



2024 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS
CRITERIA + ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

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15 Hands Real Estate Scholarship	\$500	We believe in supporting the youth of our community as they take steps towards the next chapter of their lives.	Pursuing a degree in business, sales, real estate or building trades	
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.		
Adam Dreeszen Memorial/Shade Tree Auto Scholarship	\$750	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.	Pursuing a trade degree	
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.		
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 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 world.	Female graduate 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. As employment in agricultural and feed related industries make up over 10% of US employment, approaching 19.7 million jobs, the Bill Ellerman scholarship will support a student's pursuit of this rewarding career path, helping to provide food, fiber, and fuel to the world!	Pursuing a 2 or 4 year agricultural degree	
Brian J. Soukup Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	Brian and his family moved to Grimes in 2007 and instantly fell in love with the entire DCG community. Everyone he met immediately embraced Brian's larger-than-life personality and he became a pinnacle of the community - volunteering his time as a coach, working concession stands and sporting events, supporting his three daughters at DCG schools, and spreading his kindness and generosity all along the way. Brian never knew a stranger and was always the first to lend a helping hand. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2010, the DCG community rallied behind him and supported him through his journey. After 16 months of a hard-fought battle, Brian was taken from us at the age of 45, leaving behind his wife, Nancy, and three daughters, Melissa, Kim, and Jessica. Brian touched the lives of so many family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. His family is honored to keep his memory and legacy of kindness, compassion, and generosity alive by providing this scholarship to a DCG 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. Consideration is given to those pursuing a technical degree or skilled trade.	
Buck Bauman Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	The Buck Bauman Memorial Scholarship is meant to help any student pursuing further education in any field of agriculture. Buck graduated from Grimes High School in 1956. He grew up on his family farm just East of Grimes. Farming was his heritage, going back several generations. He also worked at John Deere in Ankeny making cotton pickers. He had a love for farming and, in 1976, realized his dream of owning his own farm, located in Madison County, Iowa. He passed away in 1994, and his daughter, Elizabeth, established this scholarship in his honor in 2018. Iowa farms are feeding the world, and Buck would definitely want to support those seeking to keep the Iowa farming traditions alive.	Pursuing a career in agriculture	

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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 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 DCG Education Foundation.		
Celebrating Unsung Heroes: Scholarships for the Critical Middle Kids	\$2,000	We are all born with unique abilities, each a potential thread in the rich fabric of society. Some of us can craft melodies that resonate with the soul, while others can push their bodies to conquer a marathon challenges. Some have a gift for capturing the fragile beauty of a budding flower with a stroke of a brush, while others possess a photographic memory that allows them to remember life's most intricate details. There are those among us who can disassemble and rebuild a car engine with precision, and others who sow seeds that will one day feed the world. And then, there are those special individuals who possess an unparalleled love and respect for others, coupled with a deep desire to care for children. Within this realm of endless talents and aspirations, we find the essence of two scholarships. These scholarships are not aimed at the valedictorians, those who excel academically. Instead, they are dedicated to the unsung heroes, the young adults who quietly but resolutely carry the world forward. They are the indispensable linchpins of our society, the vital bridge between dreams and reality, and the very heartbeat of our community—the critical middle kids.	Grade point average 2.5 to 3.0 Pursuing a trade or 2yr degree program	Use Essay Field #2 to detail your aspirations to influence and mold the world for future generations. How will you make it a better place to live and grow?
Charter Bank Scholarship	\$500	Charter Bank is celebrating over 20 years of success since it began as a de novo bank in June 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.	Pursuing a degree in business	
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 DCG Education Foundation scholarship fund.	Pursuing a degree in agriculture or finance	
CleanWorks Autowash Scholarship	\$500	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 DCG 2024 graduate with our CleanWorks Autowash Scholarship.	STEM Student or Entrepreneurial spirit with business emphasis	
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 lifelong learner and to pass the joy of learning onto their future students.	Pursuing a career in education	
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.	DCG High School baseball player for 4 years with plans on continuing education after high school.	
DCG Softball Association 2023-24 Scholarship	Number of applicant dependent	The DCGSA wishes to continue to support DCG softball players in their future endeavors. We will present scholarships for post-secondary education to winners of our Video Scholarship Contest.	Any senior DCG Softball player that has played softball all four years in high school, including the upcoming senior year season.	

