Scholarships for Continuing SMSU Undergraduate Students

SCHOLARSHIPS for Southwest Minnesota State University students are made possible by financial contributions received from alumni, businesses, foundations and other friends of the institution. Qualifications and eligibility requirements for scholarships vary. This brochure provides a summary of scholarships available to continuing SMSU Students. Students who receive scholarships are strongly encouraged to write a thank-you letter to the individual, business or organization funding the award. Donors want to know that their money is being used to further the educational endeavors of their scholarship recipients.

For more information and applications, visit or call: Freshmen or transfer students – contact Admissions Office, Founders Hall, Room 108, telephone 507/537-6286. Continuing SMSU students – contact Student Financial Aid Office, Individualized Learning Center, Room 145, telephone 507/537-6281 OR call toll-free at 1-800-642-0684 and ask for Admission or Student Financial Aid.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

ACCOUNTING

Accounting Program Scholarship — Awarded to selected juniors who are declared Accounting majors. Awarded during spring semester. Award to be determined. Contact the Accounting Program for further information.

Accounting Club Scholarship — Awarded to declared Accounting majors with 96 credits or more (at least 30 of those at SMSU). Must be at intermediate accounting level and must be a member of the Accounting Club. Awarded each spring. Award varies. Contact the Accounting Club.

Bradley Patterson Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to a full-time upperclassmen majoring in accounting. Selection based on academic and leadership qualities. Contact the Accounting Department.

Mark Edelm ann Scholarship — Applicants must be sophomores or junior standing by fall semester, have a grade point average of 2.7 or higher and be majoring in Business Administration, Accounting, Marketing, Agribusiness, or Computer Science. The recipient must have provided leadership and been actively involved in improving the quality of life within a community and/or campus activities through volunteered services. Sophomores may reapply as juniors. Scholarship is based upon financial need. Contact the Department Office.

Deann Griebel Endowed Scholarship — Applicants must be junior or senior accounting majors. Students must be active in accounting department/club activities and show outstanding academic performance. Preference is given to students with financial need. Minimum award of $1,500. Contact the Accounting Department for more information.

AGROBUSINESS

Brian Schmiesing Agribusiness/Agronomy Fund — Scholarships are awarded to students who are members of the Agribusiness/Agronomy Club. Contact club advisor.

CHS University Scholarship; East River Electric Power Cooperative; Basin Electric Power Cooperative; and Friends of the Cooperative Development Scholarship — Awarded to incoming freshmen and upperclass students interested in agribusiness and cooperative organizations. Recipients must show academic and leadership potential and promise for significant contributions to co-op organizations. Not based on financial need. Renewable. Annual award: $300 to $750. Applications available at the Agribusiness Program Department.

Mark Edelm ann Scholarship — See Accounting Scholarship Listing.

Cam il G. Maes Memorial Scholarship — Recipients must be full-time students majoring in agribusiness at SMSU. Preference given to a student with a Ghent, MN address. Financial need is not a factor. Contact the Agribusiness Program.

AGRONOMY

Ralph Manwarren Agronomy Endowment — Awarded to students majoring in Agronomy. Contact the Agronomy Department.

Winfield Solutions, LLC/A Land O’Lakes, Inc. Company Scholarship — Applicants must be active in school or community affairs, demonstrate solid academic achievement and plan to pursue further education in Agronomy. Contact the Agronomy Department.

ART

Con and Marcy Eckstrom Family Scholarship — Recipients must be majoring in Art Education or Physical Education. Awarded to sophomore, junior or senior students who are enrolled full-time. Based on academic and leadership performance. Not renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact the Art Department.

Fine Arts Gala Scholarship — Recipients shall major in one of the following areas: art, speech communication, theatre and creative writing. Recipient will be selected on the basis of academic performance and participation in department/program activities. Students must be of at least sophomore standing and are required to participate in the Gala Ball Activities. Financial need not be a factor. Contact the appropriate department listed above for applications.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

J anes Babcock Memorial Scholarship — Selection is based on academic success and leadership ability. Students must be majoring in business administration, have completed at least two semesters of study at SMSU, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Minimum award of $500. Renewable for up to three years. Contact the Business Administration Program.

Mark & Deb Boulton Scholarship — Recipient must be a non-traditional female student with spouse and children majoring in Business. Preference for students from a rural background and minimum GPA of 3.0 Contact the Business Administration Office.

Business Administration Scholarship — Recipients shall be freshmen or upperclassmen at SMSU who are majoring in Business Administration or Pre-Business Majors. Students must be enrolled full-time and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Award varies. Contact Business Administration Program.

