



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS + REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship Sponsor Name/Organization	Scholarship Value	Scholarship Overview	Scholarship Criteria/Instructions
Aaron Plaskas, Financial Architects Scholarship	\$500	With over 20 years in the financial services industry, Aaron brings a family-first approach to helping everyone he meets achieve optimal financial wellness, grow and protect their wealth. He is dedicated to building solid, long-term plans that are customized to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of all clients, no matter what life circumstances and goals they face.	N/A
Adam Dreeszen Memorial/Shade Tree Auto Scholarship	\$500	In 2019, Shade Tree Auto lost a member of our family and an incredible technician when Adam Dreeszen passed away from Esophageal Cancer. Adam found a passion and a financially rewarding career in auto repair with a two-year degree from a trade school. In honor of Adam and his choice to pursue a local trade, we have created a scholarship in his name to help a DCG student find a career they love.	Student pursuing a certification or degree in a skilled trade. Preference toward students with strong volunteering and community involvement.
Andrea Sabus State Farm Scholarship	\$1,000	This scholarship is for the student who has embraced inclusion of all people in their school. Someone who has participated in school activities that helped people with different abilities and talents (i.e. Best Buddies, Pal PE). A student that has been a 'good neighbor' to all and is always willing to help others.	Consideration given to financial needs.
Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship	\$300	Dallas Center's Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is a community service sorority and our motto is Life, Learning, and Friendship. Cultural programs are one of the basic elements of our organization. These programs are designed to broaden personal knowledge and understanding of self, friends, and the world. As a member of Beta Sigma Phi, it is in our nature not only to give the best that is in us to ourselves and our sorority but to give the best that is in us to our community and the world.	Applicant must be a female that resides in Dallas Center.
Bill Ellerman Agricultural Scholarship	\$1,000	The Bill Ellerman Agricultural Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a 2 year or 4 year degree in Agriculture. The Bill Ellerman family continues to farm in the Dallas Center area and their roots run deep with the Ellermans originally settling in Dallas County in the 1870's. Agriculture has been a passion and key career field for many within the family.	Student pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree in Agriculture

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Brian J. Soukup Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Brian never knew a stranger and was always the first to lend a helping hand. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2010, the DC-G community rallied behind him and supported him through his journey. Brian was taken from us at the age of 45, leaving behind his wife, Nancy, and three daughters, Melissa, Kim, and Jessica. His family is honored to keep his memory and legacy of kindness, compassion, and generosity alive by providing this scholarship to a DC-G graduate in his name.	The ideal candidate for this scholarship is one who completely embodies the morals and values instilled in Brian and works through adversity and challenges to continue spreading kindness, compassion, and generosity to those around them. Preference is given to those pursuing a technical degree or skilled trade.
Buck Bauman Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	It is the Buck Bauman Memorial Scholarship. You already have the description. I have already made the \$1000 donation for 2023 distribution.	Student pursuing further education in any field of agriculture.
Burnett Graduating Senior Scholarship	\$2,000	Burton Burnett was born in 1913. He made his fortune through farmland and a Ford dealership in Dallas Center. He established a trust to benefit several communities and organizations prior to his death in 1976. It went into effect in 1986 after his 41-year-old daughter Penelope (Penny) Burnett died of cancer. Penny Burnett served as an educator for many years. The Burnett funds provided the core funds needed to start the Dallas Center- Grimes Education Foundation.	N/A
Charter Bank Scholarship	\$500	Charter Bank is celebrating over 20 years of success since it began as a de novo bank in June of 1998 by local investors and local staff in Johnston—a new startup bank—not a branch of an existing bank. Grimes Charter Bank opened in 2000, Waukee in 2001 and Ankeny in 2017 where our local staff includes high school and college interns as tellers, personal & business bankers, loan officers and market managers. We want to be more than just your bank or your employer, we want to be who you turn to.	N/A
City State Bank Scholarship	\$500	City State Bank is proud to be a community bank that offers not only banking, but Insurance and Trust & Investments as well. This year marks their 125th year in business, and their commitment to the communities they serve, is stronger than ever. With a focus on providing financial education to students to help them transition to college and throughout life, City State Bank is proud to support the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation scholarship fund.	Students pursuing an agriculture or finance degree.
CleanWorks Autowash Scholarship	\$300	CleanWorks Autowash is a family-owned and operated Carwash Business with locations in Central Iowa, including Grimes and Dallas Center. We are proud to support and award a Dallas Center-Grimes 2021 Senior with our CleanWorks Autowash Scholarship.	STEM Student or Entrepreneurial spirit with business emphasis

