



# SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2023

# CONGRATULATIONS 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS!

The Community Foundation of NCW is proud to honor and recognize our 2023 Scholarship Award Recipients! This year, the Foundation awarded over **\$1.3M in scholarships to 214 students**, most of whom come from North Central Washington, but all have received scholarships for their dedication, commitment, resiliency, and character. Each scholarship is established by donors who aim to financially support the dreams of youth in our region who are attending community colleges, universities, and trade schools and to become the next generation of leaders in their fields. Many hope to return to their hometown and give back their time and talents to the communities they love. Join us in celebrating their achievements and wishing them well as they begin, or continue, on their journey!

## CHELAN COUNTY

### **Aldrich**

Bob and Valerie Valaas Health Sciences Scholarship, Cakes for College Scholarship, Eric DePersio Memorial Scholarship, Wenatchee High School Alumni Scholarship

### **Karina Alejandre Melendez**

Bolyard Family Nursing Scholarship, Cancer Care/ Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

### **Carlos Arellano-Vazquez**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship

### **Greer Bainbridge**

Cone Family Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Pete and Mary Houck Scholarship, Silver Star Chapter 93/Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

### **Jamison Baldwin**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Wenatchee Kiwanis

### **Hudson Bangart**

Cone Family Scholarship

### **Daniel Barrera Mejia**

Cakes for College Scholarship

### **Wesley Bedford**

Native Daughters of the Washington Territorial Pioneers Scholarship, Vets Serving Vets Scholarship

### **Luciano Bellissimo**

Cashmere Rotary Club Scholarship, Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

### **Henry Bergey**

Dr NK Bhide Band Scholarship, Gene 'Sarge' Huber Band Scholarship, Ramiro Cortes Scholarship

### **Katherine Bird**

Don and Rita Campbell Scholarship

### **Jackson Bishop**

Wenatchee High School Alumni Scholarship

### **Kaitlyn Bjorklund**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Mission Scholarship

### **Braiden Boyd**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

### **Zoe Brown**

Cakes for College Scholarship, Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

### **Abigail Cabrera**

Cakes for College Scholarship, Ogburn Family Scholarship, Wenatchee High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship

### **Iona Canlis**

Wenatchee Exchange Club Scholarship

### **Blake Cochran**

Harry and Kathern Lovejoy Scholarship

### **Logan Colins**

deRubertis Family Scholarship

### **Kadince Compton**

Melvin P 'Mel' and Lyndell Crowder NCW Memorial Scholarship

### **Molly Coonfield**

The zur Hausen Scholarship

### **Jayda Cosina**

Eric DePersio Memorial Scholarship

### **Macie Cowan**

Robert Wilson Art Scholarship

### **John Croci**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

### **Scarlett Cron**

Apple Blossom Scholarship, Wenatchee Appalarians Scholarship

### **Melina Cruz**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, Katie and Steven Rolfs Memorial Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

### **Diego Cuevas-Bielmas**

Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship, The zur Hausen Scholarship

### **Kaylee Darlington**

Entiat Scholarship Foundation

### **Zuleima Davila Rubalcaba**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

### **Magally Delgado Rojas**

Lee Bofto Honorary Scholarship

### **Zoe Diaz**

Andrew York Memorial Scholarship

### **Kimberly Dodson**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Tanner J Perry Memorial Scholarship

### **Jackson Donald**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, David M Bohr Memorial Baseball Scholarship



### **Jamison Baldwin**

*Cashmere High School; Attending Western Washington University*

“It is a privilege to grow up in a place where it is evident people care about their schools, children, and community. Receiving these generous scholarship funds is a huge gift, and I hope someday to have a scholarship fund of my own and pay it forward. It is such a relief to have financial support when starting college at Western Washington University. My love for learning and teaching has led to many opportunities with child education and leadership, and I can't wait to continue my pursuit of an Elementary Education degree.”

