



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
RANDOLPH COUNTY

SCHOLARSHIPS

An inside look at who our scholarships
honor, memorialize, and celebrate

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Community Foundation of Randolph County

Our mission is to bring people and resources together to strengthen the quality of life, both now and in the future, for the residents of Randolph County. The Community Foundation of Randolph County (CFRC) is here to make our community the very best place to live, work, and raise a family. CFRC's work falls into three major categories: grant-making, donor service, and community convening. Our most visible activities are the grants and scholarships we award each year.

Most of these awards come from income earned from permanently endowed funds. Some of these endowed funds are unrestricted, meaning that the CFRC board has the responsibility to use the income as it best determines, generally in response to applications from community organizations. Scholarships and other grants come from funds that donors have established for certain purposes.



Scholarships by School

County Wide

All 5 Randolph County Schools are Eligible

- David E. Hyre Memorial Scholarship
- Diana Fahl Sciences Scholarship
- Donald Forrest Hahn & Wilma Fraley Hahn Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Dianna K. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship
- East Central Ag Crop Insurance Agency Scholarship
- Environmental Education Scholarship
- Ethan Cheesman Memorial Scholarship
- Frances I. Woods Scholarship
- Jammie Michael Scholarship – Inspiring Randolph County
- Kellie Stephen and Dave Furby Memorial Scholarship
- Kylee Renee Wells Scholarship
- Rosemary Shockney Memorial Scholarship
- Tom and Betty Herold Scholarship
- Winchester Athena Club Memorial Scholarship
- Winchester Chapter #60 Order of Eastern Star Ida and Charles Burke Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships by School

Winchester Community High School

- Abernathy Family Memorial Scholarship
- Ann & Wayne Hinchman Memorial Scholarship
- Beatrice E. Hughes Scholarship
- Butch Mullen Memorial Scholarship
- Charles F. Passmore Memorial Scholarship
- Donnabelle Gaylor Scholarship
- Duane E. & Ruby M. Wickersham Memorial Scholarship
- Dustin Shannon Memorial Scholarship
- Elizabeth & Gerald Greenawalt Scholarship
- Ernest & Idabelle Ray Scholarship
- Gary Horner Memorial Scholarship
- Harry Fuller and Thelma Way Fuller Memorial Scholarship
- Inez M. Howe Memorial Scholarship
- Ira and Olive Davisson Scholarship
- Jack W. & Lone M. Carpenter Scholarship

Scholarships by School

Winchester Community High School

- James and Esther Mock Memorial Scholarship
- Judge Charles P. Holdeman Scholarship
- June Potter Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin D. Gulley Scholarship Fund
- Leon and Ruhama Hendrickson & Family Scholarship
- Merrett R. Monks Scholarship
- Michael Greene Memorial Scholarship
- Opal & Murray T. McGuire Scholarship
- Phillip A. Hawley Scholarship
- Richard and Mamie Fields Scholarship
- Robert and Rachel Stump Memorial Scholarship
- Robert G. Jones Scholarship
- Robert J. Litschert Memorial
- Russell Symmes Scholarship
- Ruth Bales Fisch Memorial Scholarship
- Stephen Family Memorial Scholarship
- Tammy Hall Scholarship
- Virginia Davis Weber Scholarship
- Wallace L. & Edna V. Fields Scholarship

Scholarships by School



Union City Jr/Sr High School

- Adelsperger Family Endowment Fund
- Dellarose (Brooks) Sickels Scholarship
- Duane E. & Ruby M. Wickersham Memorial Scholarship
- Gene and Roberta Bennet Memorial
- Gloria Godfrey - Larry Wasson Scholarship
- Make A Difference Scholarship Fund in memory of Chet Mock and Jim Noffsinger
- Myrtle M. Adelsperger memorial scholarship
- Stephen Family Memorial Scholarship
- UCCHS Class of 1970 Scholarship
- Union City Kiwanis Club
- Walter L. Shaw Music
- Wanda Mann Scholarship

Scholarships by School



Monroe Central Jr/Sr High School

- Amber Morrow Memorial Scholarship
- Karen Hardwick Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph W. Stuck Jr . Memorial Scholarship
- Terry Swindell Memorial Scholarship
- Monroe Central Scholarship Fund

Scholarships by School



Union Jr/Sr High School

- Ira and Olive Davisson Scholarship



Scholarships by School



Randolph Southern Jr/Sr High School

- Dorothy Allen Memorial Scholarship
- Inez M. Howe Memorial Scholarship



Scholarships by School

Mississinawa Valley Schools (Darke County, OH)

- Adelsperger Family Endowment Fund
- Jay Gower Memorial
- Myrtle M. Adelsberger Memorial
- Union City Kiwanis Club
- Wanda Mann



New Castle High School (Henry County, IN)

- Stephen Family Community



Non-Traditional Scholarships

- East Central Opportunities Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Elma Laverna Hawley Scholarship
- Rickert-Shierling Educational Scholarship Fund
- U&C Scholarship

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program is designed to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana, increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities and encourage efforts of Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with state leaders to improve quality of life in Indiana.

In nominating Randolph County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, applicants are scored on academic ability, extracurricular activities, work/community effort, honors and awards, and goals and aspirations. Five finalists are invited to interview with the Foundation's Committee, where they are scored on professional demeanor, presentation skills, and quality of response. Nominees are then submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for the selection of scholarship recipients.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university.

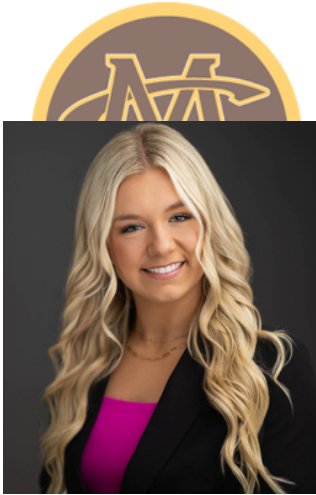
2026 Lilly Semi-Finalists



Top row, left to right: Makannah Chamness, Monroe Central; Addilynn Grove, Monroe Central; Hadley Hendrickson, Monroe Central; Carter Campbell, Winchester; Aiden Mendenhall, Winchester

Bottom row, left to right: Campbell Kerns, Union City; Avery Thomas, Monroe Central; Madelyn Hines, Winchester; Noah Allen, Randolph Southern; Jayson Connor, Union City

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program Recipient



Hadley Hendrickson



Congratulations to Hadley Hendrickson on being named the 2026 Lilly Scholar! Hadley Hendrickson is the daughter of Daniel Hendrickson and Telynda Hendrickson, and a graduate from Monroe Central Junior/Senior Highschool. In the fall she plans on attending Purdue University to study pre-veterinary medicine.

Lilly Finalists



Carter Campbell



Madelyn Hines



Campbell Kerns



Avery Thomas

The four finalists not selected to receive the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will receive \$1,250 scholarships from the Community Foundation.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

You will notice when going through the booklet that for many scholarships there is a short paragraph of what the Community Foundation has been able to put together as the scholarship details. Our project is to make it where all of the scholarships have a greater detailed explanation of the person or organization who are the namesake of the scholarship, in order to honor those who have made a scholarship or who have had a scholarship made in their name!

