

## AITKIN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2008-2009

### Scholarship searches should include:

1. Searching your own family circumstances:  
Check the following possibilities:
  - A. Parents' employers
  - B. Family union affiliation
  - C. Insurance companies
  - D. Fraternal organizations, etc. (VFW, Lions, etc.)
  - E. Other?
  
2. Scholarship search
  - A. Kuder Career Planning System— [www.kuder.com](http://www.kuder.com)
  - B. National Collegiate Athletic Assoc. (NCAA) Guide Book
  - C. Focus on Financial Aid - Provided by Minnesota Higher Education Board - good basic financial aid process information
  - D. Try these free online scholarship searches:  
[www.getreadyforcollege.com](http://www.getreadyforcollege.com)  
[www.cashe.com](http://www.cashe.com)  
[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)  
[www.srnexpress.com](http://www.srnexpress.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
[www.collegeboard.com/pay](http://www.collegeboard.com/pay)  
[www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org)  
[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)  
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
  
3. Campus based scholarships: Check the catalog or write to the financial aid office of the schools you plan on applying to and find what they have for scholarships you can apply for.
  
4. CLEP - College Level Examination Program: Many 4-year colleges have CLEP programs which can give you a chance to test out of some lower level classes and receive credit for them. Consult your catalog for specifics because each school's policy is usually different.
  
5. Check out the following scholarships and programs on file in the Guidance Office. You need to double check all due dates. some scholarships require you write them for applications and some require essays and letters of recommendation. These things take time so be organized and plan ahead. Some scholarships send new applications out each year, be sure you have the application for the correct year. **We try to remove old applications from the files, you may find an empty file which means that this years applications are not in yet. When new applications are received copies are put into the file and a notice is placed in the announcements and in the guidance office.** One suggestion would be for you to put your name on a slip of paper and drop it in any empty file, when the new applications come in we will send you one.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (All deadlines were from last years applications)

### AGRICULTURAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP . Due 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

Scholarship for those intending on a career in an agricultural related field. The amount of the scholarship will be the interest earned on the anonymous donation of \$25,000

### AITKIN FIRE DEPT. RELIEF ASSOC.

2 - \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Aitkin High School students who will be full time students the next school year. Due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April. Send to: Aitkin Fire Dept. Relief Association, P.O. Box 161, Aitkin, MN 56431

### AITKIN RIVERBOAT LIONS

School record and activity involvement important - Due the 3rd Friday of April.

### AITKIN WOMEN OF TODAY—Due April 27<sup>th</sup>

Available to both male and female 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Aitkin. This scholarship can lead to Minnesota Outstanding Young Adult Award and Scholarship at the state level. Must be nominated for this scholarship, but you can pick up an application packet and ask someone to nominate you.

### AITKIN WRESTLING CLUB - 3rd Friday of April Due Date

Wrestlers, managers, cheerleaders are eligible - must write an essay on how wrestling influenced you, return this to a wrestling club member.

### ALWORTH - Marshall H. & Nellie Alworth Scholarship - Due Mid-January

Applicants to major in fields related to science, math or computer science. High personal qualities and scholastic record considered, along with an ACT score of 25 or higher. Must reside in one of the northeastern counties of Minnesota. **They award a large number of scholarships worth as much as \$4,300 each.** (All students who were eligible for this scholarship were given an application).

### BAY LAKE AREA LIONS

\$1000 scholarship to one graduating Aitkin High School senior attending a 4-year college and \$500 to a senior attending a technical college. Early April deadline. School & community involvement, financial need, personal characteristics and attitudes considered.

### BRAINERD ELKS - Deadline has been April 8

For students going to Central Lakes College, Community or Technical Divisions in Brainerd.

### BRAINERD TRADE AND LABOR ASSEMBLY - Due May 1

Brainerd area student who attends Central Lakes College, Technical Division, Brainerd or Staples.

### BREMER BANK SCHOLARSHIP: Due April 30<sup>th</sup>

Based on school and community involvement and financial need. Basic essay regarding educational and career plans required. Open to college or technical college applicants.

CARL WALZ SCHOLARSHIP—Due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

\$1000 scholarship for students that have demonstrated a commitment through involvement in high school activities and community service. The ideal candidate would be someone who exhibits good sportsmanship, is in the arts or music program, has compassion for others and is planning to attend college or vocational school. Special consideration for tennis players.

CLOSUIT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Intended for a graduate who is interested in a medical related field (Physician, nurse-RN, LPN, PHN, therapist, medical technologist, radiologist, etc.) The value of the scholarship will equal the interest on the invested scholarship principal. Due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April.

THE CROSSING ART ALLIANCE

\$250.00 Award for seniors who are furthering their education in the arts. Application and 250 word essay required. Previous due date was in early April.

DEERWOOD LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Must be a senior at Brainerd, C-I, or Aitkin High School. Academic record, involvement in school and community activities, probable success in their chosen field and demonstrated need of financial assistance. Previous due date - March 15

PATRICK DESUTTER EDUCATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500.00 Award for someone who is preparing to become a teacher. Application and essay required. Due 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS\* - Due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

Applications will be given to all eligible seniors in March. **No file exists in scholarship drawer.**

EMILY FIRE DEPT. RELIEF ASSOC.

