

ELK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

2021 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

The Elk River High School Scholarship Program awards scholarships each year to ERHS seniors planning to pursue a post-secondary education. Funding for these scholarships is provided by donations from community organizations, businesses, schools and individuals. It is intended that scholarships assist with tuition, to help keep college education affordable and accessible to all students who wish to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships vary in selection criteria, such as academic success, leadership skills, potential for success or the major field of study. The scholarships noted in this newsletter will be applied towards 2021-2022 tuition.

Applications are available online at: www.isd728.org/ERHS

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE **March 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm**

Scholarship Award Notification

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail in late April and local scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards and Scholarship Evening on May 12th and is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Zabee Theater.

Scholarship Number	Scholarship Name	Eligibility Requirements	# of Awards /Amounts	Type of Application
1	James P. Voight Scholarship	Scholarship for students majoring in Education or related fields. Must maintain a "B" average 1st quarter/semester of college to receive a scholarship.	1/\$1,000	Custom
2	The Connexus Energy Foundation Scholarship	Parents of the recipient must be members of Connexus Energy, attending a state university, college, vocational-technical, or trade school. You must provide a copy of a current Connexus Energy bill to Mrs. Whiteoak in the counseling office.	1/\$1,000	ERHS General
3	Archie and Isabelle Powell Scholarship	Students must be a graduating senior of Elk River High School. Students must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational program. Students must exemplify community service, active participation in extracurricular activities, active participation in community or church organizations, and average or above average effort placed on education. Student's financial need shall not be a consideration; Student's rank in the upper 10% of graduating class is not a consideration but shall not preclude a student from receiving the scholarship.	2/\$500	ERHS General

4	Chase Korte Peace Essay Scholarship	Must have successfully completed the Peace Essay assignment for the contest sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace as a junior and/or a senior. Must be planning to attend a 4 year college or university. Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 or higher.. Must have participated in extracurricular activities, been involved in the community and volunteering. Must explain in writing how their planned course of study may somehow lead to a more peaceful world, or increase social justice or in some other manner lead to the betterment of society.	1/\$500	Custom
5	The Bank of Elk River	1.GPA of 3.25 or better at graduation from ERHS-PSEO students are eligible. 2. Major in business, finance, marketing or business related fields and attending a tech school, community college, or four year college. 3. Must be a full time student, and have a College 3.0 GPA or better.	2/\$1,000	ERHS General
9	ERHS Student Council	Selected and paid by the Student Council. Must have a first quarter GPA of 3.0 and be a member of the student council. Must have been an active member of the student council for a minimum of 2 years. The scholarship is to be used the following year or will be forfeited.	1/\$250	Custom
12	Three Rivers Foundation	When possible, all scholarship awards shall show a preference for students in financial need and to students who exemplify leadership skills among their peers and in the communities they live in.	1/\$2,500 6/\$1,000	ERHS General
14	Cretex Co. in Memory Of John H. Bailey	Accepted by a four-year degree granting institution. A full-time student maintaining a "B" average the first marking period. Have demonstrated an interest in the affairs of the school and community as demonstrated by a willingness to accept responsibility in one or both. Performed up to his or her ability in the classroom. Candidates will be selected and will be interviewed by Jeff Wollerman, Cretex Co. to determine scholarship recipients.	1-\$2,500x4 years renewable-applicant must meet criteria yearly	Custom
15	William Hjertstedt Elk River Education Association (EREA) Scholarship	Students must be a child of an EREA member. Students must be a current high school senior. Students must attend a two or four year college, university or technical school during the 2021-2022 school year. Course of study must be at least nine months in duration. APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 3/15/2021	4/\$750	Custom
20	Elk River Rotary Scholarship	Enrollment in a business or professional program at a two or four year college. Plans a business or professional goal after college. Ability to succeed, a willingness to accept responsibility, receives grades reflecting ability, a measure of financial need. Were you a Rotary "Student of the Month?"	2/\$2,000	Custom
24	First National Financial Services	Intended major, business or finance degree to be used at a 4 year college. Please submit a sample of some creative work, examples: creative writing, a piece of art, a song, dance, favorite recipe, skit, a concert, old car restoration, pictorial,	1/\$2,500	Custom