As we continue to work on and improve this project each year, we will continue to search for photos and information about the individuals whom we have scholarships in memory and/or honor of. If you have any information or pictures of any of these individuals, specifically those we do not have pictures of or much information on, please contact us! We would be thrilled to talk to you, and learn more!

Please contact CFRC's Scholarships & Community Development Officer, Grant Cox, with any information you may have!

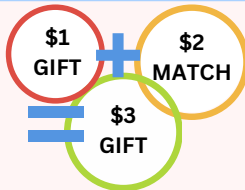
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COUNTY **FOREVER**

Have you ever wanted your donation to the Community Foundation to do more? Well, now it can! Thanks to a commitment from the Lilly Endowment Inc, each **ONE** dollar that you contribute to the Community Foundation Enrichment Fund (or one of our other unrestricted funds) will result, *while matching funds remain available*, in **TWO** additional dollars being donated to the same fund resulting in a total contribution of **THREE** dollars.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Now is also a great time to establish a new unrestricted fund since all contributions to it will be matched!

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Abernathy Family Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship is in memory of Evelyn Ann Abernathy. Evelyn “Ann” Abernathy was born in Muncie, Indiana, in 1928 and was a 1947 graduate of Center Township High School (today Wapahani). She was a wife, mother, homemaker, and worked on the family farm. Evelyn attended the Main Street Christian Church. She loved music and taught herself the piano. For many years, she served as a devoted member of the WCHS marching band’s “Band Aides.”

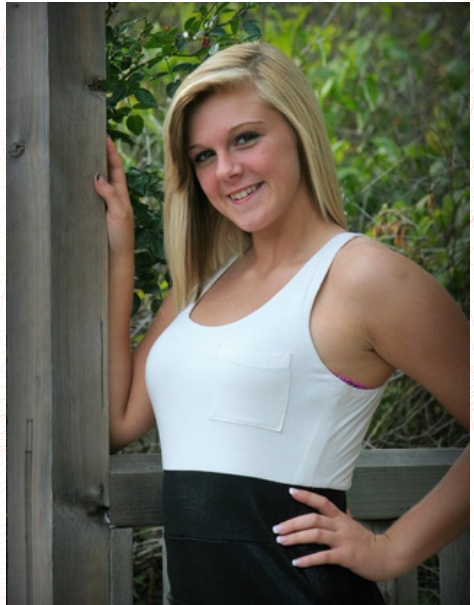
The Band Aides were mothers of band members who traveled with the band, sewing band uniforms, and doing whatever they could to support “The Force” of WCHS. The scholarship given in her name reflects Evelyn’s interest in supporting a graduate of Winchester Community High School pursuing their own education in music. Preference is given to a band member with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Adelsperger Family Endowment Scholarship

An annual non-renewable for graduating seniors from Randolph Eastern and Mississinawa Valley High Schools.

Amber Morrow Memorial Scholarship

Amber Morrow of Selma, a Monroe Central High School student, dedicated herself to cheerleading, along with many other activities. She found joy in moments shared with family and friends, especially her sister, Emily. Amber's love for children was evident; she served as a Sunday school helper and pursued her passion for early childhood development at the Muncie Area Career Center.



This scholarship is awarded to a Monroe Central graduate planning to major in either education or in a medical field, then preference given to a student who participated in cheerleading.

Ann & Wayne Hinchman Memorial Scholarship



Wayne and Anna (Ann) Hinchman were both born in Adams County in 1915. Wayne graduated from Geneva High School and Manchester College. He taught history, science, and physical education and coached. He helped found the Winchester High School track and football programs. He was principal of Willard Elementary School for 35 years. He was also a long-time referee for high school and college basketball games. Wayne served as Deacon and Elder for the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester.

Anna Hinchman was a graduate of Berne High School. She was president of the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday School and was the director of Vacation Bible School. Ann was also a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and loved working in her beautiful garden that she kept at her home for decades.

This scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, ability and probable success in his/her field. Preference given to applicants who want to continue their education through attendance at a 4-year university and who have participated in sports at WCHS. Preference is also given to applicants who would like to continue his or her education in a sports field.

Beatrice E. Hughes Scholarship



Beatrice "Bea" Hughes was born in 1916 in Grant County and was a 1933 graduate of Fairmont High School. She was a member of the Main Street Christian Church, its Bible Study, the Winchester Order of the Eastern Star and a charter member of the Randolph County Hospital auxiliary. Bea worked for many years as a volunteer in the hospital gift shop. Beatrice Hughes was a vibrant woman who loved and was inspired by enterprising young people. Her greatest wish was to help those with aspirations to better their communities.

She not only wanted to be a financial mentor, but while she was living, wanted to be an encourager as they pursued their goals. This award shall be made to a boy or girl graduate of WCHS who is selected based on academic achievement, leadership, ability, financial need, and probable success in his or her field. The recipient must have been enrolled in WCHS during his/her eleventh and twelfth years of school and graduate with a 'C' or higher GPA.

Butch Mullen Memorial Scholarship



Frederick H. Mullen (“Butch”) was a 1968 graduate of Winchester Community High School. He worked at various gas stations in Farmland and Winchester and Gulley Ford until 1986 when he joined the Winchester Police Department. He served first as a reserve, then as a full-time officer. His responsibilities included patrolman, night shift supervisor, deputy chief and DARE officer. He also served the City of Winchester as a volunteer fireman for 20 years. Butch was a strong supporter of Winchester athletics. He served as a volunteer coach for the football and track programs at WCHS. He was especially helpful with the shot put and discus athletes. Butch was a very kindhearted individual who cared about students and encouraged them to make good choices in life. Butch passed away on duty on October 17, 1997.

This scholarship is given in memory of Deputy Chief Frederick “Butch” Mullen and is awarded to a WCHS senior based on academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, ability, need, and probable success in his or her field. Preference will be given to applicants who have been active in athletics, particularly football and/or track.

Charles F. Passmore Memorial Scholarship

Charles F. Passmore, son of Truman and Pauline Passmore (deceased), was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 31, 1961. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed all aspects of nature. On November 23, 1984, a canoeing accident claimed his life. It is in his memory that the Passmore family have dedicated the “Charles F. Passmore Memorial Scholarship” fund.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating WCHS senior who is in the upper half of their class, demonstrates financial need and is attending an Indiana college or university. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to continue their education in the field of communication, nursing, teaching, or business administration.

David E. Hyre Memorial Scholarship



The David E. Hyre Memorial Scholarship was created by Mr. Hyre's daughters in his memory. David Hyre, born in 1943, graduated Winchester High School in 1961. He also attended Purdue University (Mechanical Engineering Bachelors), University of Michigan (Mechanical Engineering Masters), and Michigan State University (M.B.A.). He was a part of the Chrysler Institute of Engineering (CIE Program).

He worked as an engineer and a manager during his 35 years at Chrysler until he retired in 2001. David was very active with Habitat for Humanity and ushered at the Maddie Kelly Center for the Arts in Niceville, FL. He was also an election poll volunteer and Special Deputy for Okaloosa County, FL. His favorite hobby was collecting watches; he was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors and participated in shows across the country.

This is a four-year scholarship for a student graduating from a Randolph County high school attending Purdue University studying engineering.

