

List of All Ridgewater College Scholarships

*Sorted by Scholarship Name.

NOTE: This list of scholarships can change at any time without notice.

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Offered/ Awarded for:	Scholarship Name	# OF CREDITS	Programs	Campus	GPA Required	Award Amount	Scholarship Bio
Spring Semester	Paul J. Aamot Memorial	6+	Liberal Arts (English, Communications, Journalism or Education)	Both	3.0	\$500.00	Paul was a long-time English instructor at the College, teaching from 1963-1985. He authored many books on writing and politics. This scholarship in Paul's memory is funded by his family and is awarded to Liberal Arts students pursuing a degree in Education, English, Journalism, or Communications.
Both	AAUW (American Association of University Women)	6+	Fall award: Any Program Spring Award: Technical programs	Willmar	3	\$500.00	The AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, AAUW has worked as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women. This scholarship is awarded to a Ridgewater student who will be transferring to a 4-year college or university to continue their studies.
Fall Semester	Adams Honors	12+	None	Willmar	3.5	\$2,000.00	Elaine Adams was a long-time math teacher for Willmar Schools and a former Ridgewater College Foundation Board member prior to her retirement in 1979. The Adams Honors Endowment is in memory of Elaine and her late husband Ray, and these scholarships go to students who exhibit strong academic achievement.
Spring Semester	Adams –Siksne Memorial	6+	Machine Tool	Hutchinson	2.5	\$750.00	This endowment fund was established to honor Ray Adams and Richard Siksne by their wives, Elaine Adams and Norma Siksne. These scholarship(s) are awarded to Machine Tool students.
Spring Semester	Adult Basic Education	6+	Any	Hutchinson	2.0	\$500.00	The Adult Basic Education scholarship recognizes a student who has worked with ABE to earn a GED or to prepare in a career pathway and who is pursuing coursework at Ridgewater College.
Fall Semester	Adult Basic Education	6+	Any	Hutchinson	2.0	\$500.00	The Adult Basic Education scholarship recognizes a student who has worked with ABE to earn a GED or to prepare in a career pathway and who is pursuing coursework at Ridgewater College.
Fall Semester	James Albrecht Memorial	6+	Automotive	Willmar	2.0	\$850.00	James was a student at Ridgewater studying Automotive Technology when he passed away in an automobile accident in 2011. His family and friends established an endowment fund in his memory through an annual "Circle of Friends" golf tournament. The scholarship goes to students from Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School.
Spring Semester	Alliance Pipeline	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	2.5	\$750.00	The Alliance Pipeline company transports natural gas underground from Canada through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa to Illinois. The pipeline delivers more than 1.6 billion cubic feet per day of liquids-rich natural gas to the Chicago market. Alliance Pipeline's scholarship endowment fund supports students enrolled in an Agriculture-related program.
Both	Patricia & Delbert Allinder Memorial	12+	Nursing	Willmar	2.0	\$800.00	Patricia made a career of counseling and education, serving on Willmar School Board from 1974-1983 and on the State Board of vocational technical education from 1983 until her death in 1991. She was active in the college's Campus Ministry and in her church. Delbert owned and operated West Central Steel from 1972 until his retirement in 2012. He was an active volunteer for the Chamber, Willmar Opportunity Club, Relay for Life, and many other community causes. This scholarship is for non-traditional Nursing students.
Both	Alumni Scholarship	6+	Any	Both	3.0	\$500.00	Though general scholarship donations, this scholarship is awarded to full-time students whose parents are a graduate of Ridgewater College, Willmar Technical College, Willmar Community College or Hutchinson Area Vocational Institute.
Spring Semester	Murl E. Anderson	12+	Auto body, auto tech, machine tool, carpentry, vet tech or welding	Both	2.0	\$550.00	This fund was established in 1999 by the family of Murl E. Anderson. The scholarships go to students enrolled in various technical programs.
Both	Anderson Chemical Company	12+	None	Both	3.0	\$1,000.00	Anderson Chemical Company of Litchfield has provided professional cleaning and sanitation programs to the food processing industry for over a century. Anderson also develops and maintains water management programs for boilers, cooling systems, process water, and wastewater systems. Each year, Anderson Chemical Company awards \$4000 in scholarships to students who graduated from Litchfield High School.
Fall Semester	Vernon & Ardyce Anderson	6+	Liberal Arts	Both	2.0	\$750.00	This fund was established in 2023 by Ardyce Anderson. The scholarships goes to students enrolled in general education courses toward a Liberal Arts & Sciences AA degree.
Spring Semester	Mary S. Anderson	6+	Any	Hutchinson	2.0	\$2,000.00	Mary S. Anderson was the daughter of Spencer and Alice (Hosmer) Stearns, and was a founding member of Stearns Foundation. Mary enjoyed music, playing piano, reading, traveling and her PEO sisters. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends. Mary was employed as an administrative assistant at Ridgewater College from 1979 to 1989. Mary was a life-long believer in education and while living at Harmony River Living Center, was moved and inspired by her many caregivers who were struggling to juggle work and family while also trying to pursue a higher education. This scholarship fund was created to provide financial assistance to employees at Harmony River who are working while also taking courses to further their education.