		etc. Do not submit anything that is offensive. We want to see the “essence” of our applicants.		
28	Elk River Lions Club Vocational Scholarship	Enrollment in a vocational program, ability to succeed in the chosen course of study, willing to accept responsibility, received grades which accurately reflect ability and have given back to their community.	3/\$2,000	ERHS General
35	Ramsey Lions Scholarship	Ramsey resident demonstrated personal characteristics such as integrity, honesty, leadership and maturity of purpose.	4/\$1,500	ERHS General
42	Great River Energy	3 scholarships for college and 2 for technical college. Preference to students pursuing two and four year degrees in mechanical/electrical engineering or an environmental program. Students should also have exemplified leadership in the classroom and in the community.	5/\$1,000	ERHS General
43	Elk River Boys Hockey Blue Line Club John McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship	Any boys’ hockey player who played on the JV/Varsity Hockey team for two years or more. Has to have played E.R. Youth Hockey since PeeWee Age. Applicants must possess a current GPA of a C average or better. Must apply to a post-secondary institution within the scholarship term. Applicants do not have to play hockey past high school. Applicants must be an ERHS senior.	2/\$500	Custom
54	Elks Fairway Foundation “Guy Varty” memorial Scholarship	Graduating ERHS Senior. Member of the Boys' Golf Team. Pursuing post-high school education. Dedicated to the game of golf, academic achievement, athletic accomplishments, extracurricular organization and activities. Sportsmanship.	1/varies	Custom
55	Dwayne R. Becklin Scholarship	Attending a 4 year college or university, lettered in an athletic program at ERHS, GPA of 2.5 or above, participation in community activities.	1/\$500	Custom
60	Dana Hunt Art Scholarship	Must be pursuing a career in the areas of art education, visual arts or graphic arts.	1/\$500	Custom
61	Paraprofessional/Assistant Scholarship	You must be the son or daughter of a Paraprofessional/Assistant. You will only be eligible to receive the \$150.00 scholarship once per student. Applications accepted senior year only. 2. Parents MUST be a FULL-SHARE member of the AFSCME Assistants Union for one year prior to their son/daughter's senior year. Applications must be given to Tracy Ratike, Treasurer, before May 1st of the seniors graduating year. Please send Tracy Ratike a copy of your college transcript (a copy is fine, it does not have to be official) after 1 st semester. A check will be sent to the address on your application when it is received.	Varies/\$150	Custom
62	Lincoln Elementary PTO	Attended Lincoln Elementary. Students must write an essay choosing either question 1 or 2: 1. Pick an experience from your time at Lincoln Elementary and explain how it has influenced your development. How did that shape who you have become or what choices you have made for your college major? OR 2. Thinking back on your time at Lincoln Elementary, what do you know now that you wish you knew in elementary school? If you could give your younger	2/\$500	Custom

