

Alliance Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Application

To apply for scholarships administered by the Alliance Public Schools Foundation, you must do the following:

- 1) Indicate the scholarships for which you wish to receive consideration on the list found on pages 2-4 of this application; and
- 2) Submit the following materials (as directed) on or before Friday, March 15, 2024.
The application can be found digitally at: <https://appcentri.com/sign-up/997-495>
 - a) Cover letter detailing your:
 - * Planned or current course of study;
 - * College or University where the applicant is enrolled or plans to enroll;
 - * Career goals; and
 - * Reasons you should be awarded the scholarship(s) for which you have applied.
 - b) Resume detailing the applicant's
 - * Community Service;
 - * Leadership Skills and Offices held;
 - * Awards and/or special recognition; and
 - * Work Experience.
 - c) Two character references from persons not related to you as family
(PLEASE NOTE: One of the two character references submitted by 2024 graduates must be from a person working in the Alliance Public School system.)
 - d) The applicant's most recent transcript(s) from high school and college (If applicable);
 - e) For college students, proof of registration for full-time enrollment, defined as enrollment in at least twelve (12) hours of study per semester unless shown otherwise by correspondence from the educational institution;
 - f) Applicant's ACT/SAT results;
 - g) A list detailing all other financial aid (scholarships and grants) the applicant has been awarded for the 2024-2025 school year; and
 - h) FAFSA application for the 2024-2025 school year (only required for consideration for Qualifying Income Scholarship).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Your application will not receive consideration unless it includes all materials as directed above and is timely received at the following address:

Alliance Public Schools Foundation
c/o Scholarship Committee
1604 Sweetwater Ave.
Alliance, NE 69301

- Scholarship funds must be used during the 2024-2025 academic year or they shall be deemed forfeited.

- Scholarship funds cannot be applied to repayment of student loans.

-Examples of qualifying incomes are set forth on the Alliance Public Schools Foundation Qualifying Income Guidelines made a part of this application.

****Any questions regarding the scholarship application can be directed to Nate Lanik at nate.lanik@alliancebulldogs.org or you can call (308) 762-3359.****

Alliance Public Schools Foundation Scholarships

Alliance Public Schools Foundation and Alliance Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee Scholarship

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship for a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited two-year college, four-year college, or technical school and who is studying, or plans to study agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

Alliance Public Schools Foundation General Scholarship

One (1) \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior graduating from Alliance High School planning to enroll full-time in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, vocational school, or community college.

Alliance Public School Foundation Graduate Level Studies Scholarship

One (1) \$2,000 Scholarship awarded to Alliance High School graduates enrolled in or planning to enroll full-time in a graduate program at an accredited college or university.

Continuing Education Scholarship (for college sophomores, juniors, and seniors)

One (1) \$2,000 scholarship awarded to Alliance High School graduates who will be full-time enrolled in their second, third, or fourth academic year at an accredited college or university for the 2024-2025 school year.

Vocational Tech/Junior College Scholarship

One (1) \$1,500 scholarship awarded to students who have graduated or who are graduating from Alliance High School and who are enrolled or are planning to be enrolled full-time at an accredited two-year college and who are seeking an Associate's Degree.

Alliance Public School Foundation Qualifying Income Scholarship

One (1) \$1,500 scholarship awarded to Alliance High School graduates who plan to enroll full-time at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, vocational school, or community college. (The qualifying income scholarship will only be awarded to those applicants whose parents' income(s) fall(s) beneath a certain threshold determined by the Foundation each year. See attached guidelines.)

Parker Hannifin Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships awarded to students who have graduated or who are graduating from Alliance High School and who are enrolled or are planning to be enrolled full-time in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, vocational school, or community college in the pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Preference will be given to applicants who have a family member working for Parker Hannifin. If checked, please set forth the name of the related Parker Hannifin employee: _____.

Automotive/Communications Scholarship

One (1) \$1500 Scholarship awarded to a qualified Alliance High School graduate planning to enroll full-time in an accredited college or vocational school for the achievement of a degree in either an automotive-related field or communications/broadcasting. This scholarship is offered by the Route 385 Cruisers Car Club and KCOW Radio with matching funds from the APS Foundation.