Both	Andrew Hatlestad Memorial Scholarship	8+	RN/AND	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	Andrew Hatlestad was a hardworking student and scholarship recipient at Ridgewater College. He was smart, kind, witty and helpful. He grew up on the family farm west of New London and was cherished and deeply loved by his family, friends and members of his church and community. He worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Bethesda in Willmar while attending Ridgewater College in the Registered Nursing Program. Andrew lost his life from injuries sustained in a tragic automobile accident at the start of his third year at Ridgewater College. This scholarship is established to honor Andrew's memory and help others the way Andrew would have in his future as an RN. The award goes to a student in the RN program on the Willmar campus taking eight or more credits with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
Spring Semester	Art Scholarship	6+	Liberal Arts	Both	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship was established by art faculty at Ridgewater for Liberal Arts students who have an intent to transfer to a 4 year university or art institute to major in Art, Film, Music or Theater.
Fall Semester	Kristina Baune Memorial	12+	Auto Body	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Kristina, the daughter of Ginger and Tom Baune, who passed away in 1985 at age 10 after an extended illness (Late Infantile Metachromatic Lycrodystrophy). Kristina's dad, Tom, was the department chair for the Auto Body program for many years; this scholarship honors Kristina's memory and goes to students enrolled in Auto Body.
Spring Semester	William H. Benson Memorial	6+	STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) programs as listed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Computer Aided Drafting & Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Programming • Computer Science • Computer Support Technician 	Both	3.0	\$1,000.00	William (Bill) Benson joined the faculty at Willmar Junior College (Ridgewater College) in 1968. Bill was a physicist and farmer. He enjoyed teaching physics and engineering at Ridgewater College, where he taught until he retired in 2004. He also ran the family farm, producing beef, dairy, and crops. Bill was a loving husband, father, grandpa and friend. His son John Benson is a Chemistry instructor at Ridgewater College. This award goes to a first generation college student in a STEM program with a minimum GPA of 3.0.
Fall Semester	Bergh's Fabricating, Incorporated	12+	Welding	Willmar	2.5	\$400.00	Bergh's Fabricating was established in 1976 and specializes in all types and sizes of steel fabricating projects. Each year, Bergh's gives scholarships to students enrolled in the Welding program.
Spring Semester	Kelly Berghorst Memorial	6+	Medical Assistant	Willmar	2.0	\$400.00	Kelly Berghorst had just graduated from the Medical Assistant program at Ridgewater when she passed away in a car accident in 2011. Remembered for her great smile, laugh and her passion for helping others; Kelly's classmates and instructors raised funds to establish this scholarship in her name. The scholarship is awarded yearly to a non-traditional student enrolled in the Medical Assistant program.
Fall Semester	Elaine & D.J. Black Memorial	6+	Practical Nursing, Nursing (and MANE)	Hutchinson	3.0	\$600.00	Elaine was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker who also worked for a time as a nurse. She was active in her community church as a member of the PTA, AFS Committee, American Legion Post 96 Auxiliary, General Federated Women's Club (GFWC), and McLeod County Republican Committee. Elaine was an election judge on the Hutchinson Health Hospital Board and Burns Manor Nursing Home Board of Directors in Hutchinson. When Elaine passed away in 2013, her family established this scholarship for nursing students to honor Both Elaine and her late husband D.J.
Fall Semester	James Black Memorial	12+	None	Hutchinson	3.0	\$300.00	James was a Ridgewater College counselor on the Hutchinson campus for many years. Jim passed away in a tractor accident shortly after his retirement. The scholarship was established by his family and friends and is for a Hutchinson Campus student.
Fall Semester	Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners	6+	Vet Tech	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Blue Pearl has provided urgent, emergency, and critical care services in support of referring veterinary hospitals and their surrounding communities since 1979. Owned and operated by practicing veterinarians of the local community, functions as an extended resource by providing high quality care and outstanding customer service for dogs, cats and small mammals.
Both	Dr. Brian Bonte Memorial Nursing & Paramedic Scholarship	6+	LPN, RN or Paramedic	Both	2.5	\$1,000.00	Dr. Bonte was one of the first EMTs in Iowa at the age of 17. He also worked as a nurse's aide/orderly at the Veterans' Hospital in Des Moines for four years. Both of these positions laid the foundation for Dr. Bonte's interest in serving humanity through medical practice. He understood the importance of the immediate and individual medical care both EMTs and CNAs bring to patients and was on the receiving end of both professions at the end of life. The family of Dr. Bonte wishes to encourage men and women to serve their communities through these valuable and compassionate occupations. This scholarship opportunity is available for those pursuing nursing or paramedic degrees, reflecting the Bonte family's dedication to supporting individuals committed to making a positive impact on healthcare and local communities.
Varies	Dr. Brian Bonte Memorial CNA Scholarship	-	CNA	-	-	\$500.00	The Dr. Brian Bonte scholarship fund has been established to assist students pursuing a CNA or EMT certification at Ridgewater College.
Both	Bookstore/Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	12+	Any	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	The Willmar Phi Theta Kappa organization, in partnership with the Ridgewater Bookstore, collects outdated/obsolete textbooks to be sold to agencies that market the books to other countries. The profits from these book sales support scholarships for students who are Bookstore work study students or who are active members of PTK.

Fall Semester	Alana Carrigan Krick Memorial	12+	Practical Nursing or RN Nursing	Willmar	3.0	\$600.00	Alana Krick was a born nurse, focused on healing the body and the soul. She had a rich laugh and an ever present sense of humor; her smile and eyes lit up the room any time she was present and there was no bad day that wasn't happier when she was around. Although she had a tough start and was abandoned as a small child, it was Alana who taught her family not to take themselves and their lives too seriously. She lived a lot in her 19 years. She, like her father, worked very hard and chased every dream with an inspiring drive and passion. She was a student at Ridgewater when she died. It is our hope that this scholarship will help this nursing student learn to nurse the soul as well as the body with humor as well as science.
Fall Semester	Carris Health - Rice Hospital Medical Staff Scholarship	12+	Nursing & Practical Nursing	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	Rice Memorial Hospital (now Carris Health) is a Level 3 Trauma hospital located in Willmar. It serves a 14-county area, maintains 100 inpatient beds, employs more than 900 staff, and credentials over 350 physicians. Rice Hospital Physicians group, made up of medical doctors at Rice Hospital, has been contributing to scholarships at Ridgewater for over 15 years. This scholarship supports a student enrolled in the practical nursing or BSN nursing program.
Fall Semester	CHS Scholars Program (1st Year)	6+	Agriculture	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business, and rural America. CHS scholarships are awarded to Agriculture students.
Fall Semester	CHS Scholars Program (2nd Year)	6+	Agriculture	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business, and rural America. CHS scholarships are awarded to Agriculture students.
Fall Semester	Compeer Financial Scholarship	6+	Agriculture	Willmar	2.5	\$1,250.00	Compeer Financial is a member-owned, Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. Based in the upper Midwest, Compeer Financial exists to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America. Compeer Financial regularly collaborates with others who are also dedicated to agriculture and rural America. This scholarship is awarded to full-time students in agriculture programs.
Both	Computer Aided Drafting & Design	6+	C.A.D.D. - Drafting	Both	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship award is funded by donations from current and former Drafting faculty and is awarded to students enrolled in the Computer Aided Drafting & Design program.
Both	Custom Products of Litchfield	12+	Welding	Both	3.0	\$500.00	Since 1962, Custom Products has been producing custom cabs, ROPs and operator protection for the off-highway industry. Founded on a respect for working men and women and the belief in their need for protection from nature's elements and on-the-job hazards. The scholarships go to students enrolled in the Welding program.
Fall Semester	Jan Dahl Memorial	6+	Cosmetology	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Jan received her Cosmetology license from Willmar Technical College in 1975; she later became an instructor in the program and also worked for Peterson Brothers Funeral Home as a cosmetologist. Jan loved being with family and friends and enjoyed gardening, decorating, reading, cooking, and lake activities. She passed away from cancer in 2007 at the age of 51. This scholarship, for Cosmetology students, honors Jan and is funded by current Cosmetology instructors.
Both	Danielson Nursing	9+	Nursing & Practical Nursing	Both	3.0	\$1,000.00	This fund was established in 1991, through a series of gifts from brothers Leonard and Willard Danielson. The brothers were so impressed by the nursing care they received over the years, the Danielsons were moved to help others pursue education and training in nursing. This endowment provides over \$20,000 in nursing scholarships annually.
Fall Semester	Marilyn & John Docksey Memorial	12+	Pre - Nursing & Nursing	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	This fund was originally established in memory of Marilyn, a long time Willmar resident and RN, by her husband Dr. John Docksey in 2007. When John passed away in 2009, the family renamed and fund to honor Both parents. John received his medical degree from Marquette University in 1950, the same year the two were married. He completed his internship in medicine and surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Philadelphia in 1951 and his residency in general surgery at the Veteran's Hospital in Milwaukee in 1955. He joined the Willmar Clinic in 1956 and practiced medicine and surgery until retiring in 1989. This scholarship fund honors Both Marilyn and John and is given to Nursing students.
Varies	Early Childhood Scholarships	6+	Early Childhood	Both	2.7	varies	Thanks to a community fundraising effort in the summer of 2019, this scholarship was established to help address the critical shortage of childcare workers in Kandiyohi County. This scholarship is funded by Ridgewater instructors for students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program.
Both	Education & English Scholarship	6+	English <u>OR</u> Education	Hutchinson	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship is funded by Ridgewater instructors for students enrolled in a Liberal Arts program on the Hutchinson campus with an intent to transfer to a 4-year degree in Education or English.