		self advice-what would that be and why is it important?		
63	Elk River Band Boosters	Must be enrolled in band currently and in band all four high school years. Must have participated in at least three years of above required band while in high school (jazz, pep, orchestra, etc.) Please check the years you participated. May be used at any post-secondary institution. **Scholarship will expire on June 30th, two years after graduation year. May be used at any post-secondary institution.	2/\$500	Custom
69	VandenBerge Middle School Scholarship	Student attending a 4 year college. Must have attended VandenBerge Middle School.	1/\$200	ERHS General
71	VandenBerge Middle School Student Council	Attending a 2 year community college, Technical college or 4 year college. Must have attended VandenBerge Middle School	1/\$200	ERHS General
72	District 728 Administrators	Attending any post-secondary institution. Participation in School activities.	1/\$500	ERHS General
82	Parker Elementary	Former Parker Elementary Student	2/\$500	ERHS General
85	DECA Scholarship	Competed at the District and State Conferences. Must have been an active DECA member. Plans to attend a 2-4 year school studying marketing or business. Current Advanced Marketing student.	1/\$250	Custom
91	ER Fire & Ambulance Service Jack Kreuser Memorial Scholarship	Graduating ERHS Senior, applied or accepted to a post-secondary program, willingness to accept responsibility, received grades that reflect ability.	2/\$1,000	Custom
94	Elk River Police Association Scholarship	For interested students entering any law enforcement program.	1/\$500	Custom
101	Christopher Lange Memorial Scholarship	Attended Salk Middle School, will be attending a 4 year college, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, other honors and awards, special circumstances to be aware of, extracurricular and community involvement.	2/\$1,000	ERHS General
105	Noelle M. Anderson Scholarship	Must have attended Meadowvale Elementary for at least one year. Must attend a 2 or 4 year post-secondary school. Must have a GPA between 3.0 and 4.0. Complete application form and brief essay.	5/\$1,000	Custom
106	ERHS ACTT, Inc. Scholarship	Must be attending a post-secondary institution and have actively participated in the ERHS drama program during high school. Must have met the minimum volunteer hours for ACTT. Must have lettered in Theatre. List ERHS productions involved in during high school. Submit an essay about how ERHS theatre has impacted your life and explain how you have gone above and beyond to grow and develop your craft in theatre.	3/\$250	Custom
108	ERHS Yearbook Scholarship	Must have participated in Yearbook.	Varies /Varies	Custom

109	Elk River Girls Hockey Booster	Complete your Senior Hockey year in good standing at ERHS or ZHS. Parents are members of the ERGHA Hockey Booster Club, previous player in ERYHA.	2/\$500	ERHS General
117	Mercy Medical Staff Scholarship	Student majoring in a medical related field.	1/\$600	ERHS General
119	Elk Pride	No restrictions as to eligibility.	4/\$500	ERHS General
120	Friends of Elk River Public Library Scholarship	Your application will not be considered unless all of the following are included: 1. A short letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative describing why you deserve this scholarship. 2. A typed, double-spaced essay of 350 to 500 words in size 14 font describing a positive experience you've had involving the Elk River Public Library. Please include your library barcode at the top of the essay; do NOT include your name. Essays become the property of "The Friends of the Elk River Library" and may appear in promotional materials.	3/\$500	Custom
124	Lyle Christensen Memorial Athletic Scholarship	Participated in High School athletics and at least a 3.0 GPA. Plans to continue with athletics in college	2/\$1,000	ERHS General
125	Marguerite Jordan Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship for students who participated in wrestling. Must maintain a "B" average 1 st quarter/semester of post-secondary institution to receive a scholarship.	2/\$200	Custom
134	The Loso Legacy Scholarship	The scholarship is available to an ERHS senior clay student who is either pursuing college or technical school with a focus on visual art or an ERHS senior clay student who wants to purchase a potter's wheel which will help further skill development in clay design and production.	1/\$500 or Pottery Wheel	Custom
137	Tim Mshomi Memorial ELL Scholarship	Students must have been in the ELL program at least one year at ERHS & pursuing higher education in any field of study. Write a 1-2 page essay describing how coming to the United States has changed your life and what you hope to do in the future after college.	1/\$1,000	Custom
139	Pursuit of Greatness Award	Students that qualify include any student athlete that has participated in an Elk River High School Minnesota State High School League activity.	1/1,000	Custom
140	Yellow Ribbon Scholarship	Students must be an active member of Yellow Ribbon in their senior year. Must actively promote and provide leadership.	1/\$500	Custom
145	Ramsey Fire Relief Association Scholarship	The recipient is a resident from Ramsey Fire Department coverage area, which consists of the cities of Ramsey & Nowthen; must have a 2.5 GPA average or better; and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution.	1/\$500	ERHS General
147	Twin Lakes Elementary PTO Scholarship	Alumni of Twin Lakes Elementary. Write a 1-2 page paper on what Twin Lakes Elementary meant to you. Completed your senior year in good standing.	2/\$500	Custom
150	Jerry Schroeder Science & Athletic Scholarship	Student must display strength and determination in both scientific academics and athleticism. The recipient intends to pursue a professional career which is related to a	1/\$2,000	ERHS General

