. Must have attended Westview High School for at least two years. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Mary E. McGawn Future Teacher Scholarship:

Graduating senior from Lakeland High School planning to enroll full-time at a 4-year college or university to pursue a degree in the education field. Must have taken high school classes related to teaching, such as Education Professions. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Mattea Holton Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating Lakeland High School senior who lives in LaGrange County. Have a GPA of 2.50 or higher and played girls softball all four years of high school. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

### Melvin and Marjorie Bricker Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating seniors from a LaGrange County public, private or home school planning to enroll full-time at a 2-or 4- year college or university. Must be a LaGrange County resident and served in a leadership position as an officer for at least one year in a LaGrange County Community Service organization. The organization can be school affiliated. Two new scholarships awarded annually

(1-year award).

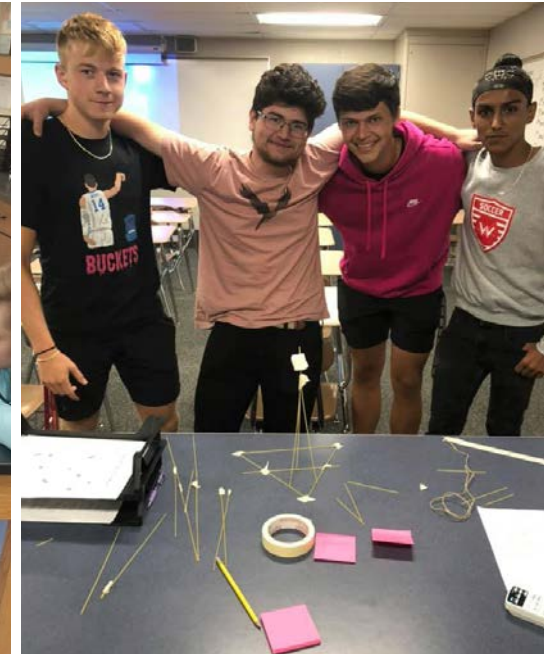
### Mike Farmwald Scholarship:

Graduating senior from Westview High School planning to enroll full-time at a 2-or 4- year college or university. The student must have attended Westview for a least two years. Must provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher based on independent and creative thinking. One new scholarship awarded each year.

(4-year award)

### Morgan Hunter Memorial Scholarship:

Graduating senior from Westview High School. Must have attended Westview High School all four years, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, participated in 4-H all four years of High School and been involved in sports or school based extracurricular activities. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)



**Mory Family Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from LaGrange, Steuben, Noble or DeKalb County planning full-time enrollment in an accredited college or trade school to pursue a career in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, HVAC, civil engineering, or computer science. Preference given to students who participated in the construction trades curriculum offered through their school or Impact Institute but not required to apply. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Ned Stump Memorial Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County public school planning full-time enrollment in a 2-to-4-year accredited college, university or trade school. Must be a legal resident of LaGrange or Steuben County and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference given to 4-H, FFA & agriculture education/education but not required to apply. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Olivia Bay Lemings Memorial Scholarship:**

Graduating Lakeland High School senior. Must have participated in girls basketball all 4 years of high school. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Paul and Marian Krebs Scholarship:**

Graduating Lakeland High School senior planning to enroll in a 2-to-4-year college or university to pursue a degree in education, music, religion, or medicine, including nursing. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Perkins Family Scholarship:**

Graduating Prairie Heights High School senior who has a minimum GPA of 2.0. Financial need is considered. FAFSA required. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Prairie Heights Band Scholarship:**

Graduating Prairie Heights High School senior. Must have participated in band for a minimum of 3 years. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Prairie Heights Scholarship:**

Prairie Heights High School graduating seniors who are planning to attend an accredited 2-or-4-year college, university, or trade-school full-time. Four new scholarships awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Prairie Heights Student Council Scholarship:**