Fall Semester	Electrician Staff	12+	Electrician	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship is funded by past and current instructors and goes to students enrolled in the Electrician program.
Both	Mabel Erickson Memorial	12+	Electrician, Automation and Robotics, Information Technology (Computer Programmer, CST, Network Systems Admin, and Web Developer)	Both	3.0	\$550.00	This endowment was established by a bequest from Mabel Erickson's will to the Willmar Technical Institute in 1992. Mabel was a member of United Methodist Church and was active in many women's groups. She passed away at the age of 95 and was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, and sons, Dale and James. This scholarship helps students enrolled in a variety of technical programs.
Fall Semester	Robert Erickson Memorial	12+	Accountant, Accounting Clerk/ Technician; or C.A.D.D./Drafting; or ADS or Computer/IT MMDT programs	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	Robert was a rural mail carrier and partner in Erickson Plumbing & Heating and Erickson Hardware for 34 years. He was on Both the Blomkest and Willmar School Boards, was active at the Blomkest Baptist Church, and a member of the Blomkest Fire Department. Robert passed away in a car accident in 1989 at the age of 56. This scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in select technical programs.
Both	Alice Feichtinger Nursing Scholarship	6+	Nursing & Practical Nursing	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Alice Feichtinger is a former Ridgewater College nursing instructor. Alice served as a nurse for many years before starting her career at Ridgewater as a college lab assistant. She later moved into teaching and worked with students for 25 years. Alice's goal in teaching was to cultivate well-rounded nurses who not only understood the technical skills of nursing, but the art of the work as well. She said, "People will always remember how you made them feel... as nurses, it's our mission is to leave them feeling better." She practiced the same principles as an instructor and left her students feeling confident, empowered, and inspired. This scholarship has been established in Alice's name by her former student, Shannon Larson. Shannon, now a Nurse Practitioner, is grateful for the support and encouragement Alice provided her during her time at Ridgewater College and beyond. The award goes to a non-traditional nursing student on the Willmar campus.
Fall Semester	Ron Flannigan Memorial	6+	Health Care programs	Both	3.2	\$550.00	Ron was the Mobile Sim Lab Coordinator at Ridgewater when he passed away in 2013 after a long battle with cancer. Ron was instrumental in creating and launching the Code Blue training curriculum and the Critical Care Paramedic program. This scholarship honors Ron's passion and desire to help others, and seeks a student in a health care program who has strong family values, a strong work ethic, and a passion for their studies.
Fall Semester	Matthew L. Flaschenriem Memorial	6+	Dairy Management	Willmar	2.5	\$3,000.00	Matt graduated from Ridgewater in 2001 with a degree in Dairy Management; after graduation, he worked on his parent's dairy farm, M & J Dairy, in Loveland, CO. Matt passed away in a farm accident in 2005. His family remembers him as a good-hearted optimistic person with a great moral fiber, and open-minded with a knack for speaking his mind. He loved animals and the outdoors. He was a Minnesota Viking fan all his life and had nothing but love for John Deere tractors and accessories. This scholarship is for Dairy Management students.
Fall Semester	Foot Lake Four Health Care	12+	Health Care	Willmar	3.0	\$850.00	The Foot Lake Four Walk / Run is one of the premier events that takes place during Willmar Fests. It is designed to provide fun for all age groups and levels of participation. From 1996-2006, Rice Health Foundation donated a portion of funds raised from the event to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Ridgewater students; awarded to students pursuing a health care degree.
Spring Semester	Clayton Fossum Memorial	6+	Auto Body	Willmar	2.75	\$300.00	Clayton was a beloved member of the Willmar community for 70+ years. He co-owned and operated the West Central Wheel and Body shop in Willmar for more than 40 years before retiring in 1988. Customers fondly recall a welcoming atmosphere, great service, a cup of coffee, and a laugh or two with Clayton, Buzz and their employees. Clayton was an active member of the Willmar community in many ways and a volunteer fireman for 21 years. His compassion for his family, friends, neighbors, and pets was evident. This kind and gentle man's presence was usually known before you could see him by his melodic whistle. This scholarship goes to an Auto Body student.
Fall Semester	Ken Frederickson Memorial	6+	Welding	Willmar	2.0	\$250.00	Ken was a long-time Welding instructor at the college, until he passed away from cancer in 1991. This scholarship honors Ken and is awarded to Welding students.
Fall Semester	Freshman Scholarship	12+	Liberal Arts	Both	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship is funded by general scholarship donations and is awarded to incoming first year Liberal Arts students, who are full time status, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Student must have graduated from high school within past 18 months. No single student can receive the Freshman Scholarship more than once.
Both	Christopher Stephen Gabbert Nursing Scholarship	6+	Registered Nursing (RN or RN to BSN)	Both	2.0	\$1,000.00	The Christopher Stephen Gabbert Nursing Scholarship is named after Greg Gabbert's brother who died as an infant. It was created to honor all the dedicated nurses who helped Susan Gabbert survive cancer, Greg survive a heart attack, and who served so heroically during COVID. Both my Susan and the donors' son, Michael are RNs. The donors know that nurses are special people who don't always get the support and gratitude they deserve. This scholarship was created to help another special person become a nurse.
Fall Semester	Ed & Clara Gesch Memorial	6+	None	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	In 1996, Edward and Clara of Willmar established an endowed scholarship fund to support Ridgewater College students. Eligible students can be enrolled in any program on the Willmar Campus.