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Dallas Center-Grimes Education Association Scholarship	\$500	The DCG Education Association is proud to present this scholarship on behalf of our hard-working teacher members to a student looking to enter the field of education. The DCGEA is looking for a student who is ready to share their commitment to being a life-long learner and to pass the joy of learning onto their future students.	Students who will be entering the education field
Dave Crawford Real Estate Scholarship	\$1,000	Dave Crawford has had a meaningful connection with DCG for many years and wants to honor that by supporting its students. His company, Dave Crawford Real Estate, is committed to giving back to the community and its students. He has made it his mission to help as many people as possible further their education. Through his dedication and commitment to educational success, he is giving back in incredible ways.	Financial Need
DCG Baseball Club Scholarship	\$500	Dallas Center-Grimes Baseball Club, a local non-profit organization will be offering scholarships to senior baseball players who have played for 4 years in the DCG Baseball program and will be moving on to attain a secondary education at any trade school, college, or university. Applicant will not need to participate baseball at secondary education location.	4 years of participation in DCG High School baseball Pursuing a secondary education at any trade school, college, or university
DCGEF Board Character Does Count Scholarship	\$1,000	DCG has been using the Character Counts Framework for several years. This framework contains the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. To quote from the Josephson Institute: "Let's face it: It's not easy to become a person of character. It takes a good heart, but it also requires wisdom to know right from wrong and the discipline to do right even when it's costly, inconvenient or difficult. Becoming a person of character is a lifelong quest to be better." To continue to support our students in being persons of good character and showing leadership, scholarships are given to those who best and most consistently represent these pillars and demonstrate leadership in their daily lives. The board members of the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation personally contribute to providing these scholarships.	Consideration is given to students demonstrating good character and showing leadership consistently as they represent these pillars in their daily lives.
DCGEF RED Scholarship	\$3,000	The DCGEF is proud to provide the RED scholarships renewable for four years. These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of those who attend and support the (R)aising (E)ducation (D)ollars - RED Dinner and Auction, an annual event held each November. Tickets will be available for purchase at <a href="http://dcgeducationfoundation.org">dcgeducationfoundation.org</a> .	N/A

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DCGEF Scholarship	\$2,000	The mission of the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation is to provide additional equitable education opportunities for students within the Dallas Center-Grimes School District. We provide scholarships for seniors and alumni for post secondary education. Fundraisers are held to provide these scholarships. DCGEF works closely with the school to help with scholarships and also operates as the fiscal agent of the scholarship funds. Post secondary education is crucial to the future of our graduates AND our economy.	N/A
Diane & Scott Kruse - Be the Solution Scholarship	\$600	Be the Solution Award - Scholarship created for the purpose of recognizing the students who "Are the Solution" and not the problem. Putting an end to bullying.	Using Essay #2 field, provide a written essay explaining how you put an "End to Bullying."
Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA)	\$500	The ideal applicant demonstrated leadership in high school fine arts, and intends to further explore fine arts in college.	FOFA considers the senior's involvement in fine arts during high school, and how it may relate to their intended field of college study.
Frampton Homes, Chrissi Ripperger & Andrew DePhillips-DePhillips Real Estate Group Scholarship	\$1,000	Frampton Homes is based in Grimes. We build quality, custom homes throughout the Des Moines area. Owners, Justin & Dani Frampton, live and raise their family in Grimes. Chrissi Ripperger & Andrew DePhillips with DePhillips Real Estate Group are their realtors, and focus on real estate needs throughout the Des Moines area. Chrissi & her family also live in the DCG School District. Together we strive to help all our clients find the right home for years to come.	N/A
Glenn Brewer Scholarship	\$500	Glenn Brewer was a graduate of Dallas Center High School. He worked in the grocery industry for most of his life, in Joliet, IL. He retired in the Dallas Center area. Glenn's wish was to provide scholarships for the average student.	Average student Financial need Trade school/ community college
Golden Rule Plumbing Heating Cooling & Electrical Scholarship	\$500	Golden Rule is a Grimes based company that has been serving the Des Moines area for over 20 years. Our mission is to provide excellent plumbing, heating, cooling & electrical services by following THE Golden Rule. Treating others as you would want to be treated, as well as, gaining an education are the foundations of our business. There is currently a shortage of people going into the skilled trades and our goal is to provide an opportunity to those interested in starting a career in the trades.	Student pursuing trade school, wanting to own your own business, or entrepreneurial majors.