		scientific field. He or She has historically been an active member of the ERHS athletics program.		
151	ISD 728 School Board Scholarship	<p>Eligibility Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Graduating from ISD 728(ERHS, Ivan Sand, RHS, or ZHS) ● Demonstrates integrity, honesty, and willingness to make a positive difference ● Represents ISD 728's core values and mission ● Has overcome obstacles and/or adversity ● Plans to attend a college or university, technical college, or private trade school <p>**This scholarship closes on March 26, 2021**</p>	3/amount is between \$500-\$1,000	Custom
556	Officer Todd Besser Memorial	Eligible students will be planning on a Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement area of study	1/\$500	Custom
560	Gradient Technology Science and Engineering Scholarship	Pursue a degree in science or engineering. Demonstrates a financial need. Download application. Application must be turned into Mrs. Whiteoak in the Counseling Office.	1/\$1,500	Custom
561	Pullman Place Senior Cooperative Scholarship	Pursuing a career in Healthcare Management, preferably, but not mandatory, in Senior Care.	2/\$500	ERHS General
562	Elk River Boys Youth Basketball Association	Open to any student that has played on an Elk River Youth Basketball team, traveling and/or house league.	2/\$500	ERHS General
563	Virg Sonju Scholarship	Open to any student that has played Elk River High School Boys Basketball.	2/\$500	ERHS General
565	Elk River Youth Baseball Scholarship	Participation in Elk River Youth Baseball (Preference will be given to applications with more years of participation). Involvement in ER Youth Baseball as a volunteer. Minimum GPA 2.5. Plan to continue his/her education at an accredited post-secondary institution. A well written essay about how ERYB had a role in your life can be turned into Mrs. Whiteoak in the Counseling office.	1/\$500	ERHS General **Separate Essay Required
567	The Dr. Westwater Memorial Scholarship for STEM Excellence, sponsored by Vireo Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Been accepted to a four-year college with plans to pursue a degree in a STEM field. 2. Maintained at least a "B+" average and be a member in good standing of the senior class. 3. Attend a community event (in addition to Senior Scholarship and Award Program) honoring Vireo Health STEM Scholarship recipient 4. Exhibits a uniquely curious mind and strives to improve goodness in the world and the people around them. 	1/\$3000 OR 2/\$1,500 OR 3/1,000	ERHS General
568	ERHS Girls Gymnastics	Requirements: Must have participated on the ERHS Girls Gymnastic team for 3 or more years.	1/\$250	ERHS General
570	Elk River Boys Swim Team Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have completed three seasons on the Swim Team. 2. Senior year must be one of the qualifying seasons. 3. Must be attending any form of post-secondary education. 	1/\$500	ERHS General