Fine Arts Gala Scholarship — See Art Scholarship Listing.

Richard A. Baum Memorial Radio and Television Scholarship — Awarded to new or continuing students majoring in Speech Communications/Radio and Television. New students must have a high school average of B or above and must have demonstrated interest in radio and television at the high school level. Continuing students must have been enrolled at least one year at SMSU, maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, and be active in Radio-TV activities. Award varies. Contact the Communication Studies Program.

Fine Arts Gala Scholarship — See Art Scholarship Listing.

SMU Speech Communication and Forensics Scholarship — Awarded to new and/or continuing SMSU students who have demonstrated excellence in forensics and competitive speaking activities. Continuing students must have at least a 2.8 grade point average. Award varies. Contact the Chairperson of the Art, Music, Speech Communication and Theatre Department.

Gail M Fokken SMSU Forensics Scholarship - Awarded to a member of the SMSU Forensics team who is full time and in good academic standing. Contact the Communications Studies Program.
COMPUTER SCIENCE/MATH/SCIENCE

**Abacus Scholarship** — Awarded to new and continuing students based on interest in Mathematics and/or Computer Science. Student must show performance and a potential to succeed in the chosen major area. A recommendation of faculty is also required. Students maintaining a 3.0 may reapply for scholarship. Award to be determined. Awards will be announced in the spring. Contact the Mathematics and Computer Science Program.

**Adam Johan Bergren Chemistry Scholarship** – Awarded to upper-class Chemistry major enrolled full time. Based on academic performance with preference given to students involved in undergrad research. Contact the Chemistry Department.

**Chemistry Memorial Scholarship** — Must be a Chemistry major who is enrolled full-time. New and continuing students eligible. 1-year award. Amount varies. Application deadline announced during spring semester each year. Contact Chemistry Program.

**Mark Edelmann Scholarship** — See Accounting Scholarship Listing.

**Mortier Family Endowed Scholarship** — Recipients must be at least junior standing majoring in a science-related field. Awarded to students who have not received scholarships to date. Minimum of 3.0 GPA required. Preference given to students from the 19-county service region of SMSU. Letter of application describing how the student will use their education to give back to Southwest MN upon graduation. Minimum award of $500. Contact the Science Department.

**Arthur & Elaine Kronke Scholarship** — Full time students that are environmental science majors. Must be either sophomore, junior or senior standing. Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 and demonstrated leadership ability required. Contact the Environmental Science Department.

**Ann C. Peters Scholarship** — This scholarship will be awarded to a junior full-time student of good character, need and high academic standing. GPA of 3.0 or better required. Mathematics majors and/or students working toward an elementary education major with a math minor are eligible. Renewable. Award $500 to $800. Contact Mathematics Department.

**Dr. Roger Reed Endowed Scholarship** — Applicants should be upperclassmen majoring in environmental science with geology emphasis or geology minor. Based on academic performance. Contact the Environmental Science Department.

**Randall J. and Jean S. Replinger Award for Excellence in Environmental Science** — Seniors with an Environmental Science major and demonstrated academic excellence are eligible for this award. Student must show superior performance in designing, conducting and presenting an independent research project. Presentation must be made at SMSU Undergraduate Research Conference and to the local community. Not renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact Environmental Science Faculty.

**Schwan's Computer Science Scholarship and Assistantship** — Full-time students with a declared major or minor in Computer Science are eligible for this award. Recipient must be of at least junior status at the beginning of fall semester and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Assistantships must work with members of the department on projects directly related to teaching and scholarly pursuits. Renewal for up to two years, Student must reapply. Contact the Computer Science Program.

**Science, Mathematics and Computer Science Scholarship** — Awarded to continuing students based on scholarly potential, past performance, extracurricular activities, personal characteristics, etc. Not renewable. Award to be determined. Application deadline announced during spring semester each year. Contact the Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Program.

**John Thomas Memorial Scholarship** — Recipients must be juniors or seniors majoring in Chemistry. This is a 1-year award. Award varies. Application deadline announced during spring semester each year. Contact Chairperson of Chemistry Program.

**Dr. Gordon S. and Helen Wands Scholarship** — Scholarship awarded to a fourth year student majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Pre-Med, Pre-Optometry or a related field with an intent to enter a health care profession. Preference given to students from the Marshall area. Not renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact the Science Department.