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DCGEF Board Character Does Count Scholarship	\$1,250	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 Josephsen 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.		
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.		
DCGEF Scholarship	\$2,000	The DCG Education Foundation is an organization made up of dedicated volunteers who work together to fulfill the mission of supporting DCG students in their pursuit of higher education through financial scholarships.		
Diane & Scott Kruse - Be the Solution Award Scholarship	\$500	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.		Use Essay Field #2 to explain how you put an "End to Bullying."
Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA) Scholarship	\$750	The ideal applicant demonstrated leadership in high school fine arts, and intends to further explore fine arts in college.	Pursuing a degree in fine arts	
Glen Brewer Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Glen Brewer was a graduate of Dallas Center High School. He worked in the grocery industry for most of his life, in Joliet, IL. He returned to the Dallas Center area. Glenn's wish was to provide scholarships for the average student.	Average GPA Financial need Pursuing a trade degree or a community college	
Grimes Chamber and Economic Development Scholarship	\$500	Grimes Chamber & Economic Development knows the value of education. Our hope is that these scholarships will have a positive impact on not only individuals who receive them, but also on those around them, whether that be their family, future employers, and the communities in which they choose to call home.		
Grimes Girl Scout Troop 463 Scholarship	\$500	The 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.	Female graduate who has been a Girl Scout	
Grimes Hy-Vee Scholarship	\$1,000	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.		
Grimes Lions Club Scholarship and Paul Buckalew Memorial Scholarship	\$1500 Paul Buckalew Memorial \$1000 Grimes Lions Club	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.	Consideration will be given to students who have served alongside the Grimes Lions Club (Boys Scouts at community breakfasts/Holiday Flag Routes) and students with Legacy Lions Family Members (Parents/Grandparents/Extended Family).	
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 DCG. Graduating from Simpson College and then Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, he returned to his hometown in 2009 with his wife, 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.	Pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine or an animal science related field Consideration given to students with strong character, extra-curricular involvement, service to community, financial need, and educational achievement.	
Jacob Nockels Memorial Scholarship	\$250	Given anonymously by someone who loved Jacob very much! Jacob had the biggest heart and a smile that lit up a room. He was kind, compassionate, soft-hearted, funny, helpful, and loving. He had more LOVE in his heart than most people get in a lifetime! We are grateful for the 21 years we shared! Jacob graduated DCG in 2011 along with his twin sister, Jenna. They both attended ISU for design. They are amazing artists!	Consideration given to someone who is good-hearted, compassionate and will help others.	

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Jessica Kramer Cancer Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000	Established in memory of Jessica Kramer, who lost her battle with cancer to aid young adults affected by cancer.	Consideration given to those with a hardship, specifically due to a family member having had cancer.	
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.	Pursuing a career in healthcare	
Kid Station at Heritage Scholarship	\$1,000	Kid Station at Heritage offers before and after school care for DCG elementary aged kids and is pleased to offer a scholarship for those pursuing higher education at any university, community college or trade school.	Past attendee or employee of Kid Station	
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 KramerWealthAdvisory.com. Russ is married to Beth Kramer and they have resided in Grimes for over 20 years. They have three children (Jared, Andrew, and Brooke) all graduated from DCG.	Pursuing a career in the healthcare field.	
Luke Sigler Memorial Scholarship	\$750	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.	Pursuing a degree in graphic art, design, Christian studies or charity work	Use Essay Field #2 to describe what art means to you or what inspires you to create.
Mann Orthodontics Character Award	\$1,000	Mann Orthodontics is proud to present a scholarship award to a senior who has exhibited excellent character throughout high school. At Mann Orthodontics, we are dedicated to providing you and your family with professional and personal orthodontic care. We strive to provide a setting where patients and their families can develop a bond with our team, knowing that their needs are of supreme importance to us and we treat every patient with dignity, respect and appreciation.	Strong character and leadership experience	
North Ridge School Age Child Care 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.	Must have attended North Ridge School Age Child Care program	
Overcomer Award	\$250	Founded by the family of Noah Webster, a 2019 graduate of DCG who has Dyslexia. Overcomer Award was established to recognize the, often behind the scenes, extraordinary efforts individuals (and sometimes their families) have had to invest to persevere through to graduation.		Use Essay Field #2 to describe how you've persevered. Tell your own overcomer story.
Pink Couch Wellness Scholarship	\$1,000	Inspiring women play a role in building strong people and communities. This scholarship serves to assist those who have had an influential woman in the life, that was impactful in a positive way.	Consideration will be given to those in financial need and/or overcame barriers prior to graduation.	At Pink Couch Wellness, we know that empowered women empower those around them and make communities stronger. Using Essay Field #2, 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.
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.	Pursuing a trade or business degree. Must have an entrepreneurial spirit.	
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.		

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Ron and Jodean Rosenberg 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.		Use Essay Field #2 to describe what you will do in your life to make an impact in this world.
Rotary Club of Dallas Center Scholarship	\$1,000	We are looking for students who have assumed active leadership roles in community service, promoting integrity, and advancing goodwill, while promoting peace and health.		Please complete Essay #1 prompt #4.
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, shrub, and stump removal along with brush cleanup, general property cleanup and maintenance. As a certified arborist, Doug Seidl understands the need for higher education in specialized fields and is proud to help students with similar interests.	Pursuing a college major related to environmental sciences, horticulture, botany, or agriculture.	
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 a career in the collision repair industry, followed by the other trades, and then to students in need who want to continue their education.	
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.	Pursuing a legal profession	
Steve Keller Memorial FFA Scholarship	\$500	We are pleased to announce a scholarship available to two seniormembers of the DCG FFA. This scholarship is provided for by theSteve Keller family to honor his legacy. He was a local farmer whohad a love for agriculture and the FFA.	Must be a current member of the DCG FFA Chapter, and pursuing a degree in Agriculture. Minimum GPA of 3.25. Consideration given for demonstrating accomplishments in and out of the classroom. List leadership skills and accomplishments in the FFA organizationas well as provide a letter of recommendation to the selection committee (email todcgeducationfoundation@gmail.com).	
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.		Use Essay Field #2 to describe your experience with mental illness.
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 our Dallas Center-Grimes graduating seniors. We wish you nothing but success!	Pursuing a degree in business, economics, finance, etc.	