



BPS Foundation 2026 Community Scholarship Information

Forever BPS Legacy Scholarships:

Lee & Kathy Bunz Endowed Scholarship* One \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a high school senior student who exhibits strong character, while excelling in academics and activities that have a positive impact on the community. NO GPA or ACT requirement.

Jeff Glover Memorial Scholarship*

One scholarship given that is open to all seniors. His scholarship represents students who are involved in a number of activities in our school and community.

\$1000 unrestricted gift for recipient

BHS GRADUATE...based on over all review of application

Short essay noting Personal high school experience and plans for the future

BCF Dave Clark Memorial Scholarship*

Our Scholarship is ONLY available to a graduate of Bennington Public Schools.

The BCF Dave Clark Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, will be awarded to one Bennington High School senior. Applicant must have volunteered within the Bennington community. There is no GPA requirement.

Gene Baldwin Memorial Scholarship*

One \$1,000 scholarship given that is open to all seniors. His scholarship represents the pride of being a part of a number of activities in our school and community.

Saunders Memorial Scholarship*

The \$500 scholarship will be given to a recipient that exudes the following:

Plans to attend a technical/vocational institution. Participation in a unified activity (preferred but not required)

Darrell & Coe Leta Logemann Scholarship*

The Darrell & Coe Leta Logemann Senior Scholarship is designed to provide financial support to Bennington High School seniors pursuing post-secondary education. With eight \$2,500 scholarships awarded annually, these funds aim to relieve the financial burden for students who demonstrate potential but might face financial challenges.

Eligible students must meet specific criteria, including a minimum GPA of 2.5, demonstrated financial need, and two letters of recommendation, one of which should come from a Bennington Public Schools teacher. *Financial information will be required.

Athletic Scholarships:

Bennington Wrestling Club*

The Bennington Wrestling Club will award two Bennington High School Seniors with a \$1000 scholarship for one year Post Secondary Education. One will be awarded to a senior on the boys wrestling team and one will be awarded to a senior on the girls wrestling team. Must complete their senior season on the wrestling team.

Bennington Youth Football*

The Bennington Youth Football program will give 1 \$1000 scholarship for one year post Secondary Education. Applicant must be a BHS Senior, Must have played football their senior year, prefer playing football after HS and prefer they were involved in BYF.

BHS football all 4 years. Preference given to a past BYF participant

Bennington Athletic League*

The Bennington Athletic League will award (1) Female and (1) Male Bennington High School Seniors with a \$500 scholarship for one year of Post Secondary Education. Applicants must be a current BHS Senior, in good standing and have participated in Bennington HS Softball or Bennington HS Baseball for 4 years. Applicants also must have participated in the Bennington Athletic League youth program. Must have participated in Bennington Athletic League, Must have participated in Bennington Softball or Baseball program all for years of high school

Bennington Basketball Association*

One \$500 scholarship open to a senior boy and girl who participates in basketball their senior year, volunteered for a BBA league, clinic, or other BBA event during their high school career.

Bennington Soccer Club*

The Bennington Soccer Club will award a total of \$2000 in scholarship funds. The amount awarded per individual, will be based on the number of qualified applications received. Applicants must be in good standings with both BHS and BENSC at time of scholarship selection. Applicants must have participated in BHS Soccer for all 4 years as well as BENSC for all 4 years of high school. Must be a current student of Bennington High School and have plans to attend a post secondary institution / trade school in the Fall of 2026. GPA and ACT/SAT score. Intended area of study

Bennington Athletic Booster Club*

Four scholarships of varying amounts will be given to senior students involved in Booster Club sponsored athletics, cheer, & dance at Bennington High School. Applicants for the Bennington High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship are required to have participated in BHS Athletics all four years of High School. Points will be awarded for GPA and ACT scoring. A minimum GPA of 3.25 and ACT score of 22 or higher are required.

Heart of a Champion*

One \$500 scholarship awarded to a BHS athlete who has persevered to overcome an obstacle during high school sports.

Performing Arts Scholarships:

Bennington Music Boosters*

The Bennington High School Music Boosters will award (4) Bennington High School Seniors with a \$500 scholarship for one year of Post Secondary Education. Applicant must be a current BHS Senior, in good standing with BHS music department, participation in band, choir and/or musical.

Elementary School PTO Scholarships:

Heritage Elementary PTO*

Heritage Elementary provides scholarships to graduating senior(s) that are attending a Post Secondary Education program. Eligible seniors must have attended Heritage Elementary. The number and amount of scholarships may vary from year to year. Applicants must have attended Heritage Elementary school. Preferential applicants have volunteered at/for Heritage Elementary.

