



Johnathan Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship

Annual Scholarship Information

Scholarship History

Jonathan Jacobsen grew up in Merna, Nebraska, attending Kindergarten through 12th grade at Anselmo Merna Schools, graduating with the class of 2004. During his time at A-M, he excelled in Academics, Athletics, and Arts. Upon graduation, Jonathan was appointed to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After 8 weeks in the Navy, he decided to change course and returned to Nebraska to attend Doane College, from which he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science. Jonathan was accepted into the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. In his first year at UNMC, Jonathan became the President of the Phi Rho Medical Fraternity, served as the regional delegate for the American Medical Association, and was named curriculum chair for the Class of 2012. Shortly before returning to Omaha to start his second year as a medical student, Jonathan left this world, before his goal of becoming a physician could be attained.

Jonathan loved to learn and was lucky enough to realize his purpose was to study medicine and use his knowledge for healing. He spent time with local doctors, including his Great Uncle Loren and Uncle John, who taught him about medicine, people, and life. Jonathan knew a career in medicine was a sacred and important vocation and “the ability to heal gives physicians a place in society with sacred trust and responsibility”.

Although Jonathan’s path to becoming a physician was interrupted far too soon, his family would like to assist other students, with a similar love for science and a desire to use that knowledge to improve the lives of others, pursue a career in the healthcare field.

The Johnathan Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship was created in 2015 to commemorate his life, his love of the school system and to provide opportunities for Anselmo-Merna graduates to continue their studies in post-secondary. A scholarship of \$1,000 is given annually in his name to those students who are pursuing a nursing or medical degree having completed their prerequisite coursework in nursing or a medical degree.

Anselmo-Merna Public Schools and the A-M Foundation thank the Jacobsen 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 Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship.
- B. A student must have completed their post-secondary prerequisite coursework in nursing or a medical degree to receive this 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. **Recipient must have completed their prerequisite postsecondary coursework in nursing or a medical field.**
- D. **Students can only win this scholarship once.**
- E. 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 \$1,000 as long as funds are available.
- 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 1st.