Several \$500 scholarships to be given to students in the Emily Fire Dept. coverage area who plan to go on to schooling after graduation. April 1<sup>st</sup> due date.

ELMER AND ETHEL FRANZEN SCHOLARSHIP Due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

Open to(Listed in preference): 1. Students attending Dunwoody Institute 2. Students going into nursing at the school of their choice 3. Other school or program.

GARRISON DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS - Resident of Garrison or live within 15 miles, academics, activities, and financial need considered. Due early April.

IRMA FRANZEN-GERZIN SCHOLARSHIP Due 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

To aid a female graduate of Aitkin High who attends St. Cloud State University.

MEMBERS COOP CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

1. MCCU - Open to credit union members and their families. 2-\$1000 scholarships to public or private colleges, community colleges, or trade schools. Pick up applications at the credit union. Due December 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. MN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL (FIC)  
1-\$500 and 1-\$1000 scholarship open to graduates associated with credit unions from around the state. Pickup applications at Cloquet Credit Union office. Due February 20<sup>th</sup>.

PALISADE FIRE DEPT. - April 1st Due Date

Must live in Palisade Fire Dept. protection area, may go to any type of post-high school training. Return to: any Palisade Fireman or the Palisade Fire Dept., 106 - 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Palisade, MN 56469

PAUL BUNYAN ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND FINACIAL ADVISORS

Open to Technical college, Junior College or 4-year college Business majors. Previous due date was mid-May.

PETRABORG - HANS & THORA PETRABORG EDUCATIONAL LOAN

Complete loan application and return to Mrs. Bev Rueger in the Aitkin District Office. Due mid-May (no interest loan)

SHISLER - MYRTLE V. SHISLER

Agricultural scholarship-must attend the U of M College of Agriculture. Must have been a member of Cedar Brook 4-H Club or a resident of Aitkin County. \$2000 a year possible.

SWEETMAN

Awarded to the top 2 students in each graduating class. Must attend a division of the U of M. Candidates will be given the applications.

WARNER - ESTHER WARNER - Due 3rd Friday in April

This scholarship is named in honor of Esther Warner who taught in Aitkin from 1932-1962. Applicants must be planning to enter the teaching profession.

WILD TURKEY FEDERATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

3.0 GPA needed, must be going into a wildlife, natural resources 4 year college program. Local winner \$250, state winner \$1,000, national winner \$5,000. Local deadline Mid February.

ZILVERBERG HEALTH FIELD SCHOLARSHIP - Due 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in April

For an Aitkin graduate who elects a course of study leading to licensure as an LPN, RN, or PHN. \$500 scholarship.

**STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS (Deadlines are from last years applications)**

AMERICAN LEGION AUX. (MN)

- Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship - March 15 due date
  - National Presidents Scholarship - Due March 10 to local unit
  - Department of Minnesota Scholarship - Due to local unit March 5
- Contact counselor for the following applications:
- Junior Members Scholarship - Due to local unit March 10
  - Girl Scout Achievement Award - Due to local unit February 13
  - Non-traditional Student Scholarship - Due to local unit March 10

AMERICAN LEGION

Memorial & insurance trust scholarships, must attend a Minnesota school. Due April 1 (must be a vet or a child of a vet). Local legion president must approve application and sign it.

BAUERLY BROTHERS - Open to children of employees and non-employees.

Previous due date was mid-May.

GREAT CLIPS FOR HAIR

Can be used at any accredited Minnesota cosmetology or barbering school - \$500.00 - Late May due date

MINNESOTA BENEFIT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

To children of public employees. Financial need, academics, vocational promise, character and leadership considered. Essay required. Last year's due date was January 31<sup>st</sup>.

MINNESOTA BUILDING INDUSTRY SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating seniors attending a construction related field of study in college. 6 - \$1,000.00 awards. Previous due date was April 15

MSCA/TCF - February due date

Essay required, joint effort of Minnesota School Counselors Association and Twin Cities Federal.

MINNESOTA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 per year award. Need a 3.0 G.P.A. Scholastic rating and financial need. School achievements, leadership and activities considered. Skill or excellence in golf is not a criterion. Candidates shall demonstrate an interest or involvement in the sport.

NEWS 6 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Open to graduating seniors in KBJR coverage area who plan to attend college or technical colleges. Due date last year was Mid-May.

PRINTING INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Designed to encourage people to seek careers in the Minnesota printing industry. Need at least a 23 composite on the ACT. Feb. 1 due date

TIMBERWOLVES - March 6 due date

Must be a high school senior in Minnesota, attending a college in the fall. GPA at least 3.0 and ACT at least 19. Must participate in extra curricular activities and complete 45 hours of community service outside of school during the academic school year.

U.S. BANK SCHOLARSHIPS March 1 due date

30- \$1000 scholarships must apply on to: [www.usbank.com/student\\_loans](http://www.usbank.com/student_loans)

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

We have a section in the scholarship file devoted to national scholarships. We post national scholarship as they come in and we put a file of information into the scholarship drawer and we put them in the morning announcements. Please stop in the guidance office and look through the collection.