

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

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

Students across Cerro Gordo County 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 Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation, 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 our Development staff at 319-287-9106 or info@cfneia.org to discuss how you can invest in our youth to create a stronger future for Cerro Gordo County.

“While my parents are able to help some with the cost of college, I will also be relying on work-study, loans, and the generous donations of several scholarships that I’ve been fortunate to receive. Without all of these sources, I would not be able to attend the University of Iowa and begin my college education.”

RACHEL THORNTON
2020 Scholarship Recipient
Thomas E. and Janice A. Nelson
Scholarship

2020 Scholarship Impact on Cerro Gordo County Students



\$8,000

in total scholarships
awarded



3

total scholarships
awarded



2

students
impacted

By creating a scholarship fund, you invest in your community's future and show students you care. Learn more about our scholarship program at 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.



The Nancy Whaley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established with the Community Foundation in memory of Nancy Whaley by her husband, Mark Whaley, to sustain her memory and values.

The fund provides one-year scholarships to qualified female graduates of Clear Lake High School who have attended and been confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church and will be attending an accredited university, junior college, or trade school. Applicants must also have served their community through volunteer work and been active in both school and church activities.

Nancy was a small group leader for confirmation classes for female, high school students at Zion Lutheran Church, where she and her family had been lifelong members.

"It is the place where we raised both of our sons who also have enjoyed the benefits of the Clear Lake community," said Mark.

The scholarship was set up to honor Nancy. "She was a rare individual who truly believed that 'life is a gift' and gave so much of herself to others throughout her life," Mark said.

Learn more about this fund at fund.cfneia.org/whaleyscholarship.

ABOUT THE CERRO GORDO COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Since 2005, CGCCF 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 are care about. The CGCCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa which is Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.



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