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**Felix Dotson**

deRubertis Family  
Scholarship

**Teresa Garcia Guillen**

Silver Star Chapter 93/  
Order of the Easter Star  
Scholarship

**Wendy Garcia Maldonado**

Cakes for College  
Scholarship

**Alayna Groce**

Cashmere School  
Foundation Scholarship,  
Chelan County Cattlemen's  
Scholarship

**Jonah Groce**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship

**Joshua Groner**

Cashmere Rotary Club  
Scholarship, Cashmere  
Schools Foundation  
Scholarship, Howard and  
Beverly Murray Scholarship,  
Rudolph and Carolyn  
Christianson Scholarship

**Madeline Hammond**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship, The  
zur Hausen Scholarship

**Isabella Hansch**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship

**Irene Hernandez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship

**Jose Hurtado-Sanchez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship,  
Cone Family Scholarship,  
LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Alonzo Johnson Vasquez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship

**Timothy Johnstone**

Inga, Magnus, and Knute  
Bakke Memorial Scholarship

**Jennifer Juarez**

James Wharton Scholarship

**Sophia Kinninger**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Oscar LaVergne**

Andrew York Memorial  
Scholarship

**Michelle Lindsey**

Marjorie M and William H  
Griffin Scholarship

**Keelauna Lloyd**

deRubertis Family  
Scholarship

**Nicolas Lopez Banuelos**

Wenatchee Rotary  
Foundation Scholarship

**Yameli Lopez Duenas**

Cakes for College,  
Wenatchee Kiwanis  
Scholarship

**Sarah Love**

Bolyard Family Nursing  
Scholarship, Cancer Care/  
Betsy Tontini Nursing  
Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer  
Nursing Scholarship

**Eli Lyons**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship

**Violet Madson**

Hal Newman Memorial  
Music Scholarship, JD Riggs  
Memorial Scholarship, Roy  
W Hill Scholarship

**Amy Marquez Echeverria**

Harry and Kathern Lovejoy  
Scholarship

**Gabriela Martinez**

Jeffers, Danielson, Sonn and  
Aylward Law Scholarship

**Soraya Martinez**

Cakes for College  
Scholarship, Gil and Kay  
Sparks Scholarship

**Sage McFetridge**

Pete and Mary Houck  
Scholarship, Wenatchee  
Valley Street Rods  
Scholarship

**Yael Mejia**

Cakes for College  
Scholarship

**Yasleni Mejia**

Arlene Birdsell Martin  
Scholarship, Cashmere  
Schools Foundation  
Scholarship

**Pablo Mendez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship,  
LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Jennifer Mendez-Sanchez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship

**Wendi Mingo**

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini  
Nursing Scholarship, Carol  
Cooper Nursing Scholarship,  
Sybil H Shearer Nursing  
Scholarship

**Karen Munguia Rodriguez**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship,  
Dr Patrick Molloy Migrant  
Scholarship

**Luciano Bellissimo**

*Cashmere High School;  
Attending Whitworth  
University*

“Receiving this scholarship from an organization dedicated to serving others is a great honor. It’s encouraging me to continue my service within, and outside of, my own community. It encourages me to follow in the footsteps of the great community members at the Cashmere Rotary who dedicate their lives to serve others. It’s truly inspiring. Of course, I am incredibly grateful for the large financial aid given to me by this organization that will help me to afford Whitworth University. It’s such an amazing gift.”

**Colby Musser**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship,  
Eddie Bromiley Memorial  
Scholarship

**Jayden Myers**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship,  
deRubertis Family  
Scholarship

**Dakota Myhre**

Linda M Safar Memorial  
Scholarship, WHS Class of  
1952-Jane Lovejoy Memorial  
Leadership Scholarship

**Ashlee Nunez**

Bud and Donna Corbin  
Memorial Scholarship,  
Saddlerock Evangelical  
Presbyterian Church  
Scholarship

**Jaimee OBrien**

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini  
Nursing Scholarship, Paul  
and Karen Pugh Scholarship

**Emanuel Ocampo**

Fisk and Lila Gerhardt  
Scholarship, The zur Hausen  
Scholarship

**Mariana Ochoa**

Cashmere Schools  
Foundation Scholarship

**Emily Oelke**

Bolyard Family Nursing  
Scholarship, Pete and Mary  
Houck Scholarship, Sybil H  
Shearer Scholarship

**Oscar Ojeda Penilla**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship,  
Grace Ekman Whitely  
Scholarship

**Finnley Ottley**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Tania Oyos-Cruz**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship

**Juana Palacios Villalobos**

Cascade and Chelan School  
Districts ELL Scholarship, Nic  
Tower Memorial Scholarship



# CHELAN COUNTY

**Kaylee Patino**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship

**David Payan-Olvera**

The zur Hausen Scholarship

**Natalie Pearson**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Gabriela Pedraza Fraga**

Cakes for College Scholarship, Wenatchee High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship

**Jose Pena Rodriguez**

Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Cameron Phillips**

Cakes for College Scholarship, The zur Hausen Scholarship

**Madeline Priest**

Cakes for College Scholarship

**Alejandra Ramirez**

AVHRA Human Resources Scholarship

**Carly Rankin**

Everett and Roy Hill Music Scholarship

**Devan Regan**

Peters Family Scholarship

**Ashlyn Reichert**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

**Emily Reyes Torres**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, Nic Tower Memorial Scholarship

**Coby Riches**

Fisk and Lila Gerhardt Scholarship, Wenatchee Exchange Club Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Ivy Rios**

Bud and Donna Corbin Memorial Scholarship

**Abigail Rivas**

Don and Rita Campbell Scholarship

**Abigail Roche**

Fisk and Lila Gerhardt Scholarship

**Fatima Rodriguez**

Wenatchee High School Alumni Scholarship, William and Elizabeth Robinson Scholarship

**Katia Rodriguez**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Lindsee Rodriguez**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, Inga, Magnus, and Knute Bakke Memorial Scholarship

**Tessa Roehl**

Cakes for College Scholarship, Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Marlene and Henry Bauer Scholarship

**Adrian Rojas**

Cakes for College Scholarship

**Elise Rothlisberger**

Pete and Mary Houck Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Scholarship

**Rianne Salcido**

Wenatchee Appalarians Scholarship

**Elle Seidensticker**

Cashmere Rotary Club Scholarship, Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Women's Service League of Wenatchee Scholarship

**Melissa Sencion-Lara**

Wenatchee High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship

**Gunnar Simmons**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship, Melvin P 'Mel' and Lyndell Crowder NCW Memorial Scholarship

**Steven Simmons**

The zur Hausen Scholarship

**Dawson Smith**

Ronald Dean Estes Scholarship

**Rachel Smith**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

**Sadie Smith**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

**Hope Stringham**

Wenatchee Bowling Association Scholarship

**Garrik Strong**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

**Hunter Stutzman**

Nic Tower Memorial Scholarship

**Mario Tejada**

Grace Ekman Whitley Scholarship

**Jeremias Torres**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Michael Torres**

Richard 'Obie' Oberweiser Memorial Scholarship

**Davin Trefry**

Bud and Donna Corbin Memorial Scholarship, Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church Scholarship

**Amber Turner**

Susan Yaw Memorial Scholarship

**Manuel Valencia**

Fisk and Lila Gerhardt Scholarship, Wenatchee High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship

**Carmen Valencia Gonzalez**

Chelan County Cattlemen's Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Valentin Valazquez-Madrueno**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Fatima Villegas**

Bob and Valerie Valaas Health Sciences Scholarship, Cakes for College Scholarship, Pete and Mary Houck Scholarship, Wenatchee Kiwanis Scholarship

**Erin Waligorski**

Jack and Dede Hill WSU Exchange Club Scholarship

**Alaina Wall**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship

**Vanessa West**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, Inga, Magnus, and Knute Bakke Memorial Scholarship, Pete and Mary Houck Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

**Michael Whitefoot**

Clarence and Della Murray Scholarship

**Taylor Williams**

Apple Blossom Scholarship, Cakes for College Scholarship

**Jonah Wisen**

Gerald E Robinson Memorial Scholarship

**Tyler Wisen**

Pete and Mary Houck Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

**Sydney Young**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

**Alyssa Zapien**

Bolyard Family Nursing Scholarship, Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Inga, Magnus, and Knute Bakke Memorial Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

**Grady Zimmerman**

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

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# DOUGLAS COUNTY

**Dennise Aguilar Cano**

Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Juddy Anyona**

Bolyard Family Nursing Scholarship, Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Carol Cooper Nursing Scholarship, Dr Don Fager Nursing Scholarship, Dr Steven George Kerr-Medical Memorial Scholarship, Nursing Scholarship for NCW

**Julia Ashley**

Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Elisha Bartlett**

Apple Blossom Scholarship, Stella Knoebel and Mary Jean Carter Scholarship

**Cesar Bedolla-Hurtado**

Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship, The zur Hausen Scholarship

**Emma Bergan**

Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church Scholarship

**Coldan Borden**

Alice Malloy Rudd Scholarship, Jerry Van Winkle Memorial Scholarship, John and Elnora Smith Foundation Scholarship, Kellen Biggar Athletic Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship, Waterville Shocker Scholarship

**Shyanne Chang**

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Keyes Packaging Group-Don Evenhus Scholarship

**Curtis Cummings**

Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Cali DeFord**

Neil and Harold Asmussen Scholarship, Ralph and Clara Betcher Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Abraham Diaz**

Lauren Ludeman Memorial Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Payton Dunning**

James Elwyn Memorial Scholarship, Rowland and Ethel Slusser Jones Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Madelyn Eaton**