Dellarose (Brooks) Sickels Scholarship



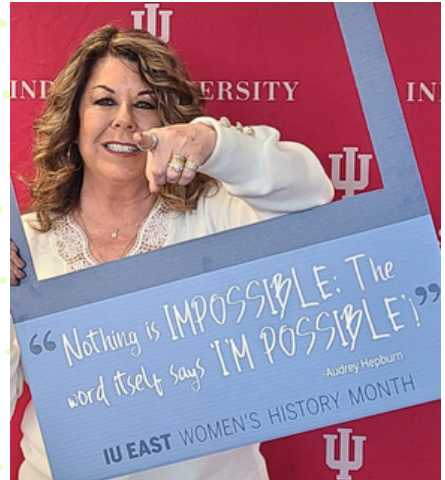
The Dellarose Sickels Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 by the Union City High School Class of 1958 to honor their beloved English Literature teacher. Mrs. Sickels instilled the desire to be life-long learners in many of her students through her love of writing, poetry and reading. The scholarship is to be used for furthering one's education, which Mrs. Sickels believed to be of great importance.

The following was written by Ted Leahey, a former student who became a fellow teacher "When I entered Union City Wayne High School in 1958, I was introduced to Dellarose Brooks, the senior English teacher that was the remarkable teacher who had replaced the famed Gertrude Brady. In no time the legend of Miss Brady became the legacy of Miss Brooks who later became Mrs. Sickels. Miss Brooks was an inspiration to all as a dramatic English/Literature teacher from the moment she arrived. She graduated at the top of her class and attended college and received her teaching degree. Her dry sense of humor and her commanding stature shaped even the toughest of students quickly in line. Her recitations of poetry remained with many students into adulthood. Her career lasted through many generations of students who passed through the Union City school system. Her undaunted life was the inspiration that taught many that anyone can overcome adversity and live a life of fullness and joy. Dellarose Brooks Sickels was Union City's "Our Miss Brooks" a television series of the day."

This scholarship is for a student from Union City Jr/Sr Highschool who's shown an excellence in written and spoken English.

Diana Fahl Sciences Scholarship

In the early 1990's Diana Fahl began working at Indiana University East, she saw there was a financial need for single mothers. Diana came up with the idea to create a fundraiser cookbook, with faculty, staff and students submitting recipes. Diana served as the editor, and it was a hit; they reached the level for two endowed scholarships. Ten years later Diana saw that the student body had changed to a more traditional student body with a large percentage of freshman students not advancing to sophomore level.



Diana proposed a new scholarship as a two-fold scholarship, the high school graduate would receive the first component of the scholarship their freshman year of college, then, as the student proceeds to their sophomore year they would get an increased additional payment from the scholarship. Diana served as editor of this cookbook and two more endowed scholarships were created. After decades of working with the community and creating needed scholarships, Diana is overwhelmed with pride to have a science scholarship in her name.

This scholarship may be awarded to students who are a Randolph County resident, graduate from a Randolph County school, and plans to pursue a degree in the Sciences (not including nursing) at Indiana University East.

Donald Forrest Hahn & Wilma Fraley Hahn Memorial Scholarship

Donald Forrest Hahn and Wilma (Fraley) Hahn graduated in 1941 in Hollandsburg, Ohio. Don enrolled at Earlham College, but was drafted into the Army to serve in World War II. He was part of the 3rd Army under the command of General Patton and his unit fought at Normandy Beach on D-Day, in the Battle of the Bulge, and in the battle for the Remagen Bridge. Don received a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, one with clusters and a purple heart for shrapnel wounds. Don was a member of the Honor Guard for General Patton's funeral. Wilma obtained her nursing degree from Reid Memorial Hospital.



When Don returned from the war in 1946, they married and moved to 298 No. Jackson Street in Winchester where they lived as man and wife for 70 years in that same house. Don passed away on December 24, 2016 and just 30 hours later Wilma died on December 25. Wilma worked as an emergency room nurse from 1946 - 1949 and then was employed by the Randolph County Hospital from 1950-1968. From 1968 until her retirement in 1986 Wilma was Randolph Central School corporation's nurse. Don farmed, was a rural route mail carrier, a member of the Lion's Club and served on the school board for the Randolph Central School Corporation. He was on the board when the new high school was built. Don and Wilma were members of the First United Methodist Church of Winchester for 70 years. Both Don and Wilma were awarded Sagamores of the Wabash. They had three children, Greg, Randy and LeighAnne. Both Don and Wilma valued public school education and held higher education as a priority.

Awarded to a Randolph County, Indiana High School graduate with financial need. Preference to be given to a student(s) pursuing a degree in Agriculture or Nursing.

Donnabelle Gaylor Scholarship



Donnabelle Jean and Norval R. Gaylor

Donnabelle Jean Gaylor was born in 1921. She was a wife and mother. She worked for the Second National Bank of Richmond and was a member of the Friends Church of Winchester where she sang in the choir and was active with the Women's Society of the church. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Moose Lodge.

Scholarship recipients must have completed their junior and senior years at WCHS, demonstrated good character and citizenship among the faculty & student body, and be ranked academically in the top 10% of their class. This is a renewable scholarship for up to four years.

Dorothy Allen Memorial Scholarship

Dorothy Allen's name identifies a fund held at the Community Foundation of Randolph County. The story behind the name means more than the endowment is worth.

Dorothy Allen grew up with eight brothers and three sisters, but was the only member of the family to earn a high school diploma. Her education was something she was proud of. Later in life, Allen was a mother and involved community member. Although she was not able to provide monetary support or other material goods, she gave all she had in terms of her time to the Lynn community. She was active as president of the Lynn Little League for years.

Upon her death in 2007, her children decided that an endowment could be initiated, and invited friends and family to contribute at the funeral.

The fund produces an annual scholarship that goes to a well-rounded senior at Randolph Southern High School. "Think of it on a grand scale," explained Allen's son, Jay Toney, "50...even 100 years from now kids will benefit from this fund." Her children wanted to ensure that Dorothy Allen's memory and community involvement could be memorialized, and the fund could promote education forever.

Dr. Dianna K. Wolfe Memorial Fund

Dr. Dianna K. Wolfe was a lifelong resident of Winchester. After graduating from Lee Driver High School at the age of 17, she started Nurses Training at Ball Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, where she received her nursing degree. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Indiana University. She also earned her master's degree and her doctorate degree from Ball State University.



She joined the Ball State University School of Nursing faculty in 1977, teaching in the associate, baccalaureate, and graduate nursing programs for about 33 years, where she maintained her professional clinical practice as an evening supervisor. During her career she was flexible, adaptable and willing to try new teaching strategies as technology progressed, and her students gave her high ratings throughout her tenure as being well organized and relating course materials effectively. During that time, she raised six children. Her love of education inspired her husband, Robert, to go to school and he subsequently earned two degrees.

In creating the Dr. Dianna K. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship, her family hopes to continue her legacy by assisting Randolph County students interested in obtaining education to work in the healthcare field.

Duane E. & Ruby M. Wickersham Memorial Scholarship



Duane “Wick” Wickersham went from raising pigs to starting a trucking company and in September of 1944 he was making a delivery to a local factory in Winchester and overheard the plant manager complaining about the employees leaving the facility for lunch. He suggested opening a café inside the facility..

