

# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Scholarships help students reach their educational dreams and donors achieve their charitable goals.

Students across our region are working hard to improve their lives, many with dreams of taking the next step in their educational journey.

Through a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, you make dreams of higher education a reality for students, and can achieve your charitable goals.

The Foundation works with students and donors to make an impact. We do this by helping students access higher education, and by assisting our

donors in creating a scholarship to meet their unique vision that benefits students. By providing youth with scholarships, donors help alleviate the ever-increasing burden of student debt and are part of educating the future leaders of our communities.

**Getting started is easy.** Contact CFNEIA's Development staff at 319-287-9106 or [info@cfneia.org](mailto:info@cfneia.org) to discuss how you can invest in our youth to create a stronger future for our region.

"I was raised by a single mom who worked two jobs, and even after I started working we barely had enough to get by. When I heard I was receiving the scholarships I was very excited. I needed someone to believe in me and give me a chance. The scholarships I received did just that."

**KARLA RUBIO**

Community Foundation  
Scholarship Recipient &  
Wartburg College Graduate

## 2021 Scholarship Impact on Students



**\$526,960**  
in total scholarships  
awarded



**271**  
total scholarships  
awarded



**\$1,976**  
average amount  
awarded

Find more information about our scholarship program at [cfneia.org/scholarships](http://cfneia.org/scholarships).

## Key Benefits of

# Establishing a Scholarship Fund

Helping students achieve their educational goals is easy when you work with the Community Foundation to establish a scholarship fund.

**Work with Our Staff** Community Foundation staff are experts in helping donors reach their charitable goals, and in helping you create a scholarship that meets your criteria and is most beneficial to students.

**Customize Your Scholarship** Scholarship funds at the Community Foundation allow donors an opportunity to shape a scholarship to meet their own goals and provide support to students that reflect their own values, including:

- to memorialize a loved one or honor a special person forever
- to provide financial assistance to students without the financial resources necessary to go to college
- to support students from a donor's alma mater or hometown
- to recognize certain characteristics, such as leadership and volunteerism

**Let Us Administer Your Scholarship** The Community Foundation handles administration of your scholarship fund and ensures the recipient is granted his or her scholarship in a timely manner. Donors can have peace of mind knowing the Foundation is working behind the scenes to carry out their scholarship in the way they intended.

**Stay Informed** We love to connect donors to their scholarship fund recipient by notifying the donors of award ceremonies, recipient names and sending along thank you notes from recipients.

*The minimum to establish a scholarship fund is \$25,000.*

## Making it Easy for Students



The Community Foundation makes applying for scholarships simple. Students can determine if they are eligible for scholarships by viewing an eligibility checklist. Through the online scholarship system, students fill out a common application and are automatically matched to scholarships for which they qualify.



### Rick and Debbie Morris

brought the idea of establishing a scholarship fund to their family, and with unanimous approval from their children, created the Rick and Debbie Morris Family Scholarship.

Debbie, through her work in the educational field, has seen the impact obtaining a college education can have in enriching a person's life and also in enabling them to serve others in greater capacity.

Rick knows first-hand the power scholarships can have on the education and future of a student as he was the beneficiary of others' generosity in the form of scholarships while attending the University of Iowa.

As an attorney, he also knows the Community Foundation is the best option to carry out his family's scholarship forever.

Members of the Morris family have all received scholarships and the family is happy to "pay it forward" through their scholarship fund that helps give students from Cedar Falls High School planning to attend an Iowa college or university the same opportunity for years to come.

### ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST IOWA

Since 1956, CFNEIA has been a catalyst for positive community change. We do this by supporting nonprofits doing the most good and by helping people who want to do good leave a legacy for their community and the causes they care about. Today, our region includes 20 Iowa counties, and we are proud to partner with our 23 affiliate community foundations in creating vibrant communities.