Second Chance Scholarship

**Kendall Flannagan**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Estephania Flores-Quintero**

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Katie Moore Memorial Scholarship, Paul and Karen Pugh Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Alexa Garcia**

Jeffers, Danielson, Sonn and Aylward Law Scholarship, Neil and Harold Asmussen Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Cindy Gonzalez Villa**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Yajaira Guerrero**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship, Wenatchee Kiwanis Scholarship

**Lourdes Guerrero Gutierrez**

Grace Ekman Whitley Scholarship

**David Guzman Valente**

Wenatchee Exchange Club Scholarship, Wenatchee High School Alumni Foundation Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Rachel Hamilton**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Masyn Heggem**

Arlene Birdsell Martin Scholarship

**Hannia Hernandez-Mendoza**

Apple Blossom Scholarship

**Colby Hull**

Wenatchee Women's Bowling Association-Opal Wickland

**Pedro Lopez Aguilar**

Everett and Roy Hill Music Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Mireya Lopez-Mercado**

Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

**Consuelo Magallon**

Marvin and Frances Salisbury - Wenatchee Sunrise Rotary Educational Scholarship

**Valerie McCray**

Chelan County Fire District #1 Volunteer Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Alysha McGraw**

Neil and Harold Asmussen Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Hannah Mikkelsen**

LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Eamon Monahan**

Cakes for College Scholarship

**Trevor Moore**

Neil and Harold Asmussen Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Isaiah Morlan**

Doell Family Scholarship, Josh Putman Memorial Scholarship, Nick Schoffen Music Scholarship, Roy W Hill Scholarship

**Elsie Munson**

Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Kaylee jo Norton**

Ralph and Clara Betcher Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

**Jayke Olson**

Douglas County-Waste Management Environmental Studies Scholarship, FH Vinecore Memorial Scholarship, Henry Max Galbraith/East Wenatchee Grange No. 1012, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

**Kasey Paquette**

Cakes for College Scholarship

**Coldan Borden**

*Waterville High School; Attending Wenatchee Valley College*

“This scholarship holds personal significance because it reaffirms my commitment to giving back to my community. As a future coach and mentor, I am motivated by the desire to inspire and guide young individuals, just as I have been inspired by my own mentors. This scholarship supports my academic journey, the importance of community involvement, and the potential I have to make a difference in others.”

**Isaac Quezada**

Bob and Nita Scholarship, Camp fire NCW Scholarship, Wenatchee Exchange Club Scholarship, Wenatchee Kiwanis Scholarship

**Miranda Quiroz Velazquez**

Cakes for College

**Veronica Ramirez**

Cascade and Chelan School Districts ELL Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship

## DOUGLAS COUNTY

### Erin Robards

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Scholarship, Nursing Scholarship for NCW

### Rodrigo Rodriguez

Cakes for College Scholarship

### Jacqueline Ruiz

John and Elnora Smith Foundation Scholarship, John and Mary Martin Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Rowland and Ethel Slusser Jones Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

### Manual Sanchez

Grace Ekman Whitley Scholarship

### Dylan Schmitt

Apple Blossom Scholarship

### Layni Schmutzler

Melonye Shurtz Memorial Scholarship

### Helen Schumaker

James Elwyn Memorial Scholarship

### Trevor Shoults

Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship

### Jizelle Torres Bazan

Henry Max Galbraith/East Wenatchee Grange No. 1012 Scholarship, Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarship

### Cindy Vargas

Altrusa Scholarship of Wenatchee

### Kylee Weems

Cakes for College Scholarship, John and Elnora Smith Foundation Scholarship, LeMaster/Auvil Scholarship, Paul Reasor Scholarship

### Jessica Wilson

Bob and Valerie Valaas Health Sciences Scholarship

### Harlie Zones

Kellen Biggar Athletic Scholarship, Virgil V and Pearl E Gustin Scholarship

## OKANOGAN COUNTY

### Joshua Arnold

Cruz Andrist Memorial Scholarship

### Kate Brien

Cancer Care/Betsy Tontini Nursing Scholarship, Dr Don Fager Nursing Scholarship, Paul and Karen Pugh Scholarship, Robert C and Barbara M Alexander Nursing Scholarship

### Vanessa Cenicertos-Navarro

Pateros Scholarship

### Coley Christoph

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Caleb Craddock

Cruz Andrist Memorial Scholarship

### Macey Crum

Sybil H Shearer Nursing Scholarship

### Maci Daling

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Daisy Gomez-Ruiz

Brewster High School - Rawson Scholarship

### Jessica Heinlen

Dorothy Prewitt Pohlman/AAUW Scholarship

### David Johnson

Sons of Italy Scholarship

### Lindsey Jones

Gerald E Robinson Memorial Scholarship, Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Daniel Keane