**VanWie Mathematics - Education Scholarship** — Full-time students majoring in Mathematics Education. This award will be given to a Junior and is based on academic and leadership performance. Awarded by the Mathematics Department.

**CULINOLOGY®**

**David and Cecelia Danahar Culinology® Scholarship** — Awarded to a full-time student majoring in Culinology® or Hospitality Management. Minimum 3.0 GPA required. Contact the Culinology® Department.

**SMSU Culinology® and Hospitality Management Advisory Board Scholarship** — Awarded to a full-time Culinology® major with academic and leadership qualities. Recipient must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior. Contact the Culinology® Department.

**EDUCATION**

**Care Properties Endowment** — Recipients of the scholarship must major in the area of Education. Selection based on academic performance and demonstrated leadership ability. Financial need not a factor. Minimum award of $300. Contact Education Department.

**Kelsey Eberle Memorial Scholarship** — This scholarship is awarded to a full-time junior who is seeking an Education major. The award will be based on academic and leadership performance. Financial need is not a factor. Minimum award of $500. Contact Education Department.

**Con and Marcy Eckstrom Family Scholarship** — See Art Scholarship Listing

**Geneva Emblem Education Scholarship** — Education majors are eligible for this scholarship. Selection is based on academic performance and demonstrated leadership ability as determined by the SMSU Education Department faculty. Financial need is not a factor. Preference to full-time students. Minimum award of $300. Contact Education Department.

**Golden Rule Scholarship in Elementary Education** — Recipients are women in their senior year of college majoring in elementary education. Students must be responsible, academically productive, and show an enthusiasm in working with children. Selection based on financial need. One-year, non-renewable award. Award varies. Contact Education Department.

**Keigh Hubel Rural Education Scholarship** — Awarded to a Junior or Senior majoring in Education. A letter of application describing the ways the student will demonstrate the potential to serve rural schools is required. Preference is given to full-time students. Financial need is not a factor. Not renewable. Minimum award of $250. Contact the Education Department.

**Robert Scherwin Memorial Scholarship** — Awarded to senior education majors from the Midwest with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The recipient will have demonstrated good citizenship through their active involvement in the SMSU academic community and will be of high moral standards. Financial need is not a factor. Preference will be given to full-time students. Contact the Education Department.

**VanWie Mathematics - Education Scholarship** — See Computer Science/Math/Science Scholarship listing.

**ENGLISH**

**Alec Bond Scholarship** — Students enrolled in English 102 or 103 will be considered for this scholarship. Demonstrated writing ability will be evaluated by the English Department. Not renewable. Minimum award of $50. Contact the English Department.

**Leo Dangel Creative Writing and Literature Scholarship** — Awarded to an academically outstanding student in Creative Writing or Literature. To be eligible an applicant must have completed at least one creative writing course at SMSU. Junior or senior status required. Not renewable. Award to be determined. Contact the English Department for further information.

**Fine Arts Gala Scholarship** — See Art Scholarship Listing.

**Mary and Jack Hickerson Endowed Scholarship** — Non-traditional students, as defined by the University Catalog, are eligible for this award. Students must be enrolled full-time, be of junior standing and be majoring in the arts and/or humanities with a preference given to English majors. Minimum award of $500. Contact Chair of English Department.

**Walter L. Mann Memorial Scholarship** — Awarded to an employee of the SMSU Writing Center with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Renewable for up to four years. Must re-apply. Minimum award of $100. Contact the English Department.
William Whipple Arts and Humanities Scholarship — Awarded to academically outstanding juniors and seniors majoring in art, music, theatre, English, philosophy and/or foreign language. Not renewable. Contact the Humanities Program for further information.

GLOBAL STUDIES
Global Studies Scholarship — Applicants must be full-time students at SMU and be accepted as a cluster participant. Preference will be given to freshmen students with ACT scores of 21 or above or who are ranked in the top one-third of their high school class; sophomores, juniors, or seniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above; rural or first-generation college students; students who demonstrate leadership skills or potential. Financial need is not a factor. Maximum award of $500. Contact Global Studies Program.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Con and Marcy Eckstrom Family Scholarship — See Art Scholarship Listing.

Exercise Science Annual Scholarship—Students who have declared a major in WHP and are junior standing will be eligible for this scholarship. Recipient must be active in the WHP club and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Three recommendations are required, with one of those coming from the student's advisor. Applications must be completed by April 1 of sophomore year. Minimum award of $250. Contact WHP Department.

