



Steuben County Community Foundation 2011 Scholarships and Recipients

Congratulations students for completing your high school education. This is one important step on a journey filled with opportunity, challenge and fulfillment. May you find great success and lasting memories along the way.

The Tara Lynne Arnold Memorial Scholarship

Friends and family established this scholarship in 2006 in memory of Tara. Tara was interested in working with and helping other people. She had worked with battered women while at Ball State University. She was working on a degree in psychology with an emphasis on women's studies at IPFW.

Awarded to: Jacqueline Wilkinson

The Gwen M. Baker "Joy of Music" Scholarship

Established in 2008 by the Fremont Music Boosters to honor Gwen after 33 years in teaching music education. Gwen's first love of music started at the age of five when she was taught by her father how to play "My Happiness" on the accordion. Throughout her career, Gwen played for many community organizations, taught General Music at MSD of Steuben County, directed the K-12 Choral program, the 4-12 bands, and General Music K-4 at Fremont Community Schools.

Awarded to: Holly Nickerson, Alexis Pifer

The Richard L. Baker Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2006 by friends and family of Richard (Dick) L. Baker. A 1950 graduate of Fremont High School, Dick attended college, served in the army, and came back to Fremont Community Schools in 1966 when he became a Fremont Elementary teacher. He taught for 25 years until his retirement in 1992. Dick shared his love of the land and farming with Steuben County residents when in 1968 he opened the Baker's Acres Farm Market.

Awarded to: Holly Nickerson

The Circle of Friends Scholarship

The Steuben County Community Foundation awards the Circle of Friends Scholarship to students who are outstanding young people. They are active in their school and community and give their time and talents to help others.

*Awarded to: Lauren Watkins, Kirsten Willibey, Christie Tyler,
Justin Gilbert, Morgan Moore*

The Michael D. Diehl Memorial Scholarship

The Michael D. Diehl Memorial Scholarship was established as a living memorial to honor the memory of Michael Diehl who passed away suddenly on August 8, 2008. Angela & David Diehl as well as Brandon Diehl established this scholarship in honor of their son & brother. At the age of 15, Michael was interested in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. This scholarship is to give financial support to a student wanting to fulfill the same dream.

Awarded to: Jessica Carter

The Farmers State Bank Scholarship

Farmers State Bank believes that education is a key to success. This scholarship was established by FSB as an investment in the future. It serves as a legacy of helping others improve themselves through education.

Awarded to: Dylan Warren, Zach Folland and Devon Bosse

The Paul & Inger Friend 4-H Scholarship

Paul and Inger Friend established the 4-H Scholarship, in honor of their children Brian, Brent, and Katrina Friend. Each were 10 year members in the Steuben County 4-H program where they gained an abundance of life learning skills, responsibility, interaction with others and leadership talent by participating in 4-H.

Awarded to: Kylie Boswell

The Don & Eileen Fulton Nursing Scholarship

Don Fulton was a graduate of Angola High School and attended Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Indiana University. He was instrumental in acquiring the National Guard Armory for Angola. Eileen Fulton graduated from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in South Bend. When the youngest of her daughters started school, Eileen took the position as Steuben County Public Health Nurse. After five years she became the Angola School Nurse and continued in that capacity for 21 years.

Awarded to: Kelsie Goings

The Audry McCrea Grieser Music Scholarship

Audry MacRae Stark Greiser was born in July, 1926 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Audry graduated from Seton Hill in Greensburg, Pennsylvania with a degree in vocal performance and music education. Audry said that some of her happiest times were spent in the practice rooms there. In 1956, she and her husband moved to Angola and Audry joined the Francis Elliot Clark Music Club, where she remained a life long member.

Awarded to: Alexis Pifer

The H. Pauline Hand Memorial Scholarship

Established in January of 2007 through the estate of H. Pauline Hand. Pauline Hand was originally from the Edon, Ohio area, but lived most of her life near Metz where she and her husband Kenneth farmed until his death in 1980. She was described as friendly, neighborly, and fond of helping others. Mrs. Hand was an avid piano player and enjoyed needlework. She directed in her will that “the selection of recipients shall be based upon academic performance, leadership skills, and character.”

