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.
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