Pine Creek Elementary PTO*

The Pine Creek PTO will award (2) Bennington High School Seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship each for Post Secondary Education. Applicant must be a current BHS Senior, in good standing, be enrolled in an accredited University or Technical College in the fall and be a Pine Creek Elementary School Alumni. Must have at 3.25+ GPA, actively involved in school activities and participated in community service above what is required for graduation.

Bennington Elementary PTO*

The Bennington Elementary PTO will award 5 Bennington High School Graduating Seniors with a \$500 scholarship for one year of Post Secondary Education. Applicants must have attended Bennington Elementary school. Preferential applicants have volunteered at/for Bennington Elementary School.

Agricultural/Trade based Scholarships:

Douglas County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Our Scholarship is open to any Bennington resident, regardless of which High School they attend. Applicant must belong to a family that has been a Douglas County Farm Bureau member for three years or more and has a current membership. Chosen applicants will receive a \$4,000 scholarship (Four Year College) or a \$2,000 scholarship (Trade School). The scholarships are awarded in two installments upon receipt of a class schedule. **The DC Farm Bureau application will need to be completed by March 1st for these scholarships. <https://www.nefb.org/douglascounty/>**

For both scholarships, applicant must have intention of enrolling full time in a college or university or a trade school in a field to support the agriculture community, i.e. agriculture science, biotechnology, livestock health and management, elementary education or other supportive fields. Applicant has a cumulative high school GPA of not less than 3.0 for the \$4,000 Scholarship and not less than 2.5 for the Trade School Scholarship.

Please Note: Must be submitted by March 1st. Must use DC Farm Bureau application found at: <https://www.nefb.org/douglascounty/>

GEARS CAR CLUB*

The G.E.A.R.s. Car Club is proud to offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Bennington High School who plans to continue their education in a trade program. This scholarship is presented in memory of one of our founding members, Gary L. Markmann.

Preference will be given to applicants pursuing careers in skilled trades such as automotive technology, construction, electrical work, plumbing, welding, masonry, or similar fields. Must be attending a trade school after graduation.

Community-based Scholarships:

Bennington American Legion Auxiliary Post 266*

The Auxiliary will offer up to 4 Bennington High School Seniors with a \$500.00 scholarship for 1 year of post secondary education. Renewable for 1 additional year with application to the organization. Must have relationship to Legion or Auxiliary member or Girls State representative. Consideration to Seniors with relationship to former or active military service.

Short essay outlining school activities, job description or civic involvement.

Bennington Sons of American Legion Post 266*

Open to all seniors, with priority given to sons and daughters of those who have served or are serving in the military.

Rev. Dr. Norman E. Schroeder (Bennington Lions Club)*

Total scholarships and amounts vary, open to all seniors who demonstrate a strong commitment to serving others, through community service/volunteer activities.

Bennington Jaycees*

The Bennington Jaycees will award three BHS seniors with scholarships for post secondary education. Any previous involvement with the Jaycees will be given special consideration. Must share ways they have volunteered in the community.

Bennington Chamber of Commerce*

The Bennington Chamber will award 2 Bennington High School Seniors with a \$1500 scholarship for one year of Post Secondary Education. Applicant must be a current BHS Senior in good standing.

Must have a 2.50+ GPA, participate in at least 2 extra-curricular school activities or clubs such as FBLA, sports teams, National Honor Society etc. OR work experience. Candidate must provide documentation of 30 hours of volunteer or community service.

West O Chamber of Commerce* The West O Chamber will award (1) Bennington High School Senior with a \$1,000 for one year of post secondary education. Applicant must be a current BHS Senior, in good standing academically with at least a 3.0 GPA and will attend a Nebraska college or University.

Bennington Education Association*

Our Scholarship is ONLY available to a graduate of Bennington Public Schools.

The Bennington Education Association awards a 2 year scholarship to Seniors from Bennington who plan to pursue a degree in education. The recipients receive \$500 for two years while attending a school of their choice. 3.25 GPA minimum. Must be a BHS graduate going into the education field.

Bennington Fine Arts*

One scholarship to a Bennington High School Student pursuing a degree in Fine Arts, either in art education or for an alternative fine arts career. The Stroberg Fine Arts Scholarship is valued at \$400.

BHS/Red Cross Blood Drive*

The American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship recognizes outstanding Bennington High School seniors who have demonstrated leadership, dedication, and impact in organizing and promoting blood donation within our school community. Total scholarship amounts vary. Open to all seniors who have volunteered with the BHS Blood Drive.

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Questions? Please contact Megan Detjens at mdetjens@bennps.org