



Keith Sommer Memorial Scholarship Annual Scholarship Information

Scholarship History

Keith Sommer was a long-time farmer/rancher in the Anselmo-Merna community. He and his wife, Phyllis, enjoyed the school and the farming/ranching community for many years. The Keith Sommer Memorial Scholarship was created in 2018 as part of Mr. Sommer's memorial funds were designated back to Anselmo-Merna Public School as way to commemorate his love of and passion for agriculture and to provide opportunities for Anselmo-Merna graduates to continue their studies in a post-secondary setting. A scholarship of \$500 is given annually in his name to a student who is pursuing a degree in an ag-related field.

Anselmo-Merna Public Schools and the A-M Foundation thank the Sommer 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 Sommer Memorial Scholarship.
- B. The student must be pursuing a degree in an ag-related field to receive this scholarship. **The applicant must provide evidence of these qualifications in his/her application.**

II. Selection of Recipient

- A. Student must complete and file an application form with the Foundation by April 1st.
- B. Recipient must be a graduate of Anselmo-Merna High School.

- C. **The recipient must be pursuing a degree in an ag-related field. The recipient must provide evidence of these qualifications before distribution of the scholarship occurs.**
- D. **Preference will be given to students with a financial need.**
- 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 \$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 during the school year that follows scholarship issuance.
- C. Returned/unused scholarship funds will 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 Foundation will have the right to make reasonable exceptions.
- B. A student is required to write a thank you letter to the scholarship sponsor (family). A copy of these letters must be sent to the Foundation at the mailing address provided by July 1st.