Awarded to: Kylee Renfrew, Griffin Miller

The Dale Hughes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Dale Hughes, Jr. by his wife, Emilyn. Dale was extremely proud that their five children all have college educations. This scholarship is a fitting memorial for a man who believed in the importance of education. His father was a principal, and his mother a teacher. Dale was a farmer and a Steuben County Commissioner for 18 years. He served on the Prairie Heights School board for eight years and was a Salem Township precinct committeeman.

Awarded to: Rebecca Courtright

The Leon Huss 4- H Memorial Scholarship

Established by the family and friends of Leon Huss as a living memorial. As a youngster, Leon was a member of 4-H for 10 years. Leon and Sharon were strong supporters of the 4-H auction with donations and buying animals – usually the grand champion. For over 25 years they owned Oliver Sales Company in Angola.

Awarded to: Danyele Clingan

The Sylvia E. Jackson Scholarship

After graduating from Angola High School, Sylvia continued her education at Michigan State University. While there she received a Rotary Foundation Fellow Scholarship and went to Paris, France, to study for one year. After earning her masters degree at the University of Wisconsin, she went on to work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). After completing her training, she was sent to work in Morocco where she stayed until she became ill and returned to the United States.

Awarded to: Kate Griffis

The John W. Kelley Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a memorial to John Kelly, who passed away in May, 2003, by his friend and local businessman, Frank Baade. John was a member of the Steuben County Sheriffs Department Merit Board. John was also a Vietnam Veteran. This scholarship provides for assistance to those pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.

Awarded to: Jessica Carter

The Mary Jane Kruse Memorial Scholarship

Established by Mary Jane Kruse through her estate in 2007, this scholarship provides support to two students who will be majoring in English at an accredited college or university of their choice. Mrs. Kruse spent 33 years teaching English beginning in Defiance, Ohio, proceeding on to Fremont Community Schools and lastly to the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

Awarded to: Matthew Noyes, Cameron Wilson

The Lakeland Marine Retailers Association Scholarship

The Lakeland Marine Retailers Association Scholarship was established in 1997 by its board of directors to continue their effort of providing quality, skilled employees in the field of marine technology. By providing this assistance, the marine retailers hope to perpetuate the recruitment of educated, motivated individuals for business.

Awarded to: Dalton Slain

The "Life's a Stage" Drama Scholarship in Memory of Michelle Grabill Everidge

The "Life's A Stage" Drama Scholarship was established as a living memorial to Michelle Grabill Everidge by her friends and family. Michelle was a 1988 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, and later attended IPFW where she received her teaching degree. As a young girl and adult, Michelle was active in theatre. While employed at Prairie Heights she served as the drama assistant director, make-up trainer, production assistant, and performer.

Awarded to: Lindsay Johnson

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The purpose of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana and to leverage further the ability of Indiana's community foundations to enhance the quality of life of the state's residents. Since the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program was first offered in 1998, Lilly Endowment has remained steadfast in its belief that education at all levels is indispensable to the personal, civic and economic well being of Indiana's residents and communities.

Awarded to: Carmyn Hamblen

The Not Your Ordinary Education Scholarship

In February of 2007, the Steuben County Community Foundation Board of Directors created the "Not Your Ordinary Education" Scholarship that will provide scholarship assistance to residents of Steuben County in a non-traditional way. This scholarship gives students an opportunity to apply for assistance and focuses on education opportunities that are not typically a four-year bachelor's degree. For students that are considering vocational or trade school, a certificate program, apprenticeship, skills-building courses for work including computer instruction, a secondary language, etc. - this is the perfect opportunity.