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Grimes Chamber & Economic Development Scholarships	\$500	<p>Grimes Chamber &amp; Economic Development is proud to offer four scholarships to DC-G Graduating Seniors in honor of our local business members. These scholarships include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grimes Chamber &amp; Economic Development VisionBank Award</li> <li>- Grimes Chamber &amp; Economic Development Shade Tree Auto Award</li> <li>- Grimes Chamber &amp; Economic Development Future Leader Award</li> <li>- Grimes Chamber &amp; Economic Development Grimes Pride Award</li> </ul>	N/A
Grimes Girl Scout Troop 463	\$1,000	The 4th grade Girl Scout troop will choose a recipient who demonstrates the Girl Scout Mission of showing courage, confidence, character and strives to make the world a better place.	History of Participation in Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa and goal to continue the mission of the program.
Grimes Hy-Vee Scholarship	\$500	As Iowa's largest private employer, Hy-Vee is committed to helping Iowa's students achieve their educational goals. With more than 88,000 employees serving customers at 280 stores across eight Midwestern states, Hy-Vee's employees are committed to delivering "a helpful smile in every aisle" alongside outstanding quality and value. Hy-Vee ranks in the Top 10 Most Trusted Brands and has been named one of America's Top 5 favorite grocery stores.	N/A
Grimes Lions Club Scholarship	\$500	The Grimes Lions Club was founded in 1947. Our Mission Statement is "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation". Our Motto is We Serve. Grimes Lions Club serves in many ways. We are very active in our community and are constantly looking for ways we can assist in the growth of our town. Each year we provide a scholarship for select students that show a commitment to serving their school, church, and community.	N/A

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Grimes Plaza Veterinary Clinic Scholarship	\$500	Grimes Plaza Veterinary Clinic (GPVC) is a full service veterinary clinic, owned and operated by Dr. Aaron Wilson, a 1997 graduate from DC-G. Graduating from Simpson College and then Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, he returned to his hometown in 2009 with his wife, and DC-G school board member, Sarah, to raise their children around family and friends. Each year the GPVC scholarship is awarded to a student(s) who is interested in pursuing a college major related to veterinary medicine or animal sciences. Past recipients of the scholarship have demonstrated qualities of strong character, extra-curricular involvement, service to community, financial need, and educational achievement. Dr. Wilson strongly values education and is happy to be able to assist others in this pursuit.	Student pursuing veterinary medicine or animal sciences. Consideration given to students with strong character, extra-curricular involvement, service to community, financial need, and educational achievement.
Jack Kupka Scholarship	\$250	This scholarship is intended for a student who has overcome obstacles in life with resiliency and courage.	This scholarship is open to any applicant who has a story to share about overcoming adversity and wants to use that to make a change or difference in the world for others.
Jacob Nockels Memorial Scholarship	\$250	The Jacob Nockels Memorial Scholarship was given anonymously by someone who loved Jacob very much! Anyone who knew Jacob realized quickly that he had the biggest heart ever. Jacob was so kind, compassionate, soft hearted, funny, helpful and so loving. His smile could light up a room. Jacob had more LOVE in his heart than most people get in a lifetime! We are so grateful for the 21 years we shared together! Jacob graduated DCG in 2011 along with his twin sister, Jenna. They both attended ISU and were in the design program. They are both amazing artists! Unfortunately, Jacob was struggling with situational depression. He was dealing with lots of disappointments. He masked his pain while continuing to smile and helping others around him. After a year of struggling to pick up the pieces of a failed relationship, loss of self esteem, trying to find love again, and trying to find his purpose in life, Jacob lost his battle and died by suicide at ISU in January of 2014. When choosing a recipient for this award we look for someone with compassion, who is always helping others, shows they are good hearted and tries to make life better for others, just like Jacob did. We look for someone who may not be in every activity & sport or have the highest GPA, but someone who is kind to those who love and compassion, who reaches out to the ones that need it the most.	When choosing a recipient for this award we look for someone with compassion, who is always helping others, shows they are good-hearted, and tries to make life better for others, just like Jacob did. We look for someone who may not be in every activity & sport or have the highest GPA, but someone who is kind to those who love and compassion, who reaches out to the ones that need it the most.

