



## Carole and David Gruszczynski Scholarship

### Annual Scholarship Information

#### Scholarship History

The Carole and David Gruszczynski Scholarship was created in 2023 to provide a scholarship for college students in elementary education – which has been a passion of Carole and David. Carole and David began teaching at Anselmo-Merna in the fall of 1977. Carole taught 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and retired in 2013. David taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and was elementary principal for 9 years. He retired in 2014. Carole and David loved their careers and the people of A-M. They want to give back to the community in gratitude for the wonderful years they spent in the A-M School.

Anselmo-Merna Public Schools and the A-M Foundation thanks the Gruszczynski family for their generous support of our students and their futures!

#### I. Qualifications

- A. The student must be a graduate of Anselmo-Merna High School and fill out the A-M Foundation Scholarship Application noting they are applying for the Gruszczynski Memorial Scholarship.

#### II. Selection of Recipient

- A. Students must complete and file an application form with the Foundation's selection committee by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. The recipient must be a graduate of Anselmo-Merna High School.
- C. Must be a full-time or part-time college enrolled student.
- D. Must have at least a minimum grade point average of 3.0.
- E. Must demonstrate financial need.
- F. **Student must be pursuing a degree in elementary education.**
- G. **Student must have completed the first two years of college and be enrolled in the college of education - elementary education.**

- H. The A-M Foundation selection committee shall serve as the selecting committee. If a son, daughter, brother, or sister of a selection committee member is an applicant, that member will not serve on the selecting committee. The committee will:
- a. Study completed application forms
  - b. Designate recipient
  - c. Assure scholarship will be applied to school expenses

III. General Organization of the Scholarship

- A. Total amount of the scholarship will be \$500.
- B. The recipient will not have to return any of the scholarship money received as it is not a loan or repayment scholarship. The recipient will, however, be required to refund the face value of the scholarship if one semester of full-time study is not completed and recorded at their respective schools.
- C. Returned scholarship funds should automatically be placed back into the scholarship account for future awards to other students.
- D. The scholarship will be presented at the graduation ceremony each year.
- E. The recipient may attend any school of higher learning approved by the State Department of Education or a State Board whose duty is to approve vocational schools. There must be evidence that the recipient has enrolled in school, and the scholarship must be used in either the first or second semester of the recipient's third year in college.

IV. Other Considerations

- A. If serious extenuating circumstances which make it impossible for the recipient(s) to fulfill Part III B, and/or E, the scholarship selection committee will have the right to make reasonable exceptions.
- B. A student is required to write a thank you letter to the Foundation and to the scholarship sponsor (family). A copy of these letters must be sent to the Foundation at the mailing address provided by July 1<sup>st</sup>.