HISTORY
Ethel and Joseph Amato, Sr. Memorial Scholarship — This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time junior or senior with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above, majoring in History, Political Science, Pre-law or one of the other social sciences who is interested and perhaps has already shown his or her interest in public service, teaching, labor unions, or co-ops. Minimum award of $100. Contact the History Program.

Maynard F. Brass Memorial Scholarship — Applicant must possess a 3.0 grade point average and be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester. Not renewable. This is a merit scholarship. Not based on financial need. Award varies. Contact History Program.

History Scholarship — Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in History. Department will review applications. Award varies. Contact History Program.

Catherine I. McNally Scholarship — Awarded to the Outstanding Student of the Year, majoring in history with a minimum of 3.3 grade point average. The applicant must submit a history paper they have written in any history class. Financial need is not a factor. Minimum award $300. Contact History Program.

Nick Roberts Memorial Scholarship — Juniors or Seniors who are majoring in History or Psychology are eligible for this award. Based on academic performance and demonstrated writing ability. Must demonstrate financial need. Not renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact Social Science Department.

Perryman-Visser Award — This award is made to the SMU student who produces the best paper on Southwest Minnesota in the history seminar. A completed paper must be submitted by September 15. Financial need is not a factor. Award of $100 $300. Contact the History Department for additional criteria.

MARKETING
Mark Edelmann Scholarship — See Accounting Scholarship Listing.

MUSIC
Artus Musica Scholarship — Recipients are selected on the basis of superior performance capability: satisfactory work in all academic areas evidenced by transcript satisfactory ACT and PSAT scores; and a record of active participation in and enthusiastic support of musical activities and performances at his/her high school, college, university, and/or SMU. Awarded to students enrolled full-time or part-time, and may be either music majors, music minors or non-music majors. Award to be determined. Contact Music Program.

Gala Music Scholarship — Recipients are selected on the basis of superior performance capability, satisfactory work in all academic areas evidenced by transcript, satisfactory ACT and PSAT scores, and a record of active participation and enthusiastic support of musical activities and performances at high school or college. Incoming students are required to submit a letter of recommendation from his/her music teacher(s). Recipients may be enrolled full-time or part-time. Priority given to music majors and minors. Award varies. Contact Music Program.

Rosemary/Soren Munkhof Music Scholarship — Awarded to a selected sophomore, junior or senior based on academic achievement and musical talent including performances in auditions. Must be full-time. Not renewable. Award to be determined. Applications available in the Music Program.

Sackison String — This scholarship is awarded to students with strong string and/or orchestral instrument background. The recipients must participate in the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra. An audition is required. Renewable. Maximum award of $400. Contact Music Department.

Dr. M. Michael Suzuki Vocal Scholarship — Awards are made to full-time upperclass students majoring in music or vocal-choral music education not in their final semester. Superior vocal music performance capability, superior academic record in music coursework and satisfactory work in all academic areas as evidenced by the transcript is required. Not Renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact Music Department for additional scholarship criteria.

Dale Warland Choral Scholarship — Members of the SMU Concert Choir who are enrolled full-time and eligible for this scholarship. Selection is based on their schools' performance at the Choirs of Note competition and nomination by the students' High School Choral Director. Renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact Director of SMU Choral Activities.

NURSING
Avera Marshall Nursing Scholarship — Applicant must be a full time upper-class nursing major with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Must have proven leadership ability and be from Lyon, Lincoln, Yellow Medicine, Redwood, Murray or Pipestone County. Financial need is required. Contact the Nursing Department.

PHYSICS
SMU Physics Program Endowment — Physics majors are eligible for this award. Selection is based on academic performance with the Physics Program. Must be full-time. Financial need is not a factor. Contact the Physics Department.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Ethel and Joseph Amato, Sr. Memorial Scholarship — See History Scholarship Listing.

John Zwach Endowment for the Study of Local Government — Students must submit an essay on issues confronting local governmental units or rural issues in southwest Minnesota. Recipient must show leadership and/or participation in addressing an issue confronting local governments. Renewable. Award of $300 to $1,000. Contact Political Science Program for further information.

PSYCHOLOGY
Cowman Scholarship — Scholarship recipient must be a woman entering junior or senior year and majoring in psychology. Must have proven leadership and have a minimum grade point average of 2.9. Financial need is not a factor. Contact the Psychology Program.

Psychology Program Scholarship — Psychology majors who will be junior standing or higher at the beginning of the following academic year are eligible for this scholarship. Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and at least a B in any given course within the major are required. Full-time or part-time students completing a minimum of 6 credits per semester will be considered. Not renewable. Minimum scholarship of $500. Contact Psychology Program.