Awarded to: Judith Goodrow

The Prairie Heights Building Trades Scholarship-

Prairie Heights Building Trades has been building homes in the community since 1971. The program has taught hundreds of young people the art of carpentry. Several of the students have gone on to find careers in the construction field as well. Others have simply used the knowledge they gained to help them with their own personal projects. This award is in support of carrying on the long-standing tradition of the Prairie Heights Building Trades Program. This program has served as a tool to help our community grow and by awarding this scholarship we hope to encourage many more students to enter the construction and/or academic field.

Awarded to: Derek Young

The Gerald J and Waunetta B. Seagly Scholarship-

Gerald J. Seagly was a lifelong resident of Steuben County, a successful businessman and a person dedicated to helping the youth in the area. He served as chairman of the Student Loan Program for the local Rotary Club and helped to raise money to perpetuate this fund. Mr. Seagly made provisions in his will for the gift of scholarship money to Angola, Hamilton and Prairie Heights schools.

***Awarded to: Hamilton- Kirsten Willibey, Justin Gilbert
Prairie Hts.- Paige Courtright, Gabrielle Engle,
Tiffanie Harvey, Elizabeth Engleking***

The Glenn, Vera and Estel G. Sewell Memorial Nursing Scholarship

The Glenn, Vera and Estel G. Sewell Memorial Nursing Scholarship was established as a memorial to her parents, Glen and Vera Sewell, by Estel Sewell as she bequeathed. Because a concern to her was education for our future generations, Estel chose for her scholarship to be used in the field of nursing, which she felt would benefit a good many people.

***Awarded to: Amy Burkholder, Brittany Kohlmeyer,
Tiffanie Harvey, Felicia Davis***

The Greg Shively Memorial Scholarship

Gregory Michael Shively was a 1976 graduate of Fremont High School. He began his college career at Purdue University and graduated from Michigan State University in an Ag program. After college he joined his father and brother in the farming operation. Greg was a 10-year 4-H member. He was active in FFA, school plays, track, and a member of his church youth group. After his death in 1981, his family established The Greg Shively Memorial Scholarship as an ongoing and living memorial.

Awarded to: Tyson Opdycke

The Steven "Chad" Shively Memorial Scholarship

Steven and Deniese Shively, in memory of their son and as a living memorial, established the Steven "Chad" Shively Memorial Scholarship. Chad, at age 22, had a great start in his career as a farmer until June, 2001 when a hay-baling accident cut his life tragically short. Chad, a 1996 Fremont High School graduate, was a 10-year 4-H member and owner of the C&J Club Calves in Fremont, a ranch with about 30 head of cattle.

Awarded to: Logan Sellers

The Darrell Ray Simons Memorial Scholarship

Jim and Lynn Simons established the Darrell Ray Simons Memorial Scholarship as a lasting memorial for their 14 year old son. It was a way of saying "thank-you" to their community for the support they received after a fire in their home took Darrell's life. This scholarship is awarded to a student planning a career in secondary math education.

Awarded to: James Clary

The Snyder Ivy Tech State College Scholarship

Ned and Jane Snyder are retired residents of Steuben County who are giving back to their community. Ned was the owner of Snyder Culligan Water for over 40 years. They established this scholarship in 1998 to provide support for a student attending Ivy Tech State College. Ned has served on the board of directors of the college since 1970 and has served as vice-chair of Region 03, in Northeast Indiana.

Awarded to: Ashlee Wilcox

The Spirit of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Established in 2010 by an anonymous donor, this scholarship provides support to a student who wishes to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, business or the sciences. Essential to economic development are inventors who create products and services needed by society and entrepreneurs who start businesses to bring these inventions to market. This scholarship aims to recognize students with the desire and potential to become successful inventors or entrepreneurs.

Awarded to: Sarah Worthington, Todd Guthrie, Jr.

The Gene Wenzel Memorial Scholarship

Tom Wenzel established the Gene Wenzel Memorial Scholarship as a tribute and in memory of his father. Gene was a self-made successful man. His family felt that this was a fitting memorial, as he believed in the value of an education and in hard work.

Awarded to: Justin Gilbert

***Thank you to our Donors.
Your kind and giving spirit lives on in the success stories of those students
who benefit from your generosity.***