A week later the owners of the factory called him to see if he would be interested in opening a cantina in the factory. After operating the cantina for a year, he sold it to the factory and started The Rainbow Resturant in downtown Winchester. His new resturant was a success and his pies were such a hit that he started delivering them out of a 1934 Buick Sedan. His goal was to produce and sell 300 pies a day, which he reached in four years. Wick’s Pies outgrew its capacity and in 1961 it purchased the building at 214 SE Greenville Avenue in Winchester. This building had previously housed the McCamish Slipper Factory until 1949. Presently the pie factory makes 10,000 pies and over 30,000 pie shells in an 8-hour shift. The Wickersham’s have employed their own children. It has grown over the years by keeping the values of making the highest quality product and providing great customer service. Upon his retirement in 1986, Duane opened Mrs. Wick’s Restaurant and Pie Shop across from the Pie Factory in honor of his wife, Ruby. To this day they make thirty-six varieties of pies every day along with serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The Duane and Ruby Wickersham Memorial Scholarship was created after Duane’s death on November 6, 2008. This scholarship is given to a WCHS and a UCCHS senior planning to study hospitality or business.

Dustin Shannon Memorial Scholarship



Dustin (Dusty) Shannon was a life-long Winchester resident, Winchester Community High School Alumni from the class of 2008, Yearbook Advisor, Student Council Advisor, Senior Class Sponsor, and dedicated community member who made an impact on the lives of many he encountered. In addition to his time teaching, he also found the time to work part-time at the Hummel Drive-In, Haines Hallmark Gift Shop & Soda Fountain, and Mrs. Coe's Noodles.

Dusty's time at Winchester Community High School covered many areas, and he had such a great impact that numerous students who after leaving his class chose careers in media, photography, or journalism. After entering high school as a freshman in 2004, he basically never left. Even when attending Ball State University, he would return to help with the annual musicals. He could always be counted on to help out. Dusty was many things to many people in the community: a devoted teacher, a wonderful employee, a kind-hearted person full of joy, and a remarkable man. In his 34 years, he touched countless lives.

To be qualified for this scholarship, a student must graduate from Winchester Community High School and plan to pursue a career in Journalism, International Studies, History, or Education. Preference is given to those who show a commitment to community service and have demonstrated financial need.

East Central Ag Crop Insurance Agency Scholarship

Wanting to give back to the community of Randolph County, the owners of East Central Ag Crop Insurance Agency felt there was a need to create a scholarship solely for those students who are pursuing higher education in agriculture, whose ultimate goal is an agricultural-based career.

It is awarded to a Randolph County senior pursuing education in the field of agriculture with a G.P.A. of 2.7 or higher.

East Central Opportunities Endowed Scholarship

Education and training for displaced workers in Randolph Co.; preference to resident of Randolph Co. for employment in Randolph Co.; terminated or laid off, eligible or exhausted unemployment insurance, not eligible for unemployment and unlikely to return to previous industry, terminated or laid off due to permanent closure, was self-employed but unemployed due to general economic downturn, displaced homemaker.

Elizabeth & Gerald Greenawalt Scholarship



The Greenawalt's came to Winchester in 1982 when Jerry was transferred from Pennsylvania to Winchester for his job at Overmyer Mold. He worked in quality control. Both Betty and Jerry strongly believe in being part of the community and giving back to others in whatever way they can. After retirement, Jerry served for three years as interim director of the Chamber of Commerce as a volunteer. He was a leader in Winchester's Main Street Program and Rotary.

Betty retired from Indiana Michigan Power, and has been active in many local organizations including Delta Theta Tau sorority, the Winchester Woman's Club, Athena Club, and the Wanna Bees Quilt Club. In addition, she also coordinated the Quilt Barn Ramble Project. Both Betty and Jerry have been very active in Winchester's Our Savior Lutheran Church serving in a variety of capacities. Neither of the Greenawalt's are college graduates but appreciate the need for technical and/or academic education.

This Fund was established to provide scholarships to students who meet the following qualifications:

a graduate from WCHS, who are in the top 1/3 of the graduating class, who have financial need, and enroll full-time for the entire upcoming academic year in an accredited two or four year public or private college or university, or vocational-technical school. Students shall provide two letters of recommendation.

Elma Laverna Hawley Scholarship

Providing funds for non-traditional students from the glass or mold industries that have gone back to school to learn a new trade.

Environmental Education Scholarship



This fund was set up by the Randolph County Recycling District. The district was established in 1996, dedicated to helping our community reduce waste, reuse creatively, recycle right, respect the earth and rethink sustainability through community outreach and environmental education programs. The fund held at CFRC was created in 2004 to help further their mission by establishing a scholarship for Randolph County seniors who are committed to environmental conservation and aspire to careers that will contribute to the preservation and restoration of the environment.

Ernest & Idabelle Ray Scholarship

Idabelle Ray was born on August 6, 1919, in Ward Township to Eli B and Mary Agnes (Warren) Weimer. Idabelle was a member of the Saratoga United Methodist Church and was also a member of the Saratoga Extension Homemakers Club and the Winchester Business and Professional Women's Club. She was retired from her banking career at Mutual Federal Savings Bank when she passed away at the age of 98, in October of 2017.



This scholarship is awarded to a graduating WCHS senior planning to attend a non-profit school to learn a trade.

Ethan Cheesman Memorial Scholarship



Ethan Taylor Cheesman, a promising young athlete and student at Union Jr./Sr. High School, went to heaven on May 6, 2009 at the age of 15. Born in Muncie to Gregory D. and Paula K. (Clevenger) Cheesman, Ethan was a well-rounded individual with a passion for sports, music, and animals.

He was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Losantville and excelled in various extracurricular activities, including track and field, basketball, cross-country, student council, and baseball. He was also a member of the band, playing both trumpet and French horn. Ethan's kind and gentle nature, coupled with his great sense of humor, made him beloved by his friends and family. This scholarship honors his memory and supports students who embody his spirit and dedication.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must reside in the Union or Ward Township, plan to attend an accredited four-year college/university, had been involved in 2 years of sports during their high school career and 4+ years of 4-H. Students must also have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Frances I. Woods Scholarship

Frances Woods was born in Farmland, Indiana on March 21, 1926. She graduated from Lincoln High School and attended Sinclair College, Ball State University, and IU East. Frances retired from Union Trust Bank after 25 years of service. She also worked in real estate for several years and in addition she also helped manage and worked the family farm. Frances was a charter member of Ad-a-Link Club, a group of graduates from Lincoln High School. She attended Peaceful Valley Friends Church in Lynn and was a member of the Peaceful Valley Ladies Aid.



Scholarship recipient must have demonstrated good character and citizenship, participated in extracurricular activities or community activities, and graduated with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Gary Horner Memorial Scholarship



Gary Horner graduated of Winchester Community High School in 1968 and later obtained a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from Ball State University. He was an educator for 35 years, teaching science and social studies at Spartanburg Junior High, Driver Middle School, and Winchester Community High School.

He coached middle school football, basketball, and track. Gary tragically passed away in 2008 the week before school was to begin. For the last 15 years of his life, he was the head coach of the Lady Falcons basketball team, winning 71% of his games and 16 championships. Coach Horner served as an outstanding example and role model for students and staff. He was a strong Christian, devoted family man and one who was known for putting the needs of others before his own. This scholarship is being presented in memory of Coach Gary Horner by his family to honor the values he demonstrated.

