

St. Francis USD 297 Scholarships

Funds for the following scholarships are **managed and awarded by St. Francis USD 297** through various committees and other procedures:

Name of Scholarship

Amount of Scholarship

Alice Gillispie Memorial Academic Scholarship

\$1,000

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior; the recipient is selected based on academic performance, financial need, and future plans. The recipient is selected by the Board of Education Scholarship Committee using the Ranking System that this committee has developed.

Alice Gillispie Memorial Athletic Scholarship

\$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to the outstanding athlete in the graduating senior class; the selection, made by the school coaches and administration, is based not only on athletic ability and performance but also on academics.

Berniece Gorthy Kehlbeck Memorial Scholarship

\$300

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior, especially one who has been outstanding in music and/or drama; when applicable, relatives of the Gorthy/Kehlbeck families (Debbie Grace) normally give their approval of the selected recipient.

Bud Burnham Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior; the recipient is to be a vocational-type student who has also been active in athletics and is in financial need. The selection is to be recommended to the family (Eunice Burnham) by Ward Cassidy as long as he is high school counselor and, thereafter, by the high school principal. The Burnham family will then select and/or approve the recipient.

Carl and Mildred Sperry Memorial Scholarships (2)

\$250 each

Comments: These two \$250 scholarships are awarded each year; one goes to a graduating senior who is planning to attend school in some field of industrial technology, and the other to a graduating senior who plans to major in education. If these criteria cannot be met, two scholarships will still be awarded--with school citizenship and participation in activities being the selection criteria. The school's industrial arts teacher submits names of outstanding senior industrial technology students and the recipient is then selected by the school's scholarship selection process.

Cheyenne County Jaycees Scholarships (2)

\$300 each

Comments: These scholarships are awarded each year to two graduating seniors, as selected by the school's scholarship selection process. The total \$600 amount may be split into several smaller scholarships, if deemed appropriate.

Dale Duncan Memorial Wrestling Scholarship (2) \$1000 each
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to two outstanding wrestlers in the graduating senior class. Preference may also be given to a wrestler who plans to continue wrestling at the college or university level. The selections are made by the high school wrestling coaches.

Don Worley Memorial Track Scholarship \$100
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to the outstanding track athlete in the graduating senior class. The recipient is selected by the high school track coaches.

Ethyle Roelfs Memorial Scholarship \$300
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior. The recipient is to be a vocational-type student who will be entering the field of Cosmetology. The recipient will be selected by the school's scholarship selection process based on true financial need and then reported to a member of the Ethyle Roelfs Family (normally Phyllis Roelfs Weaver) for his/her review and agreement.

Gary Brown Memorial Agriculture Scholarship \$700
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who has been outstanding in the vocational agriculture program and/or plans to continue study in agriculture; true financial need will also be a key consideration. The selection will be made by the vocational agriculture teacher and then reported to Helen Brown for her review and agreement.

Grace and Phiz Faulkender Memorial Scholarship \$100
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who has demonstrated talent and love for arts and crafts. The school's art teacher submits a list of the outstanding senior art students and the recipient is then selected by the school's scholarship selection process.

Gordon and Betty Orth Music Scholarship: \$500
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior receiving the John Phillip Sousa Award from the St. Francis Community High School music department. If the John Phillip Sousa Award is not awarded to a senior, the high school music teacher will determine the outstanding senior music student to receive this scholarship.

Kevin Brown Memorial Wrestling Scholarship \$300
Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who has been a worthy participant in the wrestling program-as a wrestler, mat maid, or cheerleader. The selection is made by the high school wrestling coaches and then reported to Mark and Barbara Brown for their review and agreement

Larry Walz Music Scholarship \$300
Comments: this scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who is the outstanding musician in the class and/or who plans to pursue further study in music. The

scholarship can be split into two \$150 scholarship if deemed appropriate. The school's music teacher submits names of outstanding senior music students and the recipient is then selected by the school's scholarship selection process.

Pauline Wagner Memorial Scholarship \$200

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior; when possible, a senior who plans to become a teacher or to enter some other education-related profession is given preference.

Dr. Peck Memorial Scholarship \$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who has excelled in academics and who has made a positive contribution to school activities. Preference will be given to someone who is planning to become a doctor or to pursue some other profession in the medical field.

Penny and Kody Krien Scholarship \$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who meets one or more of the following criteria, in order of priority: 1) plans to attend Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; 2) plans to major in a medical field at a four-year university; or 3) has been actively involved in school and community activities. Penny and Kody Krien review all of the senior scholarship applications and make their selection. The scholarship is paid to the recipient at the beginning of the sophomore year in college.

Ray Huffman Memorial 3-Sport Athlete Scholarships (2) \$500 each

Comments: These scholarships are awarded each year to two outstanding three-sport letter winners in the graduating senior class. The selections are made by the school scholarship selection process and then reported to Rachel Huffman for her review and agreement.

Robert Yost Memorial Scholarship: (2) \$500 each

Comments: These scholarships are awarded each year to two graduating seniors, one male and one female. Payment of the scholarships is to be made to the student after presenting evidence of successful completion of their first semester, and proof of enrollment in the succeeding semester, to the USD 297 district office. Preference is to be given to students demonstrating outstanding work ethic, and if possible, have chosen a field of study dealing with the automotive/machinery industry. Selections of the recipients are chosen by the school's scholarship selection process.

St. Francis Elementary Teachers Scholarship \$200

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior; preference is given to a senior who plans to become an elementary teacher and, when possible, who has served as a teacher's aide for a significant amount of time at the St. Francis Elementary School. This scholarship is not paid to the recipient until (s)he begins the

junior year in college and indicates that (s)he is still planning to become an elementary teacher.

Ted and Jeff Zielke Memorial Scholarship

\$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior attending a four-year college or university. Payment of the scholarship is to be made to the student after presenting evidence of successful completion of their first semester and proof of enrollment in the succeeding semester, to the USD 297 district office. Preference is to be given to students demonstrating outstanding character. The recipient is chosen by the school's scholarship selection process unless the donor wishes to pick the recipient in a given year.

Trinity Scholarship

\$500

Comments: This scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior who is selected by the anonymous donors of these scholarship funds. Originally set as a \$500 scholarship paid in August before the freshman year, the donors have several times varied the amount of the scholarship, how many scholarships to award, and when the money is to be paid to the recipient. However, each year the donors make the payment in May to the superintendent of schools in cash (to protect anonymity); the cash is deposited in this scholarship fund, and the school then writes a check to the recipient(s) when due.