Prairie Heights High School graduating senior planning to enroll full-time in a 2-or-4-year college, university, or trade school. Must have served in a leadership position on the Student Council for at least two years and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Ray and Ruth Culp Memorial Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County public, private or homeschool. Student must be a LaGrange County resident, have participated in a professional health care training program and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Financial need considered. FAFSA required. One new scholarship awarded each year. (1-year award)

**Rheinheimer Scholarship:**

Graduating seniors from Westview High School planning to attend full-time at a 4-year college or university. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Two new scholarships awarded each year. (4-year award)

**Russell Hepler Telecommunications Scholarship:**

Graduating Prairie Heights High School or a homeschool student planning to enroll full time at a 2-or 4-year public or private college or university to pursue a career in telecommunications or a related program such as digital video production, digital audio production, broadcasting, film production or digital media arts. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, participated in the telecommunications class. Financial need considered. FAFSA required. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

**Schlemmer Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County public school planning to enroll full-time in a 2-or-4-year accredited college or university or trade school. Students must have a GPA between 3.0 and 3.75. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

**Terry Schmidt Memorial Basketball Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from Lakeland High School that participated in boys basketball all 4 years of high school and planning to enroll full-time in an accredited 2-or 4-year college, university, or trade school. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

**Virgil & Florence Hardin Memorial Scholarship:**

Graduating senior from a LaGrange County public school or homeschool planning full-time enrollment in a 2-or 4-year college, university, or trade school in the healthcare field. Must be a LaGrange County resident and have experience or internship in the health care field. One new scholarship awarded annually. (1-year award)

**Waddell Scholarship:**

Lakeland High School graduating senior planning full-time enrollment in an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, or trade school. Special consideration may be given to students pursuing a degree in journalism but is not a requirement to apply. One new scholarship awarded annually. (4-year award)

## Things to know

### Items needed for scholarship applications:

- High school transcript
- FAFSA Student Aid Report (only select scholarships based on financial need require submission of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number)
- Written essay response
- History of school, community and work involvement

*Most scholarships require residency in LaGrange County or attendance at a LaGrange County public high school (residency requirements vary per scholarship).*

The LaGrange County Community Foundation created this scholarship guide to **provide guidance and tips to students who are applying for the Foundation's scholarships.**

The scholarships offered at the foundation are **competitive**. A good deal of time is required to write essays, gather activity information, and coordinate letters of recommendation. **We want you to be successful and we hope that the tips in this guide will help you.**

Achieving a goal is quite rewarding. But you will never reach a goal if you never start. **The quicker you start this process the better you will feel when it is completed.** Keep persevering. If you give up too soon, you could be throwing away something wonderful. You may not always succeed on the first try. Just because you don't succeed the first go around, don't give up. The tips in this guide will be helpful for all scholarships you apply for. **Keep working to get the best scholarship for you.**

Use of this guide in no way guarantees that a scholarship will be awarded.

## SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

### Early December

The Community Foundation scholarship applications are available

### Mid February

Deadline to submit applications for the Community Foundation Scholarships

### Early March

Community volunteers evaluate scholarships

### Mid April

The Community Foundation will begin notifications

### May

Awards presented at Senior Award Ceremonies

### Ineligible Individuals:

Immediate families of:

- The Community Foundation's regular full-time and part-time staff
- Members of the Community Foundation Board of Directors and Advisory Committees
- Members of the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee

**During the two-year period prior to and including the submission of a scholarship application, the immediate families of the Board of Directors & Executive Director are not eligible for these scholarships.**

## GETTING STARTED

The Community Foundation operates a competitive community scholarship program from early December to mid-February.

All scholarship applications are available online. Applicants must create a username and password to apply. Once registered, students will be able to keep track of their information for the entire scholarship process from application to award in the online account.

To get started, you will complete a common that will match you to the scholarships or which you qualify for. After completing the common application, you will be directed to your dashboard. The scholarships you are eligible to apply for will appear on your dashboard, along with the follow ups required to submit your application.