Gene and Roberta Bennet Memorial Scholarship



Gene Bennett and his wife Roberta both became school teachers in the 1950s. Their jobs carried them to Elgin, Illinois where Gene could teach business and Roberta could pursue her love for teaching elementary students. When Gene's father became ill, the couple returned to Union City to run Standard Agencies Incorporated, the family's insurance agency.

For a short time, Gene ran the insurance business while continuing to teach, but he soon realized that this could be overwhelming. He chose to focus on Standard Agencies. In addition to his activities in Union City, Gene was one of several community advocates for the creation of the Community Foundation of Randolph County. He and other community leaders recognized a need for such an organization which focused on giving back to the residents of Randolph County. Before Gene's death, he set up a fund at the Community Foundation that he was so passionate about.

The Gene and Roberta Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship to be awarded to a Union City High School graduate interested in business or education. "This was his hometown and he simply loved Union City," Roberta Bennett.

Gloria Godfrey - Larry Wasson Scholarship



We lost a shining star in 2015, but he left us a great example of how to follow his lead. Whether in his professional life or in philanthropy, Larry Wasson was a true champion for Randolph County and his effect on our community will never be forgotten. Originally born in Union City, Larry Wasson's life was full of adventure as he traveled the world. Following his high school graduation, he worked for Micro Electric Wave Company, after which he joined the army.

It was during this time that Larry met and married Marianne Crystal Ursula Wendt in Manhalm, Germany. After completing his tour of duty, he moved to New Jersey and worked for the government at Fort Monmouth and Monmouth College. Larry then moved on to Sacramento, California, where he started a small business called High Power Software with a friend. It was in California that he met Gloria Godfrey, to whom he was married for 18 years until her unfortunate passing in April 2012. Larry passed away a few years later in October 2015 while residing in Reno, Nevada. During his life, Larry enjoyed spending time with family and friends and playing cards and dominoes. Trains and traveling captured his interest, which is why his travels took him to locations all over the world: Germany, Italy, India, Africa, and all but two states in the United States. Prior to their passing, the couple established the Gloria Godfrey – Larry Wasson Scholarship Fund in 2008.

The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Union City Community High School who demonstrates strong academic ability, leadership, and citizenship, and who pursues a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, physics, chemistry, or engineering at an accredited college or university.

Harry Fuller and Thelma Way Fuller Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Harry and Thelma's daughter Janet Fuller. This scholarship is awarded to a Winchester Community High School graduating senior with the following qualifications: attitude towards school work, initiative, incentive, worthiness, willingness, citizenship, and cooperation.

Inez M. Howe Memorial Scholarship

Inez M. Hamilton Howe, widow of Daniel Wait Howe, was born in 1850 and died at age 80 in Indianapolis. Inez Howe was a worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana and spent significant time working with the Winchester chapter of the Eastern Star. Her husband was a prominent lawyer, judge, and historian in Indianapolis who served as president of the Indiana Historical Society between 1901 and 1920. As a young man, Howe enlisted as a private in the Seventh Indiana Regiment in the Civil War and took part in several battles of the western theatre including Carrick's Ford, Stone's River, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. As a historian, he wrote several critically acclaimed books including Puritan Republic (1899), Civil War Times (1902), and Political History of Secession (1914). The Howe's had three daughters: Ruth Howe, Lucy Howe Hall and Susan Howe. Inez Howe's philanthropic endeavors provided generous donations for countless recipients and foundations throughout Indiana from her estate at her death.

This scholarship is presented to a senior from Winchester or Randolph Southern who has exhibited the following: initiative, incentive, worthiness, willingness, citizenship, cooperation, and a positive attitude toward school work. Priority is given to children or grandchildren of eastern star or mason members.



Inspiring Randolph County - Jammie Michael Scholarship

“The idea of this scholarship came when I started researching possible scholarship opportunities for my son Reece. He was a Junior at the time and the thought of planning and paying for college felt overwhelming. I reflected on the time Reece spent in school and was reminded of all the hours spent studying, the tears, fights, and late nights. Reece worked so hard and, over time, achieved great things. It became my goal to make sure every student knows we, as a community, believe in them and their dreams and they too, can achieve big things.



Every student needs to know that rewards come to those that have qualities like perseverance, grit, determination and the power to rise above challenges. I’m inspired every day by the kids that put in the work. My family and the community supported this goal of mine and made this scholarship possible for our kids.

The Inspiring Randolph County Jammie Michael Scholarship Fund honors one Randolph County graduate with \$1,000 to be paid to a post-high school education of their choice.” – Jammie Michael

Ira and Olive Davisson Scholarship

The scholarship honors Ira Davisson (born February 1894) and Olive M. (Pursley) Davisson (born 1897). Ira, son of Samuel S. and Ida M. Davisson, married Olive, daughter of Frank E. and Margaret Luella Jackson, on June 2, 1915. Ira passed away on March 15, 1968, at the age of 74. Both Ira and Olive are buried in Maxville Cemetery, with Olive passing away in 1979.

Olive was a lifelong resident of Randolph County, born in Washington Township and later moving to Winchester, Indiana. She was an active member of her community, joining the Winchester Friends Church in 1962 (when Martindale Friends was laid down), and participating in the Neighborly Home Economics Club, Sunshine Club, and American Legion Auxiliary.

This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Winchester Community High School and Union High School.



Mr. & Mrs. Ira Davisson

Jack W. and Ione M. Carpenter Scholarship



Jack and Ione Carpenter were well-known and well-liked members of the Winchester community until their deaths in the early 1990's. Married for 34 years, both Jack and Ione had been married previously to spouses who predeceased them. Jack owned and operated Carpenter Auto Supply on North Main Street and was a life-long member of the Winchester Rotary Club and the Masonic Lodge #56 of Winchester.

He also served on the Randolph County Welfare Board. Ione, born in Jackson, Mississippi, was retired from teaching in Winchester and was a member of the Women's Club. Earlier in her life, she had co-owned Overmyer Corporation with her previously deceased husband, C.P. Overmyer. After his death she continued to serve on the Overmyer Corporation Board of Directors. Both Jack and Ione were devoted members of Main Street Christian Church where both served on the Church Board, Jack on the Board of Deacons, and Ione on the Board of Elders as well as Chairman of the Church Board. The Carpenters were generous donors in this community throughout their lifetimes.

This scholarship is awarded to a student selected based on academic achievement, leadership, ability, and probable success in his/her selected field.

James & Esther Mock Memorial Scholarship



The James & Esther Mock Memorial Scholarship was created in 2005 to honor Jim Mock, a 1949 graduate of Winchester High School. Jim was an educator for 37 years, with 36 of those years at Randolph Central in numerous roles from guidance counselor to teacher to assistant superintendent. He retired in 1994. He valued education and felt that good character and integrity were the most important traits that an individual could have. He was also a proud Navy veteran, serving during the Korean War.

In 2017, his wife Esther Mock passed away and her name was added to the scholarship to recognize and honor her. She always stressed the need for integrity, a good education and continued learning, even taking computer and painting classes herself later in life. This scholarship is given in recognition of both of their love for this community and the students of WCHS.

Awarded to a boy or girl graduate of Winchester Community High School or a boy or girl graduate of a successor consolidated school that would have graduated from WCHS that has exhibited good citizenship and good character. Grades may also be considered but are not the primary criteria. Applicants must provide one letter of reference with their CFRC Scholarship Application.