Nick Roberts Memorial Scholarship — See History Scholarship Listing.

SOCIOCY/ANTHROPOLOGY
Sociology/Anthropology Scholarship — Recipients shall be SMU students who are majoring in the Sociology, Anthropology Program and who have completed 20 credits or more in their respective major. Must have cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and at least a B in any given course within the major. Full-time or part-time. Award of $500. Contact Sociology/Anthropology Program.

Robert White Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to returning sophomore, junior or senior student majoring in sociology or social work who has a personal commitment to issues of social justice and who has demonstrated that commitment through social activism. Financial need is not a factor. Preference given to full-time students. Contact Sociology/Anthropology Program.

THEATRE
Fine Arts Gala Scholarship — See Art Scholarship Listing.

SMU Theatre Scholarship — Awarded to new and/or continuing SMU students who have demonstrated excellence in any area of theatre or speech/theatre. Continuing students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Award varies. Contact the Chairperson of the Art, Music, Speech Communication and Theatre Department.

William and Norma Hezlep Theatre Award — This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding theatre arts student as determined by the SMU Theatre faculty. Not renewable. Minimum award of $500. Contact Theatre Department.
FINANCIAL NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
(The FAFSA application must be completed and processed by March 1).

Barnes & Noble Textbook Scholarship — Awarded to full-time upperclass students with financial need. Must have demonstrated academic achievement. Continuing SMSU Student Scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Charles and Ellora Alliss Educational Foundation Scholarship — Awarded on the basis of academic ability and financial need. Must be full-time. New and continuing students are eligible. 1-year award. Renewable. Applications are required each year. Award varies. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Bush Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to upperclass students with demonstrated academic achievement and financial need. Priority given to Yellow Medicine and Chippewa County residents, but scholarships may be awarded to other students if need, achievement and potential for success criteria are met by applications from priority counties. Renewable. Annual award of $500. Contact Financial Aid Office for Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application.

Clayton Schwerin Scholarship — Awarded to a student who is a member of a federally recognized tribe. Must have completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Must be enrolled full-time. Award to be determined. Renewable. Scholarships are renewable for up to three years. Minimum award of $500. This scholarship is not renewable. Financial need not a factor. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Emerging Student Scholarship — Awarded to students who have shown a commitment to academic success, university activities, and community service. Priority will be given to students that have established participation in university activities, community service, and extracurricular activities. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Foundation Distinguished Student Scholarship — Intended for students who are excelling academically. Must be a full-time student. Continuing SMSU Student Scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Lillian Mellenthin Endowed Scholarship — Recipients must be continuing students at SMSU who have demonstrated a commitment to academic success. Renewable for up to three years. Minimum award of $500. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

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Sally A. and Burton Magnuson Scholarship — Awarded to full-time upperclass students who are in good academic standing. Continuing SMSU student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Viking Coca-Cola — This scholarship is awarded to continuing full-time students. It is based on academic and leadership performance. Minimum award of $1,000. Not renewable. Complete Continuing SMSU Undergraduate Student Scholarship Application and submit to Financial Aid Office.

RESTRICTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Della Danielson Endowed Scholarship — Awarded to a student from Lincoln County with preference for students from Hendricks, MN. Must be a full-time student in good academic standing. Preference is given to new entering Freshmen. Continuing SMSU Student Scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

Thomas Drever Sr. Family Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to incoming freshmen or upperclass students who graduated from Tracy High School. Incoming freshmen must be in the upper one-half of their graduating class. SMSU upperclassmen must be enrolled full-time and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5. Annual award is a minimum of $800, up to but not exceeding the cost of tuition and fees for the year. Financial need not a factor. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

International Student Success Scholarship — Awarded to a sophomore international student who is enrolled full-time. The student must be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Minimum award of $500. Continuing SMSU Student Scholarship applications are available at the Financial Aid Office.

Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative Scholarship — Awarded to worthy students who are members or whose parents are members of the Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative. Continuing SMSU Student Scholarship application available at the SMSU Financial Aid Office.

Willmar Poultry/Life-Science Innovations/Turkey Valley Farms Scholarship — Students, Spouses or dependents of employees of Willmar Poultry/Life-Science Innovations or Turkey Valley Farms are eligible for this scholarship. Criteria for this award include scholastic achievement and involvement in community and/or college activities. Continuing SMSU Student scholarship application available at the Financial Aid Office.

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