Vet Tech Scholarship

One (1) \$500 Scholarship awarded to a qualified 2nd year student in Veterinary Technician training. Preference is given to high school graduates who have worked in a veterinary clinic, and show an aptitude and desire to continue in this field, as well as preference for sophomore or 2nd year college students. Preference is also given to students enrolled in the following schools: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis, NE, Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) in Torrington, WY, or Colby Community College in Colby, KS. This scholarship is presented by the Alliance Animal Clinic, with matching funds from the APS Foundation.

Class of '62 Opportunities Grant

The Alliance High School class of 1962 is pleased to offer grants up to \$5,000 to qualifying seniors or graduates of Alliance High School to help fund expenses for educational enhancement, including but not limited to, experience studying abroad, participation in music or dance classes, art or theater camps, language institutes, science forums, etc. Distribution of funds to assist with college tuition expenses is not the primary focus of the grants. Applicants must submit a letter with an application describing what they would use this grant for.

Class of '45 Scholarship

One (1) \$500 Scholarship to a qualifying Alliance High School graduate enrolled full-time in a vocational school, or a two or four-year program at an accredited college or university.

AHS A-Club Scholarship

The Alliance High School A-Club awards two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to an Alliance High School graduating senior who is planning to enroll full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or community college. In addition to meeting the foregoing criteria, eligible applicants must be an active member of the A-Club. Emphasis will be placed on student involvement, not GPA. The winner will be selected by a committee comprised of Alliance High School staff.

Kaye Hempel Memorial Scholarship

One (1) \$2,500 Scholarship awarded to a qualified student who has graduated or is graduating from Alliance High School and is pursuing or intending to pursue full-time a degree in elementary education, special education, or speech pathology at an accredited 4-year college. Preference will be given to applications from applicants pursuing or intending to pursue degrees in Special Education or Speech Pathology.

The Frank and JoAnn Tolstedt Scholarship

Four (4) \$500 scholarships awarded to a high school senior graduating from Alliance High School and planning to enroll full-time in an accredited four-year college or university.

The Class of '59 Lemming Aid Grant – Graduate School Grant

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduate from Alliance High School who is enrolled in graduate school. Applicants must have a GED or diploma from Alliance High School, have a bachelor's degree, and should provide a short narrative for their future aspirations. This Scholarship requires **three (3)** letters of recommendation.

The Class of '59 Lemming Aid Grant – Vocational/Technical Degree Grant

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduate from Alliance High School who is enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a 2-year Community College or technical school. Applicants must have a GED or diploma from Alliance High School, have a GPA of C+ or higher, and should provide a short narrative for their extracurricular, community, volunteer service, and future aspirations. This scholarship requires **three (3)** letters of recommendation.

The “Family is Everything” Scholarship

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a high school senior graduating from Alliance High School and planning to enroll full-time in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, vocational or technical school, or community college. Applicants must be enrolled in a course of study for health care or education.

Alliance High School Class of 1961

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a qualifying Alliance High School graduate enrolled full-time in a technical school who is in their first of study.

Blythe Boness Memorial Scholarship

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship award funded through memorials given in memory of Blythe for this scholarship purpose. This scholarship is awarded to one AHS graduate or a graduating high school senior from the Alliance Public School District. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities may get slightly more consideration but a “gritty” essay and ambitious future goals will be the highest considerations. GPA is not a factor for consideration in this scholarship.

Don Brown Memorial Scholarship

One (1) \$500 scholarship award funded through memorials given in memory of Don for this scholarship purpose. This scholarship is awarded to one AHS graduate or a graduating high school senior from the Alliance Public School District who has attended the Alternative Education Program.

Nic Gasseling Memorial Scholarship

Three (3) separate scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 will be awarded based on the specific criteria attached. The key component of this scholarship is the essay “What Friendship Means to Me”.

Jake Green Young Farmer Memorial Scholarship

One (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded based on the specific criteria attached. The student who receives this scholarship must have a strong desire to actively participate in agriculture-related careers, i.e. Ag Business, Chemigation, Veterinary, etc.