Eddie Bromiley Memorial Scholarship

### Makena Kelly

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Ezekiel Kirk

Cruz Andrist Memorial Scholarship

### Kiana Lopez

Cruz Andrist Memorial Scholarship

### Mary MacDonald

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Taylor Meyer

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Karina Mota Villanueva

Pateros Scholarship

### Jaden Radke

Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

### Eric Ramirez

Brewster Mike Marin Memorial Scholarship

### Jonnie Rosser

Fern Cousineau Duncan Memorial Art Scholarship

### Isaias Torres

Cruz Andrist Memorial Scholarship

### Reese Vassar

Brewster High School - Rawson Scholarship

### Nicholas White

Steiner Foundation Scholarship



**Caleb Craddock**  
*Okanogan High School;  
Attending US Air Force  
Academy*

“As a student who will be transitioning into the military, having additional financial support lessens the initial shock of becoming an officer. With Basic Cadet Training less than a month away, there are various things we are required to purchase before arriving on the 28th, and my family and I are grateful for the decreased financial burden thanks to your organization’s contribution. As a student from rural America with big dreams for the future, I am honored to have been chosen to receive this award and will continue to work to make full use of it.”

### Chase Wilson

Second Chance Scholarship

### Afton Wood

Andrew York Memorial Scholarship, Okanogan Masonic Lodge #169 Herbert and Elizabeth Davis Scholarship

## OTHER COUNTIES

### Margarita Contreras

Alex O Santillanes Scholarship

### Travis Hendrick

Ferne Daniel Scholarship

### Ella Kowatch

Cathryn ‘Kate’ George Frenchen Scholarship

### Brianna Kramer

Joan Goerge Smith Scholarship

### Marisol Uribe

Dorothy Prewitt Pohlman/AAUW Scholarship



# Virgil and Pearl Gustin Scholarship Awards its \$1 millionth dollar

The Community Foundation of NCW is excited to share that the Virgil and Pearl Gustin Scholarship has awarded its \$1 millionth dollar.

Though limited in formal education, Virgil and Pearl Gustin were keen observers of life and loved to read. They felt very strongly that everyone should have the opportunity to gain an education and that young people who had a desire to improve, but had little money, deserved as much help as possible.

In 2001, their estate provided an \$800,000 contribution to establish the fund at the Foundation. In 2002, the scholarship made its first awards to 10 students who each received \$1,500. This year, 14 students each received \$4,500.

The Gustins established this scholarship for students at Mansfield and Waterville High Schools because, having no children of their own, they wanted to pass the fruits of their labors on to students. Their hope was for recipients to be inspired to also provide opportunities for others who are in need of help, making a better future for individuals and communities.

Since 2001, 335 students have been awarded over \$1M. With an endowed fund, the principal is invested for growth over time while a portion of the interest is used to award scholarships. Today the Gustin Scholarship is worth \$1.1M, thanks the power of endowment.



Many of our scholarships are possible thanks to those who have left a legacy in their community by naming a Community Foundation scholarship in their will or estate plan. These donors, and others who leave legacies to the Foundation in other ways, are recognized as our Heirloom Society Legacy Circle. As an heirloom is something that is passed down to generations, these special gifts will continue to provide financial support for students for generations to come. To learn more, visit [www.cfncw.org/heirloomsociety](http://www.cfncw.org/heirloomsociety).

## HOW DO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS WORK?

Each of our 150+ scholarships is established by an individual, family, or business that aims to ease the financial burden for students attending community college, university, or trade schools. The donor(s) establish the criteria, such as supporting students attending their alma mater, or majoring in a certain field, community involvement, or honoring a loved one. The minimum investment is \$10,000 which creates an endowed fund where the principal is held in perpetuity and 5% of the balance of the fund is used as the award each year. As the fund grows through investment and additional donations, the annual award amount grows as well - and since it's endowed, it will award scholarships forever!



# THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

The Community Foundation of NCW extends a HUGE **Thank You to the 310 volunteers** that spend many hours reviewing and evaluating thousands of scholarship applications and carefully selecting the recipients. Each scholarship has its own committee comprised of community members that care about supporting students in our region. We appreciate their time, dedication, and thoughtful collaboration in this effort to ensure they select the students that best matches the intent and spirit of the scholarship.

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