These follow ups may include additional essays, letters of recommendation and short answer questions. It will show you the applications the system automatically submitted on your behalf. The scholarship application is divided the following sections:

- **Biographical Information**
- **Academic Information**
- **Qualification Questions**
- **School Related Extracurricular Activities**
- **Non-School Community/Volunteer Experience**
- **Work Experience**
- **Essays**
- Some applications will require **Financial Information** and/or **letter of recommendations**

The scholarship software requires each section to be completed before submitting the application.



## STAND OUT

You have one chance to make a first impression, so it is critical that you have given your application some thought. Here is an opportunity to boast about your accomplishments! What will make you stand out from all of the other applicants? What will get the reviewers attention?

### Start early

Waiting until the last minute to start you application can be a costly mistake. The application will require external uploads from people like your guidance counselor and references, and if they don't complete those requests before the deadline your application could be disqualified. Since it takes more than just your effort to complete the application, be respectful of other people's time.

### Save your work offline

Once you preview your application, work offline or in a document that you can keep safe on your computer or take home. Reusing scholarship information like essays and references are a great idea, but once the scholarship cycle is over, you won't be able to access your application again. Be sure to keep your work where you can access it on your own especially if you are working on a public computer (like at school or the library). If you work offline, it's easier to proofread your work and then copy and paste information into the application.

### Review your application

Review. Review. And then Review again. Before you submit your application, ask a friend or a family member to read through your answers. Someone else is more likely to catch any errors even on simple answers like your address or phone number. Proofreading is essential! Don't just rely on spell check or grammar check.

### Questions?

If you have any questions during your application, you should first consult with your Guidance Counselor, then email [lscherck@lccf.net](mailto:lscherck@lccf.net).





## SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION

**Biographical Information:** Birthdate, address, phone number

**Academic Information:** School, GPA, Class Rank, College Plans

### Extracurricular Activities & Employment:

#### School Related Activities & Extracurricular Activities

List school associated activities: School associated athletic teams, clubs, or activities you have participated in. This also includes activities that are academic in nature and arts/culture activities: NHS, FFA, Student Government, Yearbook, Academic Teams, Show Choir, Band, Drama/Theatre, PEER tutoring, etc.

#### Community/Volunteer Experience:

##### Non-School Related Activities & Extracurricular Activities

List all your non-school related community service and volunteer activities. Elaborate any service you conducted as part of a team, club or individually. This includes organizations like: 4-H, Feed My Starving Children, volunteering for Night to Shine, All Star Club, Community festival volunteer, blood drives, food drives, etc. Be sure to list the years you participated and estimated hours.

#### Employment/Internships

List all employment and/or paid internships. Start with your most recent job. List the dates you worked and estimated hours per week.

In Each Section Provide:

- The years you were involved - ex. 9th grade or grades 9-12
- The hours per year you were involved – ex. 9th grade/12 hours. Be sure to account for your hours appropriately. Take into consideration practices, meetings, games, etc.
- Positions of leadership such as captain, practice leader, vice president, etc.
- Letters, awards, recognitions and honors received or earned such as varsity letter, All Conference, etc.
- Additional information that the committee might not know about; things that are above and beyond the typical participation. Describe the responsibilities or the tasks associated with the position.

Provide your information using this format: (examples are given in the application)

- Boys Soccer, Grades 9-12, Team Captain, 20 hours per week in season, State Champs 2021
- Academic Super Bowl, Grades 11 & 12, Math Team, Team Captain, 8 hours per week, First place at Sectional 2020

### Qualification Questions:

Questions unique to scholarships so that the system can match to you scholarships you may qualify for.

### Financial Need:

**Some scholarships require Financial Need information.** Those that do, require that you attach a PDF copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report. You will be asked to provide your EFC according to your FAFSA. EFC stands for Expected Family Contribution.

The Community Foundation Community Scholarships can be used for any cost associated with attending school— tuition, room and board, fees, etc. However, all scholarship payments are sent directly to the accredited university/college of the recipient. Keep in mind scholarship funds used for room and board may be considered income and subject to IRS taxes. 21st Century Scholars may apply.