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Kelly B. Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	The Kelly B. Memorial Scholarship honors our granddaughter, Kelly Bickford, who was stillborn; a great loss to the Bickford family of Grimes. The mission of this scholarship is to encourage and support a student who is embarking on a path to a degree in medicine or health care.	Student entering the field of medicine.
Kid Station at Heritage Scholarship	\$1,000	For one DCG student -to be used for higher education at any university, community college or trade school.	For anyone who either attended Kid Station at Heritage or was employed by Kid Station at Heritage.
Kramer Wealth Advisory Scholarship	\$2,000	Kramer Wealth Advisory is owned by Russell J Kramer, who has been in the financial industry for 28 years. Russ is an Independent Financial Advisor who works with businesses, families, and individuals. Russ assists in the investment decisions and will lay out a plan to achieve goals. Please visit <a href="http://KramerWealthAdvisory.com">KramerWealthAdvisory.com</a> to learn more. Russ is married to Beth Kramer and they have resided in Grimes for over 20 years. Their three children (Jared, Andrew, and Brooke) all graduated from DCG.	Student pursuing a healthcare career.
Luke Sigler Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Luke was an artist who put his heart and soul into his art projects. They were either quirky and funny or deeply meaningful for him. He was pursuing a graphic design degree at Simpson when he got sick and was diagnosed with brain cancer. We want to honor his passion by awarding this scholarship to another DCG artist.	Student pursuing art as an area of study
Mann Orthodontics Scholarship	\$1,000	Scholarship awarded to the senior who has shown exemplary character and leadership throughout high school.	Student who has exemplary character and has shown great leadership throughout high school.
Mike Soloman Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Michael was a resident of the Dallas Center-Grimes community for many years. His love for music and theatre started when he was in high school and continued throughout his life. He volunteered for many community theatres in the area, and when his daughters were at Dallas Center-Grimes he volunteered to help build sets for many of their theatre productions. Michael believed the arts were an absolutely necessary component for a complete education.	Preference for a student who has been active in music or theatre in high school, and who expresses an interest in continuing education in the arts.
North Ridge School Age Child Care inc Scholarship	\$1,000	North Ridge School-Age Child Care is a before and after school program that is operated from the North Ridge Elementary School. Once their first group of former attendees were ready to graduate, they wanted to provide scholarships to those seniors who got their start with the DCG community in their program.	Attended North Ridge School Age Child Care, Inc, before & after school and/or summer daycare program, for a minimum of 1 year. Open to any post high school institution (trade, Community College, University, etc.) Open to all areas of study and grade point averages.

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Overcomer Award	\$250	Every year the Webster Family sponsors an Overcomer Award to an eligible graduating student who has shown determination and perseverance to overcome circumstances that may or may not have been visible to others. This is a small act of helping students recognize the pride they should have in pushing through challenges and to give attention to the act of self reflection of such achievement.	Sharing their circumstances and their "Overcomer Story" in the way they answer the application question (e.g. attitude; commitment; reflection; significance of the struggle).
Pink Couch Wellness Scholarship	\$1,000	Pink Couch Wellness is a Grimes-based mental health therapy practice, owned and operated by Chris and Vanessa Andersen, that seeks to empower women and improve lives. Community is integral to overall health and wellness, and our goal is to give back to the community we call home. We are proud to offer a scholarship to DCG high school students pursuing post-secondary education.	At Pink Couch Wellness, we know that empowered women empower those around them and make communities stronger. Using Essay #2 field, tell us about a woman in your life that showed you the value of perseverance, courage, compassion, and strength, and, as a result, has made a profound impact on your life. Preference will be given to those in financial need and/or overcame barriers prior to graduation.
Premier Insurance Group Scholarship	\$2,500	As a locally owned and operated insurance agency, Premier Insurance Group is committed to providing quality insurance products for individuals and businesses. We combine our strong insurance background and product knowledge to assist both current and future clients manage and plan for all types of potential risk. When you work with Premier Insurance Group, you'll experience excellent customer service and attention to detail.	Someone looking to open their own Business or Going to Trade school to open their own business.
Raccoon Valley Bank Scholarship	\$1,000	Raccoon Valley Bank is a locally-owned community bank with deep local roots. We work to provide excellent financial products and services to our customers by investing in our employees and communities. Part of Raccoon Valley Bank's mission is giving back to its communities. In addition to our charitable giving, and the hours our employees spend volunteering in our communities, we are also proud to offer scholarships to local high school students pursuing post-secondary education.	1 of the 2 scholarships awarded to a fine arts student.
Ron and Jodean Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship	\$300	Jodean and Ron Rosenberg were 70+ year residents of Grimes. They believed in DCG schools and deeply valued education. Ron and Jodean also always stressed the need to get a good education and emphasized the importance of working hard to achieve your goals.	Using Essay #2 field, share what you will do in your life to make an impact on the world.

