



Patrick P. Downey Scholarship Annual Scholarship Information

Scholarship History

The Patrick P. Downey Memorial Scholarship was created in 2020 to commemorate his life, his love of the school system and to provide opportunities for Anselmo-Merna graduates to continue their post-secondary education. Pat was a life-long farmer and ag producer, was a strong believer in our school system and the opportunities it affords our students. Two scholarships of \$350 is given annually in his name to any student pursuing postsecondary studies.

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

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

- II. Selection of Recipient
 - A. Student must complete and file an application form with the Foundation's selection committee by March 1st.
 - B. Recipient must be a current graduate of Anselmo-Merna High School.
 - C. The family will determine the scholarship winners.
 - D. The A-M Foundation 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 \$350 for 2020.
- 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 first 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 15th.