Providing the building blocks for our area includes investing in our community’s youth. When you establish a scholarship fund, you’re providing a chance of success to them as individuals and as future professionals in our community. Today, the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) manages 53 scholarship funds. We have awarded more than $146,000 in 2019 to local students enrolled in a technical college, community college and/or university. This year, our Program Manager, Laurel McKellips, worked with 81 scholarship recipients. These scholarships through the Kearney Area Community Foundation are established by generous donors, businesses and organizations, like you, focused on assisting students in their pursuit of higher education.

A scholarship fund, through KACF, connects local donors with local youth to help them achieve their educational goals. Scholarships can be awarded based on the student’s accomplishments, or financial needs, reflecting the scholarship donor’s belief in the impact an education can have in helping students attain their dreams.

You Can Change Lives

Are you a local dream maker? Are you interested in creating a scholarship fund and investing in our community’s youth? The Kearney Area Community Foundation is here to help! Establishing a scholarship fund with KACF is an effective way to meet your charitable objectives as a local dreamer. Scholarship funds may vary in size and complexity, but one thing is in common throughout all funds, the charitable spirit and dedication to the education of local youth.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECIPIENTS!

The Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) created the Arthur E. Klinkacek Promise Scholarship that will award a number of $10,000 college scholarships to Buffalo County students annually. The scholarship will be paid out over four years, with the highest payout in the fourth year as an extra incentive for students to stay in college. Students may apply next spring through KACF’s new Kaledoscope platform. The platform helps students find and apply for local scholarships offered by donors and other organizations.

Mayra Flores

Mayra graduated from Gibbon Public Schools in May 2019. She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the fall to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish. She plans on pursuing a career in law enforcement and realizing her dream of working for the CIA some day.

Michelle Guido

Michelle recently graduated from Gibbon Public Schools. She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the fall where she plans to major in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting. She enjoys helping students who have come to the United States to seek an opportunity for a better life.

James Meyers

James graduated from Ravenna Senior High School this past spring. He will be attending Central Community College in Grand Island in the fall of 2019 to study nursing. James wants to work for CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital making a difference by helping people in need while providing a future for his ten-month old daughter.

Jessica Tamayo

Jessica is a Gibbon Public Schools graduate. She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the fall where she will study nursing. Jessica has volunteered 60+ hours for organizations such as the Goodfellows Toy Drive and Adopt a Highway.

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McKenna Schmidt
Jonathan Vasek

Blanche Thompson Memorial
Cheyenne Bacon

Carol Cope Alpha Xi Delta
Marissa Asche
Julie Kent
Ashlyn Marx
Elizabeth Revelo

Charles & Jeanette Mumma 4H
Christee Harman
Tanner Kirchhoff
Eli Richter
Kortney Rumble

Charles & Verna Lee Falk
Estefania Gonzalez
AJ Jenkens
CJ & Lena Williams
Osie Cano
Osvaldo Cano

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Taryn Hadwiger

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