



THE COMMUNITY

The Newsletter of the Keokuk Area Community Foundation | Winter/Spring 2022

WE NOW INVEST LOCALLY TO GIVE BACK LOCALLY

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation strives to provide leadership that supports a vibrant community through our role as a community funder. We are proud to provide grants to nonprofits to help them address community needs and opportunities. We are proud to provide scholarships to all types students. We are proud to be your local community foundation.

Since 2005, the Keokuk Area Community Foundation has worked closely with the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, first as an affiliate and then as a partner Community Foundation for the investment of our Keokuk Area Community Foundation Funds. For 16 years, we have been very grateful and proud of that partnership.

In 2021, the KACF Board of Directors made the decision to move all our funds from GCRCF to be invested in Lee County with the 3 Banks in Keokuk: Pilot Grove Savings Bank; Connection Bank and Two Rivers Bank & Trust. The KACF Finance/Investment Committee, the KACF Executive Committee and the full Board of Directors evaluated and carefully studied the proposals from the banks on the investment management of our funds. Accordingly on January 9, 2022, all our funds, a total of \$6,089,753.08 are now invested in Lee County.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT

CENTRAL LEE MUSIC BOOSTERS



Central Lee is in the fortunate position to have more music students than music stands. Last Fall, The Central Lee Music Department was awarded a grant to purchase music equipment from the Arminda G. Bishop Trust. Used daily, the music stands are used for the following ensembles: marching band, concert band, jazz band, pep band, show band, concert choir, lessons, drum line rehearsal, performances and shows.

MOLLY HURLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Molly Hurley and to give forward to those in the community who dream to follow in Molly's footsteps in the art of cosmetology.

The Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship created by the Molly Hurley Scholarship Committee and the Keokuk Area Community Foundation. The 2022 Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to any student pursuing a career in cosmetology. ALL and ANY types of students may apply for a Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship.

If awarded the 2022 Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship, the student must be enrolled in a college/university/cosmetology school before receiving a scholarship payment. The student applicant must also have a permanent address from Lee County Iowa, Clark County Missouri or Hancock County Illinois.

The 2022 Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship could be worth up to \$7,500.00. In the 2022 Molly Hurley Memorial Scholarship Application, you will be asked to provide contact information, community involvement and an essay.

**APPLY ONLINE
AT [KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG/MOLLY](https://keokukfoundation.org/molly)
BY APRIL 1, 2022**



"The loss is
immeasurable,
but so is the
love left behind."

LEE COUNTY IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM

The Lee County Charitable Fund will distribute up to \$25,000.00 in a Lee County Impact Grant to a Lee County nonprofit organization that is focused on addressing a Lee County community need.

Projects Benefiting a Community Need:

- Educational Success: Expand educational opportunities, foster creativity, and enhance academic experiences for youth in our communities.
- Healthy Lives: Address gaps in mental health and addiction recovery services and empower caregivers to support the developmental and emotional needs.
- Jobs and Economic Development: Develop pathways for individuals to secure economic stability and opportunity.
- Building Infrastructure: Replace or rebuild buildings/infrastructures that citizens in our communities take pride in.

IMPACT grants are not awarded in the following areas: general operating expenses for an organization's routine functions and principal programs, annual fund drives, fundraising events or endowment-building campaign, debt reduction or retirement, religious organizations for sacramental or theological purposes, political or lobbying activities, scholarships for primary and secondary education and post-secondary degree programs, expenses for projects and programs that have already occurred or will occur during the grant review process and projects that occur outside of Lee County.

All Lee County Impact Grant Applications and accompanying materials are due on or before May 9, 2022. The Lee County Charitable Fund will then review the Impact Grant Applications and contact the applicant (s) for a presentation to be made to The Lee County Charitable Fund Board of Directors. The presentation must be no more than 10 minutes long. All 2022 Lee County Impact Grant Recipient (s) will initially be notified by June 2022.

**LEE COUNTY NONPROFITS CAN APPLY
AT [LEECOUNTYCHARITABLEFUND.ORG/IMPACT](https://leecountycharitablefund.org/impact)**

LEE COUNTY CHARITABLE FUND

The Lee County Charitable Fund will also open a 2ND GRANT PROGRAM worth up to \$5,000.00 per grant on April 4, 2022. The Lee County Charitable Fund invests in projects that primarily facilitate cooperation, collaboration, creativity and community organization in Lee County, Iowa. The Lee County Charitable Fund gives special emphasis to creative grant proposals that serve a broad sector of the community, are innovative, new and offer the greatest opportunities for positive and significant change in the communities of Lee County, Iowa.

All projects should serve the charitable fields of arts and culture, community betterment, education, health care and human services. Grant proposals are only accepted from 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations residing in Lee County, Iowa.

**LEE COUNTY NONPROFITS CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS
UP TO \$5,000.00 STARTING ON 4.4.2022
[APPLY AT LEECOUNTYCHARITABLEFUND.ORG](https://leecountycharitablefund.org)**

ERIC PARDALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Eric Pardall Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship fund of North Lee Community Foundation and the Keokuk Area County Community Foundation. Every year, The Eric Pardall Memorial Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors, college students, continuing education students and students pursuing a new career. The student **MUST BE PURSUING STUDIES** in agriculture, automotive/diesel repair, construction, engineering, healthcare/medical/nursing or any trade.

The student must live or have a permanent address in Lee County, and/or be a graduate of Central Lee High School, Fort Madison High School or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

The Eric Pardall Memorial Scholarship is a renewable scholarship for 4 years. Each Eric Pardall Memorial Scholarship is \$2,500.00 a year for four years. To receive a renewal, the student must maintain adequate progress towards completion of a degree and submit a Renewal Eric Pardall Memorial Scholarship Form.

Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA but not more than a 3.5 GPA (C average). A GPA of 3.5 and higher will be considered but special circumstances must be met under this program. Selection criteria will include financial need, personal character, and career goals. Preference will be given to students seeking a two-year degree or completion of a certificate program.

**APPLY ONLINE AT
KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG/PARDALL
BY MAY 9, 2022**





The Keokuk Area Community Foundation and the North Lee County Community Foundation established the Matteson Scholarship. This scholarship will ONLY be awarded to high school seniors, as well as, continuing education students pursuing studies in agriculture, health/medical sciences, nursing, engineering, information technology or trades. Visit mattesonscholarship.org for more information

To be eligible for the Matteson Scholarship, students and working adults must live in the Iowa Counties of Lee, Des Moines or Henry. the Matteson Scholarship also accepts scholarship applications from graduates of Wapello Senior High in Louisa County.

The Matteson Scholarship is a renewable scholarship for 4 years. Each Matteson Scholarship is up to \$2,000.00 a year for the first two years and then up to \$4,000.00 for years three and four. In order to receive a renewal, the student must maintain adequate progress towards completion of a degree and submit a Renewal Matteson Scholarship Application every year.

**APPLY ONLINE AT
MATTESONSCHOLARSHIP.ORG
BY MAY 2, 2022**



Leaders of Southeast Iowa Foundation provides the Tri-State Area with informative Lunch & Learns, Volunteer Activities, Food & Toy Drives, Scholarships and Professional Development. The Leaders of Southeast Iowa Foundation Scholarship was established for graduating seniors from any Lee County, Hancock County, or Clark County High School.

The student must be as a resident of Lee County, Hancock County or Clark County. Students must be in the Top 25% of their graduating class at their high school.

A Leaders of Southeast Iowa Foundation Scholarship recipient (s) must attend or be enrolled in an Iowa, Illinois or Missouri college or university upon high school graduation.

The scholarship award is \$1,000.00. Deadline for scholarship applications is April 29, 2022. The Leaders of Southeast Iowa Foundation Scholarship Recipient (s) will be selected and announced by May 14, 2021.

**APPLY ONLINE AT
KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG/LEADERS
BY APRIL 29, 2022**

THE FUND FOR NORA

As a Community Foundation, it is our job to give, honor, assist, and support the people in our communities. It is our mission to preserve the historical and cultural landmarks that bring our communities together. Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk is a landmark of historical significance and a place for community healing. For years, the road conditions of Oakland Cemetery have been in disarray. In the Fall of 2019, The Fund for Nora was established at The Keokuk Area Community Foundation to rebuild and help preserve Oakland Cemetery.

As of 2022, more than \$30,000.00 was been raised to rebuild the roads at Oakland Cemetery. Thanks to your support and efforts of Azinger and Hickey families, many of Oakland Cemetery's roads were finished last Fall. The Fund for Nora will continue to seek to preserve Oakland Cemetery with your help.

**TO DONATE TO THE FUND FOR NORA
GO TO [KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG](https://keokukfoundation.org)**

(Click Donate and scroll down to The Fund for Nora)





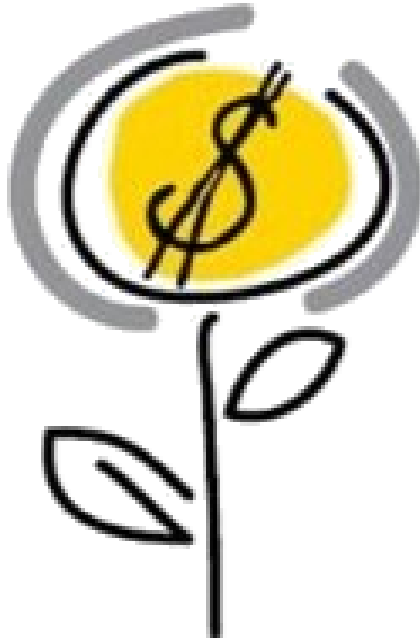
DELBERT AND EDYTHER BARNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Delbert and Edythe Barnes Scholarship Fund was established for students who have graduated or will be graduating (those attending their senior year of high school) from any Lee County, Hancock County or Clark County School District. General Education Diploma (GED) students are also eligible to apply for The Delbert and Edythe Barnes Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must attend or be enrolled at Southeastern Community College with the intention of matriculating and receiving a degree as noted in the current edition of the Southeastern Community College Handbook in the area of the Construction & Manufacturing.

Successful applicants will have attained at least a 2.0 (C) grade point average at their high school; be a high-school graduate or have received a GED; have financial need and a strong desire to embark upon a career in the Construction and Building Trades Industry. This is a renewable scholarship for a second year (provided the student has maintained a 2.0 (C) grade point average) in their first year at Southeastern Community College.

APPLY ONLINE AT
[KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG/BARNES](https://keokukfoundation.org/barnes)
BY APRIL 29, 2022



2022 KEOKUK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT WORKSHOP

3.23.2022 | NOON | THE HAWKEYE RESTAURANT

Join us for a FREE LUNCH and Grant Workshop. Learn about all the 2022 Grant Opportunities of the Keokuk Area Community Foundation and North Lee Community Foundation. Seating is limited.

Email info@keokukfoundation.org or call 319.670.0207 for more information.

REGISTER FOR THE GRANT WORKSHOP
AT [KEOKUKFOUNDATION.ORG](https://keokukfoundation.org)



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