

Thomas Jefferson Designated Scholarships

T.J. Class of 1955

Members of the Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1955 have donated funds to provide scholarship aid to a student who has shown academic improvement or has overcome significant odds. **Criteria:**

- Scholarship is for \$500
- Student who has shown academic improvement or overcome significant odds

Robert Capel Memorial Scholarship (one for each school)

Friends and family established the Robert Capel Memorial Scholarship in memory of Robert Capel, who was a long-time educator in the Council Bluffs Schools. **Criteria:**

- One \$500 scholarship awarded each year
- GPA 3.0-3.70
- Involved in 2 *unrelated* extra-curricular activities for 2 or more years
And held a position of leadership for at least 1 year.
- Active in community or religious organizations, or part-time work for 2 or more years
- Attend college, university or trade school
- Require 3 letters of reference 1 from an academic teacher, 1 from activity sponsor, & 1 from community member

Stuart and Martha E. Currie Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Currie was a 1924 graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School. She was a first grade teacher in the Council Bluffs Schools from 1935 to 1941 and again from 1947 to 1971. During her 30-year tenure with the Council Bluffs Schools, she served children at Second Avenue, Dodge and Washington Elementary Schools.

Criteria:

- Scholarship for 2012 is for \$5,500.00
- Scholarship to be given to worthy and needy students who would not otherwise be able to attend college for financial reasons.
- Amount is based on interest earned each year

Jean Eakin Scholarship

Criteria:

• For a graduating senior pursuing study in an area related to banking and finance
Scholarship is for \$1,000, with \$500 awarded the first year and \$500 the second year in

Mina R. Harsch Scholarship

Criteria:

- Scholarship for 2012 is \$7,000.00
- Music scholarships – vocal or instrumental
- Financial need
- Amount based on interest earned

Admiral Narmi Award

Admiral Narmi is a 1951 graduate of Thomas Jefferson. He received 14 awards and decorations during a distinguished military career during which he served three tours of duty in Vietnam. In 2003, Narmi was inducted into the Thomas Jefferson High School Hall of Fame.

Criteria:

- Scholarship is for \$2,000
- Plans to attend Iowa State University
- Financial need

Pearl Sivey Scholarship

Mrs. Sivey set up a scholarship fund for students of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson High Schools, with a scholarship awarded alternating years to each school. Mrs. Sivey lived her adult life in Council Bluffs. She was a homemaker who had an interest in the education of Council Bluffs student and the welfare of young people. **Criteria:**

- Scholarship for 2012 is for \$0.00
- One scholarship awarded every other year (one year to an AL senior and the next year to a TJ senior)
- Amount based on interest earned

Jacob Hemmingsen Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Hemmingsen was a gifted musician who attended the Council Bluffs School District. His short life touched many around him with his musical and artistic talents. His friends and family established this scholarship in his memory. **Criteria:**

- One \$500.00 scholarship
- music or art major
- ability and desire primary factors
- preference to male student.

Erica Whaley “I Am a Fighter” Scholarship

Erica Whaley was a Thomas Jefferson graduate who excelled in the class room & on the basketball court. While battling cancer, Erica remained positive and knew that everyone had something they had to fight for, and this was her fight. Erica’s basketball coach helped to establish this scholarship in her memory. **Criteria:**

- Scholarship is for \$500.00
- Student who has had to overcome a very large obstacle
- Preference to female athlete, preferably basketball
- Preference to students involved in community service/activities

Donna L. Halda Scholarship

Mother of Mr. Frank Halda. Frank wanted to honor his mother's memory by providing this scholarship from her estate for TJ seniors entering the nursing field. **Criteria:**

- 1 - 3 year progressive scholarship, \$500 the 1st year, \$750 the 2nd year, & \$1,000 the 3rd year
- Senior entering nursing
- 3.0 GPA
- Financial need

Merrill Tronson Scholarship:

Merrill Tronson served Council Bluffs Schools first as a Handicapped teacher at Kirn Middle School. He then served many years as guidance counselor at Washington and primarily at Longfellow Elementary. He loved helping students. **Criteria:**

- 1 \$500.00 scholarship each year to either a TJ or AL graduate
- Attended Longfellow Elementary
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Any post educational school or program (college, tech, beauty, etc...)
- Share how Mr. Tronson impacted their lives in a positive way & about their major.

John T. Grant Memorial Scholarship

John T. Grant was the father of Dr. Martha Bruckner, Council Bluffs Schools superintendent. Judge Grant was a Supreme Court Justice in the Nebraska Supreme Court after serving time as an Omaha attorney and president of the Omaha Bar Association. He was in the Army in World War II, and was the first in his family to graduate from college. Though law was the path he eventually chose, his initial aspirations were in engineering. **Criteria:**

- 1 \$750.00 scholarship will be awarded each year to either an AL or TJ graduate
- 1st generation college attendee receives preference
- Interest in law welcomed, not required
- High School GPA ensures he will be successful in college
- Demonstrates willingness to work very hard in high school and has specific goals for the future
- Financial need/few resources available

Gunn Elementary Scholarship

Gunn Elementary closed its doors after the end of the 2010/2011 school year. This scholarship was established by several Gunn faculty members in honor of the generations of Gunn families and faculty. **Criteria:**

- 1 \$1,000 Scholarship awarded to student at AL, TJ, LC or SA
- Need to have previously attended Gunn elementary
- Good work ethic – provide letter of recommendation
- Involved in extra curricular activities or community activities
- 1 page essay stating reason for application