571	Kyle Badger Memorial Art Scholarship	1. Pursuing a college or post-secondary degree in Art or Education. 2. Must be a current Elk River High School art student. 3. Have a cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher 4. Be able to demonstrate a commitment to helping others within the school and or community. 5. Completion of application	1/\$1,000	Custom
572	Michelle Schillewaert Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship should be awarded to a student that plans on attending a technical college and isn't one of the top students. Donor hopes to persuade, encourage and motivate students to achieve a higher education.	1/\$500	ERHS General
573	Thomas and Prudence Wilson Family Scholarship	\$2,500 to student seeking a vocational degree \$7,500 to student seeking a four year college degree	1/\$2,500 1/\$7,500	ERHS General
574	Plaisted Companies Scholarship	1. Open to all students graduating in the current year. 2. Will be awarded to students in the fields of, but not limited to: -Golf Course Superintendents, Truck drivers, Diesel Mechanics, Heavy Equipment Operators. 3. Plan to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institution.	Varies /\$3,000	Custom
575	Tom Bovitz Memorial Scholarship Award	Essay contest winners scholarships (\$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500) 1. Legal Guardian must be a customer of a MMUA-member municipal electric or gas utility. 2. Write an original essay 500-750 words. See application for additional guidelines. Deadline 4/15/21	1/\$500 1/\$1,000 1/\$1,500 1/\$2,000	Custom
577	John & Jayne Dietz Alumni Scholarship	3.0 or above GPA, Lettered at least 3 times during high school career in athletics or activities. Attending a post-secondary 2 or 4 year facility. Two scholarships, 1 for trade school and 1 for 4 year college	1/\$1,000 1/\$1,000	ERHS General
578	Elk River High School Baccalaureate Scholarship	Scholarship will be awarded upon successful completion of the first semester in a postsecondary institution in which the recipient received a minimum 2.0 GPA. Applicants must type a 200-400 word essay on one of the topics listed on the application. Do not put your name on the essay. Recipient of this scholarship will also be recognized at the Baccalaureate Ceremony.	2/\$250	Custom
580	ERHS Boys Soccer Booster Club Scholarship	Applicants must have been a part of the Boys Soccer Program for a minimum of two seasons. 2. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan on attending a post-secondary program (University, College, Technical College or Trade School)	2/\$500	ERHS General
581	Sherry Donais Memorial	Eligible students must be entering the computer programming field at a tech/community or 4 year college. Must have a GPA of 3.5 or above. Eligible students will have a love of reading and a generous spirit.	4/\$500	Custom
582	ERZ Girls Lacrosse	Must have earned a Varsity letter in Lacrosse. Must have completed senior year in good standing at ERHS (3.0 GPA or better). Parents are members in good standing with the ERZ booster club for every year played. Applicants will be judged on Scholastic ability, contribution to ERZ Girls lacrosse program and leadership.	1/\$500	Custom
583	Elk River Girls Swim and Dive Team Booster Club	Scholarship Criteria: 1. Must have been a swimmer or diver for the ER Girls Swim and Dive team for at least 3 years.	7/\$250	Custom

		<p>2. Must be a member of the ER girls swim or dive team their senior year.</p> <p>3. Must be attending any form of post-secondary education.</p> <p>4. Parents are members of the ERGSD Booster Club.</p> <p>5. Write an essay (300 words or less) about what being part of the team has meant to you.</p>		
584	Powell- Hodgkins Family	<p>Scholarship Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One \$5,000.00 scholarship awarded to a student enrolled in a 4 year post-secondary program 2. One \$2,500.00 scholarship awarded to a student enrolled in a 4 year post-secondary program 3. One \$2,500.00 scholarship awarded to a student enrolled in a trade school 	<p>1/\$5,000</p> <p>1/\$2,500</p> <p>1/\$2,500</p>	ERHS General
585	DeGreeff & Associates Dream Big in Small Business	Eligible students must have plans to become a business owner/entrepreneur, etc. have a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher	1/\$1,000	Custom
586	Tricia Sanford Memorial Scholarship	<p>This scholarship will be awarded to one student who meets one of two specific eligibility requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student must have been in AVID for at least 3 years and be going onto receive a secondary education OR 2. Student must have participated in 2 years or 3 semesters of tech education classes in high school (Industrial Tech course, DECA, Culinary, ProStart) and be going on to pursue a Tech Ed field/education. 	1/\$1,000	Custom
587	Autumn Hallow Memorial Scholarship	To be an eligible applicant, student must have attended Lincoln Elementary for at least one full year.	1/\$1,000	ERHS

APPLICATIONS DUE: March 15, 2021 by 11:59pm

LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED