

GCSF ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN



The Germantown Community Scholarship Fund (GCSF) embarked on an Endowment Fundraising Campaign in 2006, the 25th anniversary of its founding. As a non-profit organization, GCSF relies on charitable contributions to continue to meet its scholarship goals. To help spread the word about GCSF's Endowment Fundraising Campaign, events are held throughout the community to generate additional donations.

In total since its inception, GCSF will have awarded more than \$3.96 million in scholarships to 3,346 Germantown area students pursuing education at colleges, universities or vocational/technical schools.

The Endowment Fund is an investment that helps guarantee that GCSF's work will continue for future generations. Please consider a contribution to GCSF's Endowment Campaign as an investment in the future of our youth. To find out how you can help with this worthy cause, contact Becca Skidmore, Executive Director at 262-510-7812 or info@gcsfund.org. Information is also available on the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund's website at www.GCSFund.org or **donate directly at the QR code.**



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2026 Dinner & Auction

AT THE FLORIAN IN GERMANTOWN

DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING FOR 2026!

CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER OR VISIT OUR GCSF WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WWW.GCSFUND.ORG

GCSF TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM



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In 2004, GCSF also recognized a need to support our Germantown School District teachers and staff in their teaching efforts to help area students develop. Since starting the program, GCSF has awarded almost \$59,000 in grants. Community support and proceeds raised during the **Mud Splash – Run for Teacher Funds** sponsored by **U.S. Bank and David J. Frank Landscape Contracting**, helps raise money for these Teacher Grants.

2025-26 GCSF TEACHER GRANT AWARDS

Tim Gonring – KMS 6th grade Tech Ed:

Awarded funding for seven LEGO Spike robotics kits to introduce and engage sixth graders in robotics and basic coding.

Becca Killen - GHS Art Department:

Awarded funding to purchase five sewing kits plus supplies to enhance the arts and crafts exploratory curriculum.

Meggie Kopplin - County Line 2nd grade:

Awarded funding for a magnetic, adjustable easel to promote more engaging phonics and language arts instruction.

Michelle Stephan - Rockfield 4th grade:

Awarded funding to purchase flexible seating, calming environmental tools and math games to promote fact fluency.

Vicki Umhoefer - County Line Special Ed:

Awarded funding to update the sensory room to enhance the space for students to de-stress and re-regulate.



GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MUD SPLASH

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Join us on June 20, 2026 at 9 a.m. for the
GCSF Run for Teacher Funds Mud Splash



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCESS



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HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY AND GET AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH GCSF?

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship recipients must:

- be a legal resident of the Village or Town of Germantown or be enrolled at Germantown High School
- be enrolled in his/her senior year of high school with projected graduation by June 30th of the year of application.
- complete all sections of the online Germantown Scholarship Application, which is administered through a third-party program 'Kaleidoscope'.
- not have a full-ride scholarship to any college/university.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit:

- high school transcript
- post-secondary education plans
- high school co-curricular activities
- out-of-school activities
- volunteer activities
- paid employment

EVALUATION PROCESS

The Board of Directors of the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund, Inc. appoints a Scholarship Committee to administer and evaluate applications in conjunction with the High School Guidance Staff. The philosophy of the Board in awarding scholarships is to identify those students who excel both in their academic, volunteer and extra- curricular activities. All applications are anonymous during the review process and applications are programmatically scored using a weighted distribution between three sections: Academic, School-Sponsored Activity Involvement, and Out of School Activity Involvement (including work and volunteer experiences).

Students are objectively picked by the Scholarship Committee for Named Scholarships based on ranking as mentioned above and selected criteria by the scholarship donor (ie certain activities/sports in high school, volunteerism, specific career pursuits in college, etc).

CLAIM PROCESS

To receive their scholarship funds, students are required to provide documentation of their enrollment in higher education courses or submit their transcripts from the previous semester. Additionally, students must ensure that GCSF has their personal email address on file. Be attentive to an email from GCSF arriving in mid-fall, which will contain detailed instructions on how to claim the scholarship funds.

2026 GCSF SCHOLARSHIPS



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The Germantown Community Scholarship Fund (GCSF) exists to help area students achieve their goals and live their dreams. We provide scholarship money to those graduates who will continue their education at a college, university or a vocational/technical school.

The GCSF trust fund was initiated in 1981 by a donation from the Germantown Rotary Club in the amount of \$10,000. A \$200,000 donation in 1990 from the Germantown Volunteer Fire Company greatly increased the endowment fund. The remaining scholarships are funded by donations from annual fundraising events, businesses, service organizations and individuals.

This year's graduating seniors are the fortunate recipients of funds raised at a successful Dinner & Auction Fundraiser, investment income from our Endowment Fund, and the generosity of 43 Named Scholarship Donors enabling GCSF to award \$209,000 to these students. We sincerely thank all who contributed or helped in any way to offer these awards.

RECIPIENT	SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT
Natalie Nolte	Pay It Forward Scholarship	\$3,000
Cassandra Fox	Reuben Penzenstaedtler - Lincoln Lodge Scholarship	\$3,000
Lydia Pedersen	Dr. Thomas Albiero Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500
Tyler Kirsch	Steve Raeber Scholarship	\$2,500
Kaitlyn Sweeney	Chuck Ritzenthaler Science Scholarship	\$2,000
Claudia Schilder	Germantown Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	\$2,000
Brooke Jakubowski	Kiwanis of Germantown Scholarship	\$2,000
Rubell Aujla	Kiwanis of Germantown Scholarship	\$2,000
Meghan DeChant	Brent Reiter Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000
Julia Skarda	Bandero County Wood Grill Scholarship	\$2,000
Cassandra Zarder	Dennis Dhein Scholarship	\$2,000
Daniel Xu	Melka Family Engineering Scholarship	\$2,000
Jon Murkowski	Spectrum Investment Advisors Scholarship	\$2,000
Alex Rogowski	Dennis Dhein Scholarship	\$2,000
Lily Orlovski	Desert Aire Scholarship	\$2,000
Gavin Kimmler	Melka Family Business Leaders Scholarship	\$2,000
Taylor Yegge	Megan Pederson Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000
Arush Chopra	Ellsworth Adhesives Scholarship	\$2,000
Kendra Drake	1Collision County Line Scholarship	\$2,000
Payton Laabs	Hoops Basketball Scholarship	\$2,000
Janica Walker	Melka Family Strength & Sustainability Scholarship	\$2,000
Dylan Merryfield	Hoops Basketball Scholarship	\$2,000
Gavin Ewert	Unisig Deep Hole Drilling Systems Scholarship	\$2,000
Sandesh Dhani	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000

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Carson Depies	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Vincent Inga	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Georgia Bishop	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Cassidy Nelson	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Uma Goradia	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Drew Venne	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Jacalyn Kerpan	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Zachary Prescott	Germantown Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship	\$2,000
Karel Lianne Ramos	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Emily Burling	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Matthew Momper	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Mackenzie Moss	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Parker Zobel	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Christopher Lee	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Gwen Wertschnig	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Kaleah Alles	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Elise Redeker	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Greyson Becker	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Zhixiang Huang	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Natalie Jenke	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Andrew Thompson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Rachel Kohls	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Morgan Jacobson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Natalie Studinski	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Timothy Plichta	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Rachel Olson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Sophia Zastrow	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Madison Matuszewski	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Katie Linden	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Alaina Williams	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Kendall Privatt	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Mason Abraham	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Jordan Knudson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Carly Olson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Jack Van Hoof	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Eden Jones	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Aidan DeBisschop	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Ryan Stelling	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Travis Pampuch	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000



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RECIPIENT	SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT
Taylor Lemminger	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Kellen Becker	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Anne Drinan	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Zoey Grekso	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Emily Peterson	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Madelyn Cull	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Solomon Lee	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Alex Reinke	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Mary Casziel Faeldonea	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Ella Levins	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
McKenzee Burge	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Ellery Freiburger	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Griffin Stein	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Hannah Welke	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Fiona Zhang	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Macie Hoell	Germantown Community Scholarship Fund Scholarship	\$2,000
Elaina Loomis	J.W. Speaker Scholarship	\$1,800
Samantha Winge	Linda Wiener Memorial Future Educator Scholarship	\$1,667
Emily Gattoni	Linda Wiener Memorial Future Educator Scholarship	\$1,667
Kaytlin Wetzel	Linda Wiener Memorial Future Educator Scholarship	\$1,667
Corbin Ray	Wayne Baumgartner / Industrial Recyclers Scholarship	\$1,600
Ava Borchardt	Germantown High School Girls XC/Track & Field Scholarship	\$1,500
Hunter Erdman	Germantown High School Boys Cross Country Scholarship	\$1,500
Tyler Olszewski	Richfield WI Community Foundation	\$1,000
Ana Yokes	Fox Bros Piggly Wiggly Scholarship	\$1,000
Parker Van Engen	Germantown National Little League Scholarship	\$1,000
Shane Zomboracz	Germantown Soccer Club Scholarship	\$1,000
Eden Annoye	Germantown American Legion Post #1 Scholarship	\$1,000
Olivia Aiken	Krause Family Scholarship	\$1,000
Colin Mahaffy	Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	\$1,000
Francine Buor	Germantown Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship	\$1,000
Sophie Ballesteros	Germantown Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship	\$1,000
Alison Pentek	JP Cullen Scholarship	\$1,000
Tessa Gierach	Leadership Class of 2026 Scholarship	\$1,000
Mitchell Kren	Terrence J. Riesch D.D.S. Scholarship	\$1,000
Livia Birlar	Gehl Foods Scholarship	\$1,000
Leah Brock	Germantown National Little League Scholarship	\$1,000
Alyssa Pawlak	The Wayne Heidel - Jennifer Semmann Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Cassandra Kaszynski	Emil Ewald Family Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Carson Kann	Emil Ewald Family Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
⁶ Bree Paprocki	The Wayne Heidel - Jennifer Semmann Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000



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Mason Doll	L.T. Hampel Corporation Scholarship	\$1,000
Madeline Olstad	Emil Ewald Family Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Oliver Kelley	Waterstone Bank Scholarship	\$1,000
Ava Heimler	Emil Ewald Family Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Mason Miller	Emil Ewald Family Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Spencer Mueller	Gehl Foods Scholarship	\$1,000
Kalysta Lee	Bank Five Nine Scholarship	\$1,000
Ella Gouthro	Pat Tasker Scholarship	\$1,000
Patrick John Juern	The Deutschstadt Heritage Foundation Scholarship	\$1,000
Joseph Collett	Gehl Foods Scholarship	\$1,000
Alexis Sabol	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Chelsea Scott	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Cora Kalal	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Tyler Conradt	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Erin Tonnessen	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Benjamin Pluta	Endowment Fund Scholarship	\$1,000
Cassidy Powell	Germantown American Legion Auxiliary Unit #321 Scholarship	\$750
Aliyah Dykstra	Paul & Cynthia Fusek Art and Music Scholarship	\$750
Samyiah Fox	Paul & Cynthia Fusek Art and Music Scholarship	\$750
Audrey Schroeder	The Wayne Heidel - Jennifer Semmann Memorial Scholarship	\$500

HELP US MAKE STUDENTS' DREAMS COME TRUE... BECOME A VOLUNTEER WITH GCSF!

Join the team of fun and energetic people who meet throughout the year to plan and organize fundraising activities to benefit the students and the teachers in Germantown schools. New members are always welcome, and there are so many ways to help!



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Contact Becca Skidmore, GCSF Executive Director, if interested in getting involved or just learning more:
262-510-7812 or by email info@gcsfund.org.



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Thank
you!

A sincere thanks to the following individuals and groups for assisting with tonight's annual Senior Scholarship Awards Night.

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2026 DINNER & AUCTION DONORS

We would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who have donated items, services, financial support, facilities and/or volunteered their time to the 2026 fundraising efforts.

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