Fall Semester	Lyle Goeddertz Memorial	12+	Law Enforcement / Peace Officer	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	Lyle (Bud) joined the Willmar Police Department in 1953 as a patrolman and later was appointed Juvenile Officer. In 1961, at age 31, he became the Chief of Police for Willmar – and the youngest police chief in the entire state of Minnesota. Bud and a colleague started the “Intro to Law Enforcement” program at the college and he taught there for 12 years. Bud also started the “ride along” program for students interested in law enforcement and a prisoner work program in which inmates helped with recycling for the city. When Bud passed away in 2001, his family, friends, and colleagues created this scholarship for Law Enforcement students.
Fall Semester	Brant Groen Scholarship	12+	Dairy Management	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	Brant, retired Dairy Management faculty member, provides this scholarship to students enrolled in the Dairy Management program who reside more than 250 miles from Ridgewater.
Both	Gene Haas Machine Tool	6+	Machine Tool	Hutch	2.0	\$1,500.00	The Gene Haas Foundation is a private foundation committed to manufacturing education and providing support for local communities; the Foundation offers scholarships to high schools, community colleges, and special educational programs that help build skills within the machining industry, and has granted over \$52,000 to Ridgewater College over the past 4 years.
Both	Hamm Seeds Scholarship	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Hamm seeds is Independent farm seed business for dekalb and asgrow. Our mission is to provide the best Agronomic for our growers. Hamm Seeds established this scholarship to help future students in the Agricultural Industry.
Spring Semester	Helen S. Hattelid Memorial	6+	Health care	Both	2.0	\$600.00	Helen was a 1948 graduate of the U of M with a Public Health Nursing degree. She worked as a public health nurse for over 26 years and was a member of the American Nursing Association for 30 years, serving on district, state, and national committees. This scholarship was established when Helen passed away in 2001 at age 91.
Fall Semester	Heritage Bank N.A.	6+	Any	Both	2.5	\$400.00	Heritage Bank started over 45 years ago with a few tiny banks in Minnesota and Iowa. With its strong commitment to local communities, Heritage Bank has grown to \$400 million in assets. One way Heritage Bank gives back to it's community is through scholarships, which are awarded to one graduating senior from each of these area high schools: Willmar, NL-S, KMS, and Maccray. Students must attend Ridgewater.
Spring Semester	Health Information Tech/ Medical Coding Specialist (HIT/MCS)	12+	Health Information Technology/Medical Coding Specialist	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship was established by faculty and is given to a student enrolled in the HIT/MCS program each year.
Fall Semester	Bernard Hoidal Memorial (Ag)	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	This scholarship is funded by close family friends of Bernie, who passed away in 2013, and goes to one Agriculture student and one Automotive student. Bernie farmed for several years and then built and operated a garage and gas station in Holloway for 10 years. After selling the station he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for local road construction crews. He was a proud member of the 49ers union and received numerous awards and recognitions for his dedicated union affiliation. He and his wife Helen also owned and managed Hoidal's Trailer Court in Montevideo for 20 years. Bernie enjoyed traveling, camping, and summertime adventures. Bernie was a celebrated race car drivers and loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. (Bernie's daughter, Jeanne Cleary, is the Director of Nursing Simulation at Ridgewater).
Fall Semester	Bernard Hoidal Memorial (Automotive)	12+	Automotive	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	This scholarship is funded by close family friends of Bernie, who passed away in 2013, and goes to one Agriculture student and one Automotive student. Bernie farmed for several years and then built and operated a garage and gas station in Holloway for 10 years. After selling the station he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for local road construction crews. He was a proud member of the 49ers union and received numerous awards and recognitions for his dedicated union affiliation. He and his wife Helen also owned and managed Hoidal's Trailer Court in Montevideo for 20 years. Bernie enjoyed traveling, camping, and summertime adventures. Bernie was a celebrated race car drivers and loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. (Bernie's daughter, Jeanne Cleary, is the Director of Nursing Simulation at Ridgewater).
Both	Helen Hoidal Memorial	12+	Nursing & Practical Nursing	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	Helen (Bernie's wife), helped run the family businesses while raising four children. Helen played a huge role in encouraging her kids to pursue their educational dreams: two are teachers, one a nurse, and one a chemist. When Bernie's scholarship was created, the family also created one in Helen's honor and name to support Nursing students.

Spring Semester	Claire Houchens Memorial	6+	Nursing and Pre-Nursing	Willmar	2.5	\$400.00	Claire passed away in 2010 at the age of 59, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Inspired by the care provided to Claire during her illness, Claire's children, Sarah and Michael, completed the nursing program at Ridgewater and became nurses. This scholarship is meant to help others and goes to Nursing students.
Fall Semester	Hutchinson Health Foundation	12+	Health Care	Hutchinson	2.75	\$1,000.00	Founded in 1984, the Hutchinson Health Foundation has been dedicated to facilitating community support and financial donations for high quality health care programs and services in Hutchinson and the surrounding area. This scholarship is awarded to Ridgewater students enrolled in a Health Care program.
Both	Hutchinson Liberal Arts	6+	Liberal Arts	Hutchinson	3.0	\$500.00	Funded by donations from Liberal Arts faculty, this scholarship goes to students enrolled in the Liberal Arts program seeking an AA degree and who intend to transfer to a 4-year college or university.
Fall Semester	Hutchinson Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States -VFW Post # 906	6+	No program required; Veteran status required	Hutchinson	2.0	\$500.00	The VFW traces its roots back to when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service: many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed what would become known as the VFW. Their voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system, the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange, and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. This scholarship is for students who are veterans themselves or who have parent who are veterans.
Fall Semester	Jaeger Practical Nursing Scholarship	6+	Practical Nursing	Both	2.0	\$1,000.00	Janet Jaeger began teaching in the Practical Nursing program in 1977, retiring in 2006. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Gustavus Adolphus College and a master's degree from Cardinal Stritch University. Her experience included hospital staff nursing as well as public health nursing before employment at Ridgewater College both as faculty and as Program Director for 10 years. This scholarship was established because of her passion for the mission of the Licensed Practical Nurse, understanding that many of her students needed additional financial help because so many were trying to juggle family and work responsibilities while attending the nursing program.
Fall Semester	Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Posse	6+	Law Enforcement / Peace Office	Willmar / Online	2.5	\$500.00	The Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Auxiliary was formed in 1961. The name was changed to Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Posse and is currently the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Reserve. This is a volunteer group where originally members were required to own horses and associated equipment to participate. However, as the Reserve unit evolved into various other functions, the requirement to own horses is no longer. Horses were primarily used for search and rescue and crowd control. They also held events at the county fairgrounds, such as horse racing and rodeos to raise money for the group. They also represented the Sheriff's Office in community events within the county, such as Ridgewater graduation parking and area parades.
Fall Semester	Estelle Kettner Memorial	12+	Accountant, Accounting Clerk/ Technician	Both	3.0	\$650.00	Estelle was an instructor at Willmar Tech College from 1961 until her retirement in 1990, at which time she provided a savings certificate to the Foundation with earnings to be used for student activities and scholarships. This scholarship is for students enrolled in an Accounting program.
Fall Semester	Kleespie Tank	12+	Welding	Both	2.5	\$500.00	Kleespie Tank & Petroleum (now known as WestMor Industries) is a manufacturer of petroleum and liquid handling equipment and services including propane, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen tank trailers. The company operates facilities in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, California, and Michigan. In 1993, the Kleespie family established an endowment at Ridgewater which supports one annual scholarship to a Welding student.
Spring Semester	Frederick A. Kovall Memorial	12+	Any	Both	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship was established with memorial gifts made by the family and friends of Fred. Fred was an employee with MN DOT for over 41 years, retiring in 1999 as the District #8 Maintenance Supervisor. Fred served for 11 years with the MN National Guard, and he was a member of the Church of St. Mary, often serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Fred was a true believer in education, having earned his AA from Willmar Community College and later his Bachelor's Degree from SMSU. At the age of 60, Fred earned his Masters degree in Business Administration. He was a "Fred-of-all-trades" with family and friends seeking him out to fix whatever needed repair. Fred's hobbies included hunting, photography, painting, music, woodworking and raising and selling many Christmas trees. This scholarship is awarded to the dependent of an employee of MnDOT District 8.