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Rotary Club of Dallas Center Scholarship	\$1,000	The Rotary Club of Dallas Center will offer three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who have assumed active leadership roles in community service, promoting integrity, and advancing goodwill.	Preferences given based on: -Financial Need -Family Challenges -Academic Achievements -Volunteer Activity in Community -Realistic goals for applicant's future -Connection to Rotary -Connection to Dallas Center
Seidl Services Scholarship	\$500	At Seidl Services, customers are given the attention and personal service you've come to expect from a locally-owned business. We offer the best in tree stump removal along with tree and shrub trimming and removal. We also offer brush cleanup and general property cleanup and maintenance.	Student continuing their education in the area of Horticulture/Environmental Science/Forestry or Agronomy.
Shaffer's Auto Body Scholarship	\$1,000	Located in Ames, Shaffer's Auto Body is a locally owned collision repair shop who is proud to present a scholarship to a senior who exhibits a hard work ethic, is self-motivated, and who has an interest in the trades. First preference will be for students pursuing an education the collision repair industry, followed by the other trades, and then to students in need who want to continue their education.	Collision repair Trade school Financial Need
Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese, P.C. Scholarship	\$1,000	The Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese Law Firm's reputation of integrity and the highest quality of legal work has earned the respect and confidence of our clients and competitors. Whether your needs include family law areas such as divorce, child custody, child support, alimony, or estate planning, criminal defense, and appeals to the Supreme Court, the Firm is known for its ingenuity, skill, and aggressiveness in representing its clients. Our firm has more than 150 years of combined legal experience, strong academic credentials and community ties, including strong ties to Grimes and Dallas Center. Tara Hofbauer, a partner in the firm, is a class of 2000 graduate and continues to reside in the community with her husband and daughter.	N/A

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Steve Keller Memorial FFA Scholarship	\$500	We are pleased to announce a scholarship available to two senior members of the DCG FFA. This scholarship is provided for by the Steve Keller family to honor his legacy. He was a local farmer who had a love for agriculture and the FFA.	To receive this scholarship, the student will need to be a graduating Senior who is a current member in the DCG FFA Chapter, and pursuing an undergraduate degree majoring in Agriculture. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.25. The winners will be the students that can best show their accomplishments in and out of the classroom. List their leadership skills and accomplishments in the FFA organization as well as provide a letter of recommendation to the selection committee (email to <a href="mailto:dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com">dcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com</a> ).
Support Overcomes Stigma Scholarship	\$500	It's ok to not be ok, yet stigma prevents 38% of those with mental illness from seeking help. The Support Overcomes Stigma Scholarship aims to reduce this statistic and help those who have been affected by mental illness. This scholarship will be awarded to those who have been impacted by mental illness within themselves or their loved ones. The sponsors of this scholarship are honored to be a small part of making sure that mental illness does not deter any senior from pursuing their dreams.	Using Essay #2 field, complete an essay that describes his/her/their experience with mental illness. Scholarships will be awarded to those who plan to continue their education at a college or trade school. Involvement in activities, as well as GPA and grades, will be considered but won't be the primary determining factor in selection.
VisionBank Scholarship	\$500	First and foremost, VisionBank is a community bank. We have a rich, 100+ year history in Central Iowa, and we take pride in the opportunity to partner with our neighbors by giving our time, resources, and funding when possible. Our communities are our business. Your success is our goal. On behalf of all of us at VisionBank – congratulations to Tyler Tice and all of our Dallas Center-Grimes graduating seniors. We wish you nothing but success!	N/A