### Letter of Recommendation:

**A few scholarships require a Letter of Recommendation.**

Before sending a request for letter of recommendation, ask directly whether the person is willing to provide your letter of recommendation.

Be respectful of other people's time. Don't wait until the last minute to send a request; give your reference enough time to draft a thoughtful and considerate recommendation.

You should review your application occasionally to check the status of the letter of recommendation. If the request is complete, it means that the recommendation has been completed by the reference. If the request is Pending, it means that the recommendation is not complete. If the request is not complete by the deadline, then the application will not be considered.

#### What is a Letter of Recommendation?

A letter of recommendation should speak to your activities, achievements, academics, and or personal leadership qualities that are not otherwise mentioned in your application. It can be written by a teacher, mentor, coach, or someone else in your life that can provide a strong endorsement to why the scholarship committee should invest in your education. The letter should not be from someone related to you.

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAYS

Most scholarships require an essay. The additional essay requirement, if any, will be available in the applicant's dashboard after the common application has been submitted.

Scholarship essays are an important part of the application and scoring process. The essays are very helpful to the selection committee as a way to get to know you better, and to further prove your eligibility for the award. Not everyone is a gifted writer, and you don't have to be to receive a scholarship award. Think about the question and how it best relates to you, then compose a thoughtful and honest essay that directly answers the question.

### Essay Tips

If you haven't been working offline in a document on your computer so far, be sure to do so for your essays. Consider these tips as you work on this section of your application:

- **Plan in far in advance.** If you wait until the last minute to write your essay the quality is likely to suffer.
- **Think about the scholarship you are writing an essay for.** What makes you the ideal candidate for that scholarship? As you begin working on the essays, thoughtfully consider what the essay question is asking. Make sure to read all directions first before answering the question.
- **Develop an outline about what you plan to discuss.** Create a Strong introduction, body with main points that flow in a logical order and stay away from long, boring conclusions.
- **Use your voice and be honest.** Help the committee feel like they can get to know you. Show emotions. Showing your emotions can help the reader see you as a person. Use real life examples, try to keep a positive tone.
- **Tastefully show case your strengths, passions, and personality.** Your GPA and extracurriculars are well-documented elsewhere. Essays are your opportunity to go in-depth on one or two of your accomplishments.
- **Watch your word choice.** Big words don't impress a scholarship committee. They're more concerned with content, spelling and grammar than word choice. This includes eliminating any buzzwords or slang.
- **Use complete sentences and make use of the word count.** If a question has a word limit of 500 words, then it is unlikely the response can address the prompt in only 100 words.
- **PROOFREAD** – ask a friend, teacher, parent, anyone! Rewrite and revise as needed. Make sure your essay is free of any grammatical or spelling errors. Do not rely on spell check or grammar check.

## AFTER YOU APPLY

### Always follow through

If you receive any scholarship, you will be direct to complete some follow-up forms. The Community Foundation typically asks for your contact information, parent/guardians names, college name and major, and college/student ID number. This information is very important because it is needed to process scholarship payments that are made directly to the college or university.

There are several other places to look for available scholarships, so don't let The Community Foundation be you one and only stop!

- **Visit your school's GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.** They are a great resource for scholarships, and are usually the main contact for local scholarship providers.
- **Contact your COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY** (or potential college/university) to see what scholarships they may have available. Sometimes there are scholarship available for certain majors, first generation college students, commuters, etc.
- **Consider the GROUPS** you're involved with or the church you attend—do they offer scholarships to their members? What about groups your parents are involved in? Or a parents' employers?
- **Watch local newspapers,** the chamber newsletter and other local publications for local organizations that offer scholarships.
- **You can find other scholarships through QUESTA and ONLINE RESOURCES:** [Petersons.com](http://Petersons.com), [Scholarships.com](http://Scholarships.com). These websites provide other great tips in regards to college, such as degree types, financial aid preparation, college costs, and SAT/ACT prep.



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