Jay Gower Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to graduating senior(s) of Mississinawa Valley Schools. Must have demonstrated academic ability to do vocational or college level work. The student must be accepted or enrolled in a fully accredited vocational or college/university of his/her choice. In the event the selected student cannot fulfill the guideline requirements prior to the beginning of the school year, then the first alternate shall be the recipient.

Judge Charles P. Holdeman Scholarship

Charles Holdeman was a native and lifelong resident of Winchester. He graduated from Winchester High School in 1931 and was an Army sergeant in World War II. He was a federally- licensed grain inspector beginning his career in 1937 with Goodrich Elevators. In 1964 he was elected Winchester City Court judge, a position he held for 24 years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He was also a 52-year member of the Winchester Masonic Lodge 56, and belonged to Union City Elks Lodge 1334, American Legion Post 39, and the Indiana City and Town Court Judges Association.

This scholarship is awarded to a boy or girl graduate of Winchester Community High School who is selected based on academic achievement, leadership, ability, and probable success in his/her field. Preference is given to applicants who want to continue their education in the field of law, who plan to attend Indiana University, and/or who have an interest in the game of golf. The recipient must also graduate in the upper one-fourth of his/her class.

June Potter Memorial Scholarship

Born June 25, 1927, in Randolph County, IN, June Potter graced the world with her presence until October 5, 1999. A graduate of Jefferson High School, she dedicated her life to serving her community.

June's career spanned a distinguished tenure as a legal secretary and impactful roles as Randolph County Auditor and Recorder. She also served as Director of the Randolph County Promotion and Visitors Bureau.

A woman of unwavering spirit, June actively contributed to numerous organizations, including the Literary Coalition, the Art Association of Randolph County, and Randolph County Economic Development and Tourism, which she and her husband Merl volunteered countless hours to in the 1990's. Her dedication to her faith was evident in her service as choir director at the Deerfield United Methodist Church.

This scholarship is awarded to a WCHS graduate with a 3.0 or higher G.P.A., preference to a Ridgeville or Saratoga address and is a descendent of a Lions Club member.

Karen Hardwick Memorial Scholarship



Karen Hardwick, a graduate of Monroe Central High School, worked at the school for many years, teaching responsibility, honesty, and work ethic. She was involved in the community, active in the Parker City United Methodist Church, served on the Church Council, and assisted with VBS and Youth Group. She was also dedicated to service, spending many hours alongside the friends she made serving.

This scholarship is open to students graduating from Monroe Central High School. Applicants must write an essay about character as modeled by Karen Hardwick. Awarded as funds are available.

Kellie Stephen & Dave Furby Memorial Scholarship



In 2010, Dave Furby established a scholarship fund in memory of his good friend, Kellie Stephen. Kellie Stephen was a 1967 graduate of Winchester Community High School. He was an educator who taught at Union High School and served as an administrator for Winchester Community High School, Driver Middle School, Monroe Central High School, and New Castle Middle School. Kellie was a people person. He was the kind of person with whom you wanted to spend time.

Sadly, Mr. Furby passed in 2017. Dave Furby was a 1969 graduate of Winchester Community High School where he played football and golf. He worked as an Independent Distributor for Little Debbie Cakes for 34 years. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Winchester Moose, and the Winchester Golf Club. The scholarship is now known as the “Kellie Stephen & Dave Furby Memorial Scholarship.”

One student at each county high school will receive an award. In honor of the lives of Kellie Stephen and Dave Furby, priority is given to candidates known to give their personal best in everything they do. They are friendly, outgoing, and heavily involved in their school and community.

Kevin D. Gulley Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship is presented in memory of Kevin D. Gulley, a 1978 graduate of Winchester Community High School. Kevin Gulley started playing golf at the age of 10 and worked at the Beeson Park Golf Course. He was a two-time state qualifier with the Winchester High School golf team. He went to Ball State University. He worked at the Ball Corporation in Muncie, then as a comptroller at one of Ball's California facilities. He died tragically in an automobile accident in California.

The recipient is selected based on academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, ability, and probable success in his/her field. This student must have been enrolled in WCHS during his/her eleventh and twelfth years of school and be in the upper half of his/her class. Preference given to students who have been active in athletics, particularly golf, during their high school career.

Kylee Renee Wells Scholarship



Kylee was passionate about her career in nursing and was also a vibrant artist. She had a bachelor's degree in nursing and worked at Reid Hospital in Richmond, IN. She was an amazing artist who had received several awards throughout her high school years and beyond.

Kylee spent her free time with her beloved fur-babies Luna and Crixus. She was full of life and loved her community. Since 2017, her family has been able to bless young adults graduating high school and entering either arts programs or nursing with a scholarship in her name.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must graduate from a Randolph County High School and exhibit a passion and talent for art; nursing students are also eligible.



Leon & Ruhama Hendrickson Family Scholarship



Leon (Lonnie) and Ruhama Hendrickson came from humble beginnings. Leon worked as a farmer before joining the US Navy at the age of seventeen to fight in World War II. On his first leave home he married Ruhama Rhoades and rejoined his ship to conclude the war.

After the war he returned to Winchester and continued farming and served as a substitute rural mail carrier. He also started several businesses such as the skating rink while working on the farm. He operated the Rainbow Restaurant in Winchester for twenty years. While operating the Rainbow, he became fascinated with coin collecting. He started a small coin shop above the Rainbow and began showing his coins at local coin shows. His hobby soon became a full-time profession. He moved the “Winchester Coin Shop” to the basement of his home and it soon became known as “Silver Towne.” The business expanded into not only rare coins, but also silver and gold bullions, coins, and bars. Silver Towne soon became too large for the couple’s basement and moved to a beautiful two-story building that they built next to their home. Ruhama developed part of the shop for jewelry and collectibles, while Lonnie continued the coin and silver and gold exchange. Silver Towne is still in operation but does not have the jewelry and collectibles. The family continues to have the Silver Towne Mint on Greenville Avenue where they make their bars and bullions. Lonnie lived by the saying “Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold.”

The Leon and Ruhama Hendrickson scholarship has been established to help a Winchester Community High School graduate who plans to attend an Indiana college or trade school.

Make A Difference Scholarship Fund in Memory of Chet Mock and Jim Noffsinger



Chet Mock and Jim Noffsinger were classmates, teammates and friends. Chet was 14 years old when his parents, grandparents, and two sisters were all killed in a car crash caused by a drunk driver. Chet made a commitment to be the best he could be at whatever he was involved in.

In his early forties, Chet lost total kidney function and was rendered blind, but that didn't stop. He organized a benefit basketball game with the Cincinnati Bengals and raised enough funds to allow all elementary and middle school students from both Union City, Indiana and Union City, Ohio schools to attend the game. Afterward, Chet presented UCCHS SADD Chapter advisor, Jim Noffsinger, a check for \$3000. Shortly after this presentation, Chet entered the hospital for a kidney transplant and died of a heart attack at age 44. With the gift of \$3000 from Chet, Jim established the Chet Mock Memorial Scholarship through the Community Foundation of Randolph County.