The Blythe Boness Memorial Scholarship was established in 2022 and is intended to support a student financially who is pursuing a postsecondary degree. All are welcome to apply and will be awarded to an Alliance High School graduate who has demonstrated tenacity, and determination throughout high school.

The scholarship is nonrenewable \$1,000 awarded funded through memorials given in memory of Blythe for this scholarship purpose and will be managed by the Alliance Public Schools Foundation. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and other related expenses and are made payable to the selected institution of higher learning for the student's account.

Qualifications: This scholarship is awarded to one AHS graduate or a graduating high school senior from Alliance Public School District. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities may get slightly more consideration but a “gritty” essay and ambitious future goals will be the highest considerations. GPA is not a factor for consideration in this scholarship.

Application requirements:

Submit the following materials (as directed) on or before March 15, 2024:

Cover letter – The needs to include:

1. Your planned or current course of study;
2. College or University where the applicant is enrolled or plans to enroll;
3. Careers Goals; and
4. Reasons you should be awarded the scholarship.

Please address the letter to:

Alliance Public Schools Foundation
% Blythe Boness Scholarship Committee
1604 Sweetwater Ave.
Alliance, NE 69301

Resume – detailing the applicant's

- Community Service;
- Leadership Skills;
- Awards and/or special recognition; and
- Work Experience.

2-Part Application Essay – Part 1: In about 500 words, please share a story about a challenge in high school where you showed grit. How did you overcome the situation? How have you grown as a person because of this experience? Part 2: In a few sentences, explain your future goals in college and beyond.

Letter of Recommendation – Have your best friend or favorite family member write you a letter of recommendation for this scholarship. Encourage them to describe you as your best self. Also, have them include a challenge and/or well wishes for your future. Read their letter. Make a copy or take a picture of it, too. Place it in an envelope and send (submit) it along with application materials.

Transcript – official or unofficial

The Nic Gasseling Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for an Alliance High School Senior planning to continue his/her education at an accredited college or vocational school.

On behalf of Nic's family, the Nic Gasseling Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer three scholarships in the following amounts:

\$1,000.00

\$750.00

\$500.00

Criteria:

- Alliance High School Graduating Senior;
- Students must be applying to an accredited college or vocational school full-time to receive scholarship funds;
- It is the responsibility of the recipient to complete additional information necessary to collect scholarship money. The scholarship check will be made out to the school of the recipient's choice; and
- Scholarship funds must be used during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Application:

1. Write an essay describing "What friendship means to me". (500 words or less)
2. A letter of recommendation from someone aware of your leadership skills, community involvement, and general human spirit.
3. High School transcripts.
4. ACT/SAT results.
5. Planned course of students and school to be enrolled.

The application deadline is March 15, 2024

Completed applications must be mailed (submitted) to:

Nic Gasseling Memorial Scholarship
% Alliance Public Schools Foundation
1604 Sweetwater Ave.
Alliance, NE 69301

The Jake Green Young Farmer Memorial Scholarship

The student who receives this scholarship must have a strong desire to actively participate in agriculture-related careers, i.e. Ag. Business, chemigation, veterinary, etc. Please submit a copy of your high school or current college transcript, and a reference from someone other than a family member must also be included with this application. This scholarship is worth a total of \$500.00. Funds will be paid directly to your chosen school.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Tech School or College planning to attend: _____

Interests, goals, and ambitions as related to agriculture: _____

Extracurricular activities, achievements, and employment: _____

Have you ever been suspended from any activities for academic or disciplinary reasons? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Please submit your application by March 15, 2024 to:

Jake Green Young Farmer Memorial Scholarship
% Alliance Public Schools Foundation
1604 Sweetwater Ave.
Alliance, NE 69301

Alliance Public Schools Foundation Qualifying Income Guidelines

Families with the following incomes shall be deemed eligible for the Qualifying Income Scholarship:

| Persons in Family/Household: | Income Guidelines: |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | \$25,520 |
| 2 | \$32,920 |
| 3 | \$41,560 |
| 4 | \$50,200 |
| 5 | \$58,840 |
| 6 | \$67,480 |
| 7 | \$76,120 |
| 8 | \$84,760 |

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$11,200 for each additional person.