Fall Semester	Joe Krick Memorial	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	2.0	\$750.00	Joe was an Agriculture instructor at Ridgewater College and farmed near Spicer. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, served on the church council, and played in the Praise Band. He was a member of Ag Sales and Minnesota Corn Growers Association. This scholarship was established by Joe's family and friends and is awarded to a second year student enrolled in an Agriculture program.
Spring Semester	James W. Leyk Nursing Scholarship	6+	Practical Nursing	Both	2.5	\$1,000.00	Jim Leyk was definitely a people person! He was truck driver and everyone knew him and loved him! When he became afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease at age 58, he lost the ability to remember people and events and he withdrew into himself. He was able to live at home with his spouse for 10 years – Jim's family believed he did well for so long because he kept his mind and body active, working puzzles and walking for miles every day. In his last year of life he needed to be moved to a long term care facility. Jim's daughter-in-law, Mary, worked for 16 years in long term care and knows how difficult it is for loved ones of those afflicted with this disease. It is also difficult for staff to care for these residents that have literally lost everything when they have lost their memories and their abilities to be who they are. With this award Jim's family honors the memory of a man whom they loved, and the people that care for all of the residents that can no longer live out their days in their own homes.
Fall Semester	Liberal Arts Faculty	12+	Liberal Arts	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	This scholarship is funded by donations from Liberal Arts Faculty members on the Willmar campus. Students must be enrolled in the Liberal Arts track, seeking an AA degree, with intent to transfer to a 4-year college or university.
Fall Semester	Life-Science Innovations	6+	None	Both	2.0	\$750 full-time \$375 part-time	Life-Science Innovations is the umbrella company for a family of innovative affiliated companies which unite agriculture, engineering and the biosciences. LSI has never believed in the status quo for agriculture practices, and for nearly 70 years, has fostered an environment of discovery, invention, innovation and collaboration. LSI has provided scholarships to dependents of its employees dating back to 1990.
Both	Don Lindgren Memorial	12+	None	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Don was a former college employee who worked for the Maintenance Department. This scholarship was established by co-workers, friends and family in his honor, and goes to students employed by the college's Maintenance Department through the work study program.
Spring Semester	Marketing - Willmar	12+	Marketing Programs	Willmar	3.0	\$400.00	Funded by faculty and community donations, each campus offers a scholarship to students enrolled in a Marketing program each year.
Fall Semester	Carol McGarvie Memorial	12+	Technical Programs	Willmar	3.0	\$400.00	Carol worked as a Financial Aid Assistant for 15 years at Ridgewater and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She passed away in 1956 at age 50 from cancer. This scholarship was established by co-workers, family and friends in her memory and is awarded to a non-traditional student.
Fall Semester	McLeod Cooperative Power	12+	Any	Both	3.0	\$500.00	McLeod Cooperative Power is a member-owned cooperative that provides electricity to more than 6,000 residents, businesses and industries in central Minnesota primarily in McLeod, Renville, Sibley and Carver Counties. Over the past 10+ years, McLeod Cooperative Power Association has provided more than \$75,000 in scholarships to Ridgewater College's students.
Fall Semester	Medical Assistant	12+	Medical Assistant	Willmar	2.5	\$650.00	The Medical Assistant scholarship is funded by staff, faculty, and community donations and supports students enrolled in the Medical Assistant program.
Spring Semester	Meekeer Cooperative Electric Trust	12+	Electrician	Willmar	2.0	\$1,000.00	Meekeer Cooperative Light and Power is a member-owned cooperative that provides electricity and other services to 8,700 residential accounts, businesses, and industries in six central Minnesota counties: Meekeer, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Renville, Stearns, and Wright. Through its Operation Round Up, the Meekeer Cooperative Electric Trust awards a scholarship to an electrician students from its service area.
Fall Semester	Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc. (MITGI)	12+	Machine Tool or Computer Aided Drafting & Design	Both	3.0	\$500.00	MITGI manufactures and markets standard and custom carbide cutting tools. Combining innovation with quality and repeatability, MITGI tools has become the product of choice in many R&D departments and manufacturing facilities that serve the medical, automotive, computer, and aerospace industries. Located in Hutchinson, MITGI is proud to be an award-winning manufacturer and employer. MITGI awards scholarships to Machine Tool and Computer-Aided Drafting & Design students.
Both	Mills Automotive Group Auto Body Scholarship	12+	Auto Body	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Each year, the Mills Automotive Group, on behalf of the Willmar Mills Ford Chrysler and Mills Auto Center dealerships, provide significant funding to support program and equipment needs as well as scholarships to students enrolled in the Auto Body Collision and Automotive Service Technology program.

Both	Mills Automotive Group Auto Service Technology Scholarship	12+	Auto Service Technology	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Each year, the Mills Automotive Group, on behalf of the Willmar Mills Ford Chrysler and Mills Auto Center dealerships, provide significant funding to support program and equipment needs as well as scholarships to students enrolled in the Auto Body Collision and Automotive Service Technology program.
Fall Semester	Minnesota Elks scholarship	12+	Peace Officer	Both	3	\$550.00	Each year, the Central District of the Minnesota Elks Association allocates funding for scholarships at Ridgewater College. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in a technical program.
Fall Semester	Minnesota Association Veterinary Technolgy	6+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	2	\$1,000.00	The Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians (MAVT) is a non-profit 501(c)6 organization that was founded in 1975. It is one of the largest state associations that represents more than 3,000 Veterinary Technicians working in a wide variety of veterinary-related fields. The mission of MAVT is to support the advancement of Veterinary Technicians through credentialing and continuing education, as well as advocating for the health and welfare of animals and humans while upholding the honor and integrity of the profession.
Fall Semester	Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation	12+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	3.0	\$1,500.00	Affiliated with the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association which promotes professional excellence in veterinary medicine, the MVMF has been providing scholarships to Veterinary Technician students at Ridgewater since 1997.
Spring Semester	Minnesota Section of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing	12+	NDT	Hutchinson	2.5	\$500.00	The MNASNT scholarship was created to provide a Ridgewater Nondestructive Testing student with financial assistance to help with college coursework and obtain a degree. The scholarship awards \$500 during the Spring semester to eligible students pursuing either the Diploma or Associates degree in Nondestructive Testing Technology.
Spring Semester	Steve Nelson Memorial	12+	CST, CADD, NDT and Electrician	Hutch	2.5	\$400.00	Steve Nelson was a member of the Willmar Area Emergency Radio Club in 1984 when he passed away from injuries sustained in an explosion at the Lake Lillian Elevator. His friends, family, and club members established this scholarship in his memory and is given to a 2 nd year Electronics or Wireless Communications student.
Fall Semester	Occupational Skills	12+	Occupational Skills	Willmar	2.5	\$350.00	Funded by past and current faculty, this scholarship is given to students enrolled in the Occupational Skills program.
Fall Semester	Renee Oliver Memorial– Cosmetology	12+	Cosmetology	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	Created in memory of Renee, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in the Cosmetology program.
Fall Semester	Jon Olson Vet Tech Scholarship	6+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	2.0	\$1,000.00	Jon joined Ridgewater College Veterinary Technology Program as an instructor in 1995 and taught various classes until retirement in 2006. That was Jon's 30th year as a veterinarian. The students were and still are the reason Jon has desired to fund scholarships for the Veterinary Technology Program. This scholarship is given to, students who are enrolled full-time in the Veterinary Technology program who maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0+, and who qualify for financial assistance.
Fall Semester	Margaret Ostersaas Memorial	12+	Nursing, PreNursing	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Established by Margaret's daughters to honor their mother who was a registered nurse, the scholarship is for a student pursuing a career in nursing.
Fall Semester	People Helping People Juul Family	6+	Nursing	Hutch	3.0	\$1,200.00	Established in 2007, this scholarship is funded by the Juul Family Endowment Fund through Southwest Initiative Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to long-term care nursing assistants who are pursuing training to become a licensed nurse. Applicants who are employed by Burns Manor are given first priority.
Spring Semester	George Pherigo Memorial	12+	NDT	Hutchinson	2.5	\$450.00	George Pherigo – the founder of Ridgewater's NDT program – was honored during a ceremony that attracted former students, faculty and NDT industry officials from across the country. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a plaque honoring the Litchfield native who died in North Carolina in 2009, was unveiled and friends and colleagues introduced an initiative to endow a scholarship fund in George's memory, to provide scholarships to future generations of NDT students.
Spring Semester	Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Officer's Scholarship	6+	Any	Both	3.3	\$500.00	The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, whose mission is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.
Fall Semester	Shane Piehl Memorial	12+	Welding	W or H	2.0	\$500.00	Shane received his Welding degree from Ridgewater in 2005. He was an active outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and riding his Harley. He was very good at fixing things and loved lending a helping hand to those in need. When Shane passed away unexpectedly in 2010 at the age of 25, his final act of kindness was to be an organ donor to give others a chance for a better quality of life. This scholarship is awarded to a Welding student.

Fall Semester	Presidential	12+	any	Willmar	3.5	\$2,000.00	Named in honor of the college's past presidents and to recognize academic excellence, the Presidential Scholarship (along with the Adams Honors Scholarship) is our most prestigious award. The scholarship gives \$2,000.00 per semester for up to 4 semesters to students who have demonstrated exemplary academic achievement in high school; as a Presidential Scholar, students must main a 3.50 GPA at Ridgewater to maintain the scholarship.
Both	Brad Preslicka Memorial	12+	Welding	Preference to Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Brad started "Double B Repair & Manufacturing" in 1990 when he converted a machine shed on the farm into his repair shop. He had a high school degree and taught himself the welding trade. He was a successful businessman, taking time to visit with and listen to his customers. He enjoyed sharing stories and telling jokes. Brad was devoted to his customers, often opening the shop after hours to help farmers during harvest. Brad enjoyed doing welding repairs and also manufacturing some of his own ideas. Brad enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards, and flying his powered parachute plane. Brad passed away unexpectedly on March 15, 2014 at age 59. This scholarship in Brad's name is awarded to Welding students.
Fall Semester	E.J. Quinn Memorial	12+	Photography	Willmar	3.0	\$200.00	Established in honor of former Photography instructor; is awarded to a student enrolled in the Professional Photography program.
Fall Semester	Patrick Rauenhorst Memorial	12+	Auto Body	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	The Patrick Rauenhorst Memorial was established in 2023 to help students in the Autobody program at Ridgewater College.
Fall Semester	Kari Reilly Memorial	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Assistant/Paraprofessional, Activity Assistant/Activity Director Universal Care Assistant programs 	Hutchinson	2.5	\$500.00	Given in memory of Kari, who was a graduate of the Ridgewater College In-Home Care program in 1987, and who passed away in 1988. Though handicapped, Kari applied herself to all that she did. She was Both an achiever and a giver. This scholarship was established by Kari's family to provide a scholarship to students enrolled in the Activity Director, Activity Assistant, programs.
Both	Ridgewater Cares (GAP) Scholarship	6+	Areas where scholarships are needed	Both	2.5	\$500.00	Unrestricted funding allows the Foundation to allocate funding which supports students in gap areas that are not financially supported with designated funds or have a high number of applicants with limited number of funds available. This is one of those areas.
Both	Ridgewater Cares Pathway Scholarship	6+	Pathway program	Both	2.5	\$500.00	The Ridgewater Cares Business Pathway scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. The award goes to students in one of the following programs: Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Business, Healthcare Admin Assistant, Legal Assistant, Marketing & Design, Marketing & Sales Mgmt., Multimedia Design, Photo & Design, Professional Photography.
Both	Ridgewater Cares Equity & Inclusion Scholarship	6+	Any	Both	2.5	\$500.00	The Ridgewater Cares Equity & Inclusion scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. Preference is given to students in underrepresented populations, are not pell-eligible, or are not eligible for traditional Financial Aid.
Both	Ridgewater Cares Liberal Arts Scholarship	6+	Liberal Arts	Both	2.5	\$500.00	The Ridgewater Cares Liberal Arts scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees.
Both	Ridgewater Cares Pre-Nursing Scholarships	6+	Pre-nursing	Both	2.5	\$500.00	The Ridgewater Cares Pre-Nursing scholarship is supported through general nursing donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. "Pre-Nursing" students are those pursuing their general education courses in preparation for formal admittance into a nursing program (either LPN or RN/BSN).
Fall Semester	Don Rinke Scholarship	12+	This award alternates annually between a Technical student and a Liberal Arts student.	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Don was a former counselor at the college and upon his retirement, he established this scholarship. Students must exhibit initiative and enthusiasm in meeting their academic goals. This award alternates each year between Liberal Arts and technical students.
Fall Semester	Calvin S. Robnik Memorial	6+	Automotive	Willmar	2.3	\$1,000.00	Calvin Spencer Robnik, lived and worked in the Willmar, MN area from the time he was seven years old. Calvin was severely dyslexic but graduated from Willmar High School with a B average though no one knew he could not understand written/printed material beyond a third grade level. Although physically handicapped with exertional asthma, he played wide receiver on the football team and ran the high hurdles in track. Upon graduation he took an entry level job selling cars at a dealership and through hard work advanced to managing the service department. In 2002, along with two partners, he founded "Willmar Auto, Sales and Service." Because of his love for cars and people, coupled with his outgoing personality and desire to help anyone in need, his business thrived. Calvin then began losing his vision from an eye disease (keratoconus), but fortunately his vision was restored by corneal transplants. He overcame adversity, always seeing the positive side of any situation. His persistence in life was no match for a large, speeding SUV with a distracted driver who ran through a stop sign, broadsiding his car and killing him instantly on Dec 26, 2016. The world lost a very special person on that day.

Spring Semester	Rural Computer Consultants Kat Nelson Scholarship	6+	computer programmer, computer support tech, network administration & security or web developpe	Both & online	2.0	\$500.00	RCC established this scholarship in memory of one of their former employees, Kat Nelson. She was a bright light in their development department and in the whole company. They want to remember her fondly and honor the spark that she had. RCC's hope is that this is awarded to a student similar to Kat, that has a zest for life and a thirst for knowledge.
Spring Semester	Ben Sanden Memorial	12+	Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)	Hutchinson	3.0	\$2,500.00	Ben graduated from the NonDestructive Testing (NDT) program at Ridgewater in 1990. Following graduation, he worked for GE, BGE, and SGS PfinDE, providing NDT services for petroleum pipeline industries. Ben enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, bowling, and working on his farm. Throughout his life and career, Ben displayed the utmost professionalism and integrity, as well as, great work ethic and skill. This scholarship was established by one of Ben's closest colleagues and is awarded to a NDT student.
Fall Semester	Saturday Night Cruisers Car Club	12+	Any	Hutchinson	2.5	\$500.00	Established in 1999, The Saturday Night Cruisers of Hutchinson has funded scholarships for Ridgewater students since 2004. Originally set up to provide scholarships for students enrolled in an Automotive program, it is now available to any Hutchinson campus student residing in McLeod County. The club promotes fellowship among the community and with fellow car enthusiasts. SNC has two car shows per year, one during Water Carnival at the Hutchinson City Airport and one during St. Anastasia Fall Festival next to the church. They also volunteer to roadside clean up twice a year on a stretch of Highway 7 on the outskirts of Hutchinson.
Fall Semester	Ken Schmiesing Memorial	12+	Marketing	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Ken was a 1969 graduate of the Marketing program and served on the Advisory Board for that program for many years; he was honored in 1988 as a Distinguished Alumni. In 1976, Ken opened Ken's Casuals in Willmar, a men's wear store, and was active on the Downtown Council and Willmar Area Chamber for many years. This scholarship is awarded to a Marketing student.
Fall Semester	Manfred & Betty Schwermann Scholarship	12+	Stem Related	Hutchinson	2.0	\$1,000.00	Both Fritz and Betty spent a number of their working years teaching in public schools and believe in the value of education. As both grew up on farms in modest circumstances, they would like to aid students of similar means who come from farms and small towns. They are particularly interested in aiding those who have an interest in science and technology.
Both	Arlen M. Sjerven Memorial Scholarship	12+	Liberal Arts	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	Arlen Sjerven was counselor and Director of Admissions at Ridgewater from 1970-1998. Arlen's joy was helping students set and meet their career and life goals. An avid golfer, Arlen served as golf coach at the college and as a gifted public speaker was emcee at many college events and announcer for basketball and football games. Arlen served his community in leadership positions in his church, Kiwanis, United Way, and the Barn Theater Board.
Both	Staff Technical	12+	Technical Programs	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Established over 30 years ago, the Staff Technical scholarship is funded by technical college faculty to provide scholarships to students enrolled in technical programs at the college.
Spring Semester	Stearns Electric Association	12+	Electrician	Willmar	2.5	\$1,000.00	Stearns Electric Association is a member-owned electric cooperative. Since 1937, Stearns Electric Association has provided electricity and related products and services to nearly 25,000 members in six central Minnesota counties including Stearns, Todd, Morrison, Kandiyohi, Pope, and Douglas. Through its Operation Round Up, Stearns Electric gives back to the community. This scholarship is awarded to a Ridgewater Electrician student.
Both	Success Part-time	6+	any	Both	3.0	\$500.00	Funded by general scholarship donations, the Success scholarship is awarded to students on Both campuses who are enrolled in any program, who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, and who have successfully completed at least one semester of credits at Ridgewater College.
Both	Noel Tedrow Memorial Scholarship	6+	Automotive Service Technology	Willmar	2.0	\$1,000.00	The Noel Tedrow Memorial was established to help students in the Automotive Service Technology program. Noel passed away in 2015 at the age of 34 from diabetic complications. He loved working on cars and was very successful at getting those engines to purr, but was counseled out of that education due to the diabetes.
Fall Semester	Duke Thiele Memorial	12+	Photography	Willmar	3.0	\$300.00	Duke owned and operated Thiele Studio in Glencoe until 1971, when he moved to Willmar and established the Photography program at Willmar Vo Tech. He served as chair of the department until his retirement in 1991. He received craftsman and master's degrees in Photography from the National Photographers Ass'n and instructed Photography at the National School of Photography. Duke passed away in 2000; this scholarship honors his memory and is given by his family to a dedicated and talented photography student.

Fall Semester	Robert L. Thurston Scholarship	12+	Agriculture	Both	2.5	\$750.00	Robert graduated from Willmar Vo-Tech in 1969 with a degree in Agriculture. In 1980, he started with a small group of regional customers and a vision and built what is now Thurston Inc., a leading hybrid seed corn brokerage firm in the United States. Its customer base extends nationally, as well as internationally. Bob also built the Thurston Genetics company and was a long time Foundation Board Member This scholarship goes to a Agriculture student.
Fall Semester	Peter Tintes Memorial	12+	Agriculture, Psychology, or Sociology	Willmar	2.5	\$650.00	Peter was an ordained priest serving parishes in the Willmar area before developing an interdenominational Life Center at Ridgewater College. In 1968, he began teaching college courses in philosophy, sociology and psychology while pursuing his Master's degree from Loyola University. During the latter part of his career, Pete directed the Chemical Dependency program before retiring in 1997. He passed away in a car accident in 2004. This scholarship is awarded to students studying psychology or sociology, or who are involved in organic farming.
Fall Semester	Today's Women of Hutchinson	6+	any	Hutchinson	2.0	\$500.00	Today's Women of Hutchinson is a non-profit women's organization seeking to support the community. The group is made up of 25+ members who volunteer and support many worthy causes including scholarships at Hutchinson High School and Ridgewater College
Fall Semester	John Torgelson Presidential	12+	Any	Willmar	3.5	\$2,000.00	John was a former President at the college; this scholarship was established in his honor and is awarded to a student who demonstrates strong academic achievement.
Spring Semester	Torgerson Charitable Trust Scholarship	8+	Any	Willmar	2.0	\$1,500.00	The Torgerson Charitable Trust Scholarship was established by the children of Tom and Suzie Torgerson of Willmar. The scholarship provides a first generation, low income or otherwise disadvantaged student with financial assistance of \$1500.00, to be disbursed in equal installments over 3 semesters, to help the student successfully complete his/her college coursework and obtain a degree.
Spring Semester	Al & Ruth Torvik	12+	Auto Service Technology	Willmar	2.0	\$700.00	Al & Ruth Torvik scholarship was established in 1973 and supports students enrolled in the Auto Service Technology program.
Fall Semester	Trolls Car Club	6+	Auto Body & Auto Tech	Willmar	2.0	\$300.00	Trolls Car Club Sunburg scholarship was established in 2023. This scholarship supports 2nd year students enrolled in the Automotive Service Technology program and Autobody program.
Both	Trustee Full-time	12+	any	W or H	3.0	\$500.00	The Trustee scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and success among students who have never had the opportunity to pursue a higher education or who have been away from college 6 years or more.
Both	Trustee Part-time	6+	Any	W or H	3.0	\$250.00	The Trustee scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and success among students who have never had the opportunity to pursue a higher education or who have been away from college 6 years or more.
Both	Veterans in Ag Scholarship	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	2.0	\$1,000.00	The Veterans in Ag Scholarship was established in 2022 with funding received from Ag Centric, the Northern Agriculture Center of Excellence. This scholarship goes to support scholarships for veteran students enrolled in an agriculture-related program.
Spring Semester	Veterinary Technology Endowment	12+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	3.0	\$900.00	Funded by faculty, staff and other community donations, the Veterinary Technology scholarships support outstanding students enrolled in this program.
Fall Semester	Veterinary Technology NonEndowment	12+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	Funded by faculty, staff and other community donations, the Veterinary Technology scholarships support outstanding students enrolled in this program.
Both	Veterinary Technology Association (VTA)	12+	Veterinary Technology	Willmar	3.0	\$500.00	All Ridgewater College students enrolled in the Veterinary Technology program are members of the VTA. This campus club provides a scholarship every semester to a Vet Tech student / VTA member who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom.
Fall Semester	Bob Vosika Memorial	6+	Automotive Service Technology	Willmar	2.0	\$500.00	Robert "Bob" Vosika was an Auto Tech instructor at Ridgewater College from 1966 to 1993. He was passionate about his faith, his family, and teaching others – especially his students. He enjoyed teaching so much he came back after his retirement to be a substitute teacher. His retirement was much too short, as he passed away in 1998. Bob's wife, Donna, and his daughters, Debbie, Linda, Lisa, Susan and Nancy established this scholarship in his memory to contribute towards helping Auto Tech students succeed at Ridgewater College.
Fall Semester	Steve Walter Memorial	12+	Health Care	W or H	2.5	\$1,000.00	Steve served as the Maintenance Supervisor for ACMC for 20+ years and for Central Sheet Metal for 22 years prior to that retiring from ACMC in 2007. This scholarship was established by his wife, Marlys, after his death in 2008 from malignant mesothelioma; it is awarded annually to a student pursuing a career in health care and who resides in an ACMC community.
Fall Semester	Walts' Soft Cloth Car Wash	6+	Any	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	At Walt's customer satisfaction is top priority. Walt's provides full-service attention and friendly assistance to all customers. Located at the corner of Willmar Avenue & 1 st Street South, Walt's offers fuel, snacks, in-and-out oil changes, car wash, auto detailing, and free popcorn.. Walt's believes in giving back and supports many worth community causes, including scholarships for Ridgewater students. Eligible students must be employed at Walt's.

Fall Semester	Mark Welter World Citizen Award	6+	Any	W or H	3.0	\$500.00	Mark Welter is a retired history teacher whose overwhelming purpose now is to teach commonalities, not differences. He says "We are all interdependent. We need world citizens because no one nation can solve world problems, whether they be global warming, terrorism or pandemics." His scholarship is to provide tribute to a Minnesota State student who most exemplifies the thoughts, words, and actions demanded by a 21st century world citizen. Students must have graduated from high school prior to attending Ridgewater and be in good academic standing.
Fall Semester	Larry Wepplo Memorial	6+	Accounting	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	Larry was an integral part of the Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing firm for 23 years. He began his career with CDS in 1988, after graduating from the Accounting program at Ridgewater. In 1992 he became a Certified Public Accountant and in 2001 he was admitted as Partner. Larry was a leader in the firm; he was excellent at training staff and served as an informal mentor to many. Larry was dedicated to his clients, staff, and partners and his professionalism was an example for those who were fortunate to work with him. Larry was also committed to the community and was generous with his time and talents. He served as the treasurer for Main Street Willmar, the Willmar Area Community Foundation and E-quip Africa. Larry was a member of the Willmar Noon Kiwanis and was on the Sacramental Life Committee at St. Mary's Church in Willmar. Larry's family, friends, and the CDS firm provide funding for this scholarship which goes to students pursuing an Accounting degree.
Spring Semester	Larry Wepplo Memorial Transfer Scholarship	6+	Accounting	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	Larry was an integral part of the Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing firm for 23 years. He began his career with CDS in 1988, after graduating from the Accounting program at Ridgewater. In 1992 he became a Certified Public Accountant and in 2001 he was admitted as Partner. Larry was a leader in the firm; he was excellent at training staff and served as an informal mentor to many. Larry was dedicated to his clients, staff, and partners and his professionalism was an example for those who were fortunate to work with him. Larry was also committed to the community and was generous with his time and talents. He served as the treasurer for Main Street Willmar, the Willmar Area Community Foundation and E-quip Africa. Larry was a member of the Willmar Noon Kiwanis and was on the Sacramental Life Committee at St. Mary's Church in Willmar. Larry's family, friends, and the CDS firm provide funding for this scholarship which goes to students pursuing an Accounting degree.
Spring Semester	Willmar Car Club	12+	Auto Body	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	Organized in 1980, the Willmar Car Club continues to promote the preservation and enjoyment of collector vehicles. The Club has approximately 300 members. The Car Show in May of each year has attracted 300+ show cars and thousands of spectators. Proceeds from the Car Show are used to provide scholarships to students enrolled in an Automotive program.
Fall Semester	Willmar Electric Services	12+	Electrician	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	In 1920, S.B. Chapin founded Willmar Electric Service upon three principles: make quality electrical installations, offer a fair and reasonable price for those services, and treat everyone – clients and employees – with integrity and respect. Four generations later, the Chapin name is still on the door and those same principles remain intact. Since 1999, Willmar Electric Services has been providing scholarships to Electrician students.
Fall Semester	Willmar Fraternal Order of Eagles	12+	Any	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	Since 1898, the F.O.E. has played a key role in the creation of Mother's Day, Social Security, Medicare and more thanks to a dedicated membership base working daily throughout the United States and Canada to help friends and neighbors in need. Everyday, in their more than 1,600 locations throughout North America, Eagles are hard at work raising nearly \$10 million annually. This scholarship goes to a Willmar Campus student enrolled in any program.
Spring Semester	Willmar Lakes Area Chamber--Agriculture	12+	Agriculture	Willmar	3.0	\$1,000.00	The Agriculture Committee of the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce provides scholarships to Agriculture students who have been involved in 4-H or FFA.
Fall Semester	Willmar Noon Lions	6+	Any	Willmar	2.5	\$500.00	The Willmar Noon Lions Club was chartered on September 13, 1940 and is one of 45,000+ Lions Clubs in over 202 countries doing volunteer work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. It serves the community in many ways, including: sign programs, health programs, youth volunteer opportunities, and numerous other community and environmental programs. This scholarship is for graduating Willmar High School students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service.
Spring Semester	Dr. Bradley Wolfe Communication Studies Scholarship	6+	Communications	ANY	2.0	\$500.00	Dr. Bradley Wolfe joined Ridgewater College as a communication instructor in 2021. As a first-generation college student himself, Dr. Wolfe established this scholarship fund to support other underrepresented students pursuing an education in communication studies.

Fall Semester	Women Inspiring and Networking (WIN)	12+	Any	Willmar	2.0	\$1,000.00	WIN- Women Inspiring and Networking (formerly BPW) is a non-profit women's organization. The group develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women on all levels through advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world. The Willmar chapter provides this scholarship to a non-traditional student enrolled in any program.
Fall Semester	Workforce Development Scholarship	9+	Program in advanced manufacturing, agriculture, early childhood education, healthcare, information technology, transportation, construction, public safety, and education.	Both	2	\$2,500.00	As an incentive to encourage students to enroll in one of nine high-demand industry areas, the Minnesota State Legislature has provided Ridgewater College and other Minnesota State institutions with significant annual funding since 2017 to provide scholarship awards of \$2500 each to eligible students. The nine high-demand areas include advanced manufacturing, agriculture, early childhood education, healthcare, information technology, transportation, construction, public safety, and education. Students must be Minnesota residents enrolled in at least 9 credits per semester with a 2.0 GPA to be considered.
Fall Semester	Yost Family Scholarship	12+	Agriculture-related programs: Agribusiness, Agriculture Science & Technology, Ag Power & Equipment Technician, Agronomy Applicator Technician, Agronomy Technology, Precision Agriculture.	Willmar	3	\$2,000.00	The Yost family is a farming family that has been farming in Swift County since 1876. We raise several different crops and provide a variety of custom services to neighboring farms. We have a talented and dedicated team that helping to feed a hungry world in a sustainable manner. The Yost Family scholarship is awarded to a student who planning a career in production agriculture.