Jim Noffsinger was a teacher and coach in the Randolph Eastern School Corporation for 33 years, teaching physical education, high school health, and driver education. He was the SADD advisor for 15 years. After retiring from teaching, Coach Noff became the state SADD coordinator for the State of Indiana, during which he traveled to over 500 schools making inspirational presentations. At each school program he began with the Chet Mock story. Coach Noff passed away in 2015 from a battle with cancer.

In 2023 the "Chet Mock Memorial Scholarship" name changed to the "Make a Difference Scholarship in Memory of Chet Mock and Jim Noffsinger," as both men made significant differences in the lives of so many.

This scholarship targets students at Union City High School who have made a difference in their lives and in the lives of others.

To read the full tribute to these men [click here](#).

Max & Diane Jones Music Lesson Scholarship Fund

A unique scholarship that will help pay for music lessons for Winchester Community High School Band and Choir students. Scholarships will be offered to members of the WCHS Band and/or Choir in grades 9-12 for 50% of the cost of a private music lesson up to \$10 per lesson for a maximum of 20 lessons, per student, per school year, and will be renewable each of a student's four years of high school. Financial need will be given priority. Grades will be considered but will not be an exclusive factor. The following criteria will also be considered: dedication to the WCHS band and/or choir classes, attitude, initiative, work ethic, citizenship and probable success in enhancing his or her musical skills for his or her own good as well as the good of the Winchester Community High School Band and Choir programs.



Merrett Monks Memorial Scholarship

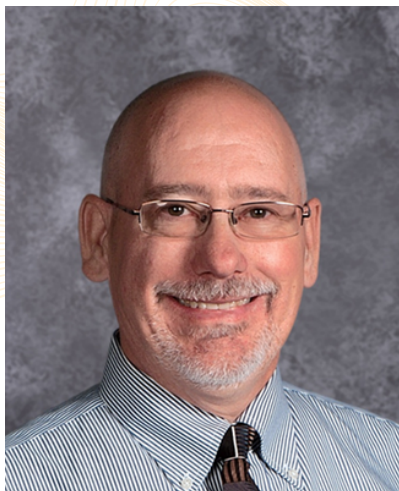


Merrett Richard Monks, known locally as Rick, is a 1965 graduate of Driver High School, who attended the General Motors Institute. He began his work with GM at Delco Remy Battery where he earned a journeyman electrician certificate and was later assigned to Project Engineering. After earning degrees at Purdue University and Indiana Wesleyan, he completed his 39-year career with General Motors.

He worked in several states as well as Portugal, India, and Italy. Merrett excelled in mentoring young General Motors workers and was awarded the Glenn D. Hall Memorial Mentoring Award in 2006 from a field of over 200 candidates. He taught young employees to set high personal expectations, do everything to the best of their abilities and to NEVER compromise their integrity. Besides working hard, Rick also played hard. He loved photography, motorcycling, and competing in Hot Air Balloon races all over the United States and Europe. He passed away at age 56 from Multiple Myeloma and is survived by his wife Margo Ritchey Monks.

Awarded to a WCHS graduate planning to enter a technical field, engineering field, or computer science.

Michael Greene Memorial Scholarship



Michael Greene was an educator who taught at Winchester Community High School from 1994 until 2017. He taught band, speech, elementary music, and elementary art, but his passion was high school chorus. Mike was best known as the director of the annual WCHS musicals that were such a source of community pride. He was a proud Navy veteran. He was also a member of a popular barber shop quartet that entertained local audiences. Mike made it a point to find the hidden talents in his students and encourage them to grow. His students grew in confidence and poise as well as in musical skill.

This scholarship is being awarded to a graduating senior who plans to major in music education with an emphasis in chorus or in theatre education.

Monroe Central Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Monroe Central High School.



Myrtle M. Adelsperger Memorial Scholarship



The portrait is of Myrtle Adelsperger, for whom the scholarship was established. The recipients are chosen by the scholarship committee of the Lambda Chapter of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Graduating seniors are selected as recipients each year: one from Randolph Eastern and one from Mississinawa Valley High School.

Opal & Murray T. McGuire Scholarship

Opal and Murray McGuire were born in rural Randolph County, Opal in Greensfork, and Murray in White River Township in the early 1920's. Murray served in World War II as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Corps. Opal's parents were Charles and Martha Frazier Welch. Murray's father was Thomas McGuire who was employed at Overmyer Mould in Winchester.

This scholarship is awarded to a WCHS graduating senior who has shown initiative, incentive, cooperation, and academic success and who demonstrates financial need.

Phillip A. Hawley Scholarship

This scholarship is being presented in memory of Phil Hawley. Phil Hawley was an educator who taught at Winchester Community High School for 44 years. He taught a variety of subjects in the industrial arts department and was the coordinator of the school's driver's education program. He was also in charge of maintaining and operating the sound and light systems in the WCHS auditorium.



His dedication to these responsibilities was instrumental in the quality and success of the programs presented over the years. Phil was a member and past president of the Randolph Central Teachers' Association. He was also a member of Indiana State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and the Masons. Phil loved teaching and could never imagine retiring from education. He was very loyal to WCHS and cared deeply for his students.

This scholarship goes to a WCHS senior who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college or trade school.

Ralph W. Stuck, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a senior boy/girl graduate of Monroe Central High School. Must meet the following requirements: academic achievement, leadership, ability, probable success in her/his selected field, and possible need. Student must rank in the upper half of her/his class. Student must have applied for admission and accepted to an accredited Indiana college or university. Student shall have been enrolled in the Monroe Central High School during her/his eleventh and twelfth years. First preference given to student who plans to study agriculture or natural resources. If no applicants with such plans who are otherwise well qualified, applicants planning to major in other areas will be considered.

Richard and Mamie Fields Scholarship



Richard Fields was a prominent farmer, and veteran member of the Randolph County hospital board. He was married to Mamie Huber in 1939, and was a lifelong resident of Saratoga. Richard was most active in civic affairs in Saratoga, Winchester and throughout Randolph County. He was a member of the Saratoga Lions club and Saratoga EUB Church.

This scholarship is awarded to student graduating from Randolph Central School Corporation, with preference given to those interested in farming, education, or nursing in that order.

Rickert-Shierling Educational Scholarship

The Fund was established to provide scholarships to students who meet the following qualifications: A resident of Randolph County, Indiana, any age seeking higher education, post-secondary education, or adult education, in pursuit of a certificate, diploma or academic degree. Preference will be given to a student with a desire to learn more about human sexuality and/or secular humanism. In the event there is an applicant who desires to study another field on a quest to learn, assuming all other qualifications are met, the monies from the fund can be utilized.

Robert & Rachel Stump Scholarship

Robert and Rachel Stump were long-time residents of Randolph County and both were teachers in the Randolph Central school system from 1943 to 1985. Robert taught science, chemistry, physics and math at Driver and WCHS for 24 years. Rachel first taught home economics at McKinley and later taught kindergarten at White River, Baker, Morton, Saratoga, and Ridgeville schools for 28 years.



In addition to their work as teachers, both were active in the community and at the First United Methodist Church. Robert was instrumental in organizing the Randolph County Antique Tractor Club. Rachel died in 2000 and Robert passed away in December, 2016.

In recognition of their passion for education, the family is pleased to honor them with the presentation of this scholarship to a deserving graduating senior at WCHS.

Robert G. Jones Scholarship



Robert G. Jones was a native of Modoc, Indiana. Mr. Jones became well known as an educator in much of eastern Indiana. After earning a bachelor's degree from DePauw University and a master's degree from Indiana University, he returned to Randolph County to teach and serve from 1939 to 1956 either as principal of Huntsville or Union Township High School. From 1957 to 1976 he served as the principal of Winchester High School and Winchester Community High School.

He served locally as a Trustee of the Winchester Foundation, a director of the Peoples Loan and Trust Bank Company, and as a trustee of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Winchester.

The recipient of this scholarship is selected based on academic achievement, leadership, ability, need and probable success in his/her field. He or she must have been enrolled in WCHS during his/her eleventh and twelfth years of school. Preference is given to applicants who want to pursue an education in the field of teaching.

Robert J. Litschert Scholarship

Awarded to boy or girl graduate of Winchester Community High School; selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, ability and probable success in his or her field; preference given to those who demonstrate financial need; must have been enrolled at WCHS during his/her eleventh and twelfth years of school; preference given to applicants who want to continue their education through attendance at a four-year university or college and who have participated in track and field at WCHS; must graduate in upper one-third of his/her class.

Rosemary Shockney Memorial Scholarship

Open to all Randolph County schools. Educational scholarship for students who are accepted into and attend accredited two- or four-year public or private institution of higher education. Student shall be in top 10% of his/her class, have demonstrated need, with preference given to a member of the band and to a student who is from a bowling family or is a bowler.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive (because no student acceptable to the Community Foundation meets the criteria, or for other reasons), the purpose of the fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students who most closely satisfy the criteria.

Russell Symmes Scholarship

Russell Symmes founded the Aluminum Foundries Inc. in Winchester in the mid-1940's following World War II. The plant, owned by the family until 2005, employed 105 men working in two shifts at their 50,000 square foot facility on the north side of town. Born in Redkey, Indiana in 1906, Symmes and his siblings grew up in Muncie with their father and their grandparents.



They lived on their grandfather's \$50 Civil War pension and whatever their father could earn as a painter and wallpaper hanger, until Russell began to work in a Muncie steel foundry during his teen years. By age 16, he was promoted to supervisor. During World War II, Russell and his young wife Evelyn moved to Bendix, New Jersey, where Russell worked in the foundry at Eclipse Aviation, a Division of Bendix Aviation Corporation, to support the war effort. The Symmes saved every possible cent so that they could return to Indiana after the war and build their own home and foundry. Russell and Evelyn Symmes had six children: Nancy Symmes Whitaker (Driver High School, 1960), Rusty Symmes (DHS 1963), Greg Symmes (WCHS 1967), Shelly Symmes (WCHS 1971), Becky Symmes (WCHS 1973), and Kim Symmes Conn (WCHS 1978).

Awarded to a graduating student from WCHS.

Ruth Bales Fisch Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Ruth Bales Fisch, daughter of the late Randolph Circuit Court Judge Alonzo L. and Mrs. Bales and a graduate of Winchester High School. Awarded to a senior of Winchester Community High School, based on academic achievement, leadership, ability, probable success in selected field and possible need, must rank in upper third of class, applied and accepted by an accredited college or university, enrolled in WCHS her eleventh and twelfth years, first preference to student who plans to teach high school or college English, second preference to a student who plans to teach history or one of other humanities.

Stephen Family Memorial Scholarship



It was Kellie's request that the Stephen family establish a scholarship in honor of his family, who all valued education. He wanted it in memory of him; his grandfather, Leroy Stephen, who was a bus driver at Randolph Central for years; his parents, Gerald and Patsy, who have always been great supporters of the schools; his wife, Cathy, who was also an educator; and his children, who received excellent educations here in Randolph County. His hope was that this scholarship could give back just a little bit of the great experiences the Stephen family received from Randolph County schools.

Purpose of fund shall be to provide scholarships to students graduating from Union, Winchester, Union City, Monroe Central, or New Castle High Schools. Criteria for the scholarship(s) shall be the following: 1) Student(s) must have passed the Statewide Graduation Exam, 2) student(s) will have a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A., 3) student(s) shall be accepted to either a 2 or 4 year college, 4) student(s) must have been active in school and/or the community, 5) student(s) must have participated in school athletics, and 6) student(s) must be of good moral character.

Tammy Hall Scholarship



September “Tammy” Lee Oakley was born January 29, 1962 in Winchester to Charles and Carole Burris Hall. Tammy graduated from Winchester Community High School in 1980 with honors. She attended Marion College and graduated from Memphis Tech with a degree in accounting, Tammy received her bachelor’s degree of general studies from Indiana University and earned a master’s degree of theology from Christian Living School of Theology.

She served on the board of Living Word Christian Fellowship. She was employed by Reid Hospital for 24 years. Tammy, who was married to David D. Oakley, passed away in 2011 at the age of 49. This scholarship is presented by the families of and in memory of former WCHS graduate Tammy Hall.

The recipient must be a graduate of WCHS who has been actively involved in the choral program and has been accepted into a 2- or 4-year public or private institution of higher learning.

Terry Swindell Memorial Scholarship

Terry Swindell, of Winchester, Indiana, lived a vibrant life. He was a lover of animals, an avid golfer, a gifted conversationalist, a friend to many, and a strong supporter of education and young athletes. Terry grew up in Carlos, Indiana, and graduated from Lynn High School in 1964. He received his bachelor's degree from Black Hills State University, South Dakota, where he was recruited to play basketball on scholarship.



He continued his studies at Ball State University receiving his master's degree in education. He began his teaching career at Monroe Central Jr./Sr. High School in 1969. Retiring from the classroom in 2013, his roles included teaching economics and government, serving as administrative assistant, as well as the athletic director from 1989 to 2001.

During his teaching career, he met and married the love of his life Peggy (Lewis) Swindell. They enjoyed reading, vacationing at Lake Cumberland, and supporting nieces and nephews in their athletic endeavors.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must be a graduate from Monroe Central Jr./Sr. High School, and have participated in high school sports either as an athlete or sports/team manager.

Tom and Betty Herold Scholarship



This scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Thomas and Elizabeth Herold.

The Herold Scholarship is to be awarded to high school graduate(s) from a Randolph County, Indiana high school. The scholarship is awarded annually to one of the high schools on a rotational basis in the following order (or in the school consolidated), and then repeated: Randolph Central School Corporation (Winchester Community High School), Randolph Eastern School Corporation (Union City Jr./Sr. High School), Randolph Southern School Corporation, Monroe Central Jr./Sr. High School, Union School Corporation. Students must be pursuing a two- or four- year secondary degree.

U & C Scholarship

Given to students who have been accepted into a 2 or 4 year public or private institution of higher learning and are family members of vendors, business associates or children of company employees of B & F Plastics.

Union City High School Class of 1970 Scholarship



The UCCHS Class of 1970 scholarship is, in many ways, a celebration of our memories of growing up in a small Indiana town in the 1950s and 1960s. It was a time of personal growth, excitement, a yearning for the future and all the fun and heartache that is a part of being young.

The planning for this scholarship was started in 2002 to honor the memories of our classmates who have passed away all too soon, and it is to them that it is dedicated. We hope that these scholarships will help in some small way to perpetuate higher education for the future generations of Union City Community High School.

Purpose to provide scholarships to graduates of Union City Community High School. Preference of this scholarship goes to a legacy student, i.e. