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## **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.

- **Scholarship is for \$500.00**
- Student who has shown academic improvement or has overcome significant odds

### **Robert & Karen 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. His wife, Karen passed away in 2014 and was added to the scholarship memorial in 2015. Criteria:

- **1 \$500.00 scholarship**
- 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:

- **Amount based on interest earned**
- Scholarship to be given to worthy and low income students who would not otherwise be able to attend college for financial reasons.

### **Jean Eakin Scholarship**

Criteria:

- **Scholarship is for \$500 for 2 consecutive years**
- For a graduating senior pursuing study in an area related to banking and finance

**Students must submit grades and next year's schedule to CEF Scholarship Committee [bchristensen1@cb-cef.org](mailto:bchristensen1@cb-cef.org) to receive 2<sup>nd</sup> installment**

### **Mina R. Harsch Scholarship**

Criteria:

- **Amount based on interest earned**
- Pursuing studies in Vocal or Instrumental Music
- Financial need (low income first consideration)
- Amount based on interest earned

### **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:

- **Amount based on interest earned**
- One scholarship awarded every other year (one year to an AL senior and the next year to a TJ senior) Even years to A.L. and odd years to T.J.

### **Jacob R. Hemmingsen Memorial Scholarship**

Jacob Hemmingsen was a young and gifted aspiring musician, among his other creative assets. He lost his life while completing his senior studies in the Council Bluffs school district, the summer of 2008.

His short life touched many around him with his musical and artistic talents. His friends and family established this scholarship in his loving memory to help further a young person's education interest majoring in art or music.

- **1 \$500 scholarship**
- music or art major (any arts, including drama, speech, culinary, graphics, etc.).
- ability and desire primary factors
- any higher learning facility
- **ESSAY: Answer the following question:**

*"If you were to leave this earth today, what legacy would you leave?"*

### **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:

- **1 Scholarship 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.

- **1 - 3 year progressive scholarship, \$500 the 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$1000 the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, & \$1,250 the 3<sup>rd</sup> year**
- Senior entering nursing
- 3.0 GPA
- Low Income Household or extenuating circumstances creating financial hardship, such as medical expenses, etc.

Student must send grades and proof of enrollment to CEF Scholarship Committee at [bchristensen1@cb-cef.org](mailto:bchristensen1@cb-cef.org) to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> installments for previous winners.

### **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
- Involved in extra curricular activities or community activities
- Essay 300-500 words
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Applications due to school office no later than April 18, 2017

### **Grant Hamilton Memorial Scholarship**

Paul & Eva Hamilton have established this scholarship in honor of their son Grant, who passed away much too early in his life. Our family, including children and grandchildren, attended & graduated from Council Bluffs Schools, where we all received a very fine education. We know that Grant would also have succeeded if he had had the opportunity of a good education. The Hamiltons want to do something for students who want to attend college in the field of accounting and do not have the means to do so. The Grant A. Hamilton Scholarship will start the higher education process for the individual selected.

#### **Criteria:**

- 1 \$2,500 Scholarship awarded to a student at AL, TJ or LC
- GPA 3.2 or higher
- Most in need of financial assistance
- ESSAY: 1 page “Why I want to be an accountant or CPA” & where will attend school
- **DEADLINE to turn to school office April 18, 2017.**

### **LaVonne Spires Memorial Scholarship**

Woodrow Wilson current and former staff created a scholarship in memory of long time Wilson teacher, LaVonne Spires. LaVonne graduated from Thomas Jefferson in 1968. After college, LaVonne joined the Wilson staff where she taught 7th and 8th grade Social Studies for 37 years. Even after retiring from the profession, she could be seen roaming the hallways of Wilson as a guest teacher and also assisting in the library. LaVonne had a passion for education and challenged all of her students to pursue their passions to make themselves better people.

#### **Criteria:**

- **1 \$200.00 Scholarship**
- GPA 3.0 or higher
- Must have attended Wilson Middle School
- Participation in school and community service
- Personal Character based on application

Thomas Jefferson Class of 1977

Established by the TJ Graduating Class of 1977 to support future graduates of Thomas Jefferson High School. **Criteria:**

- **1 \$500.00 Scholarship**
- GPA 2.5 or higher
- Must be a second generation graduate (parent or grandparent graduated from TJ)

### **Terry “Randy” Zahn Memorial Scholarship**

Randy never met a stranger. He served in Vietnam as a paratrooper, then came home and joined the union. He rose in rank to the position of National President. **Criteria:**

- **1 \$200.00 Scholarship**
- GPA 2.50 or higher
- Entering union trade apprenticeship (Preference given to Sprinkler Fitters)
- 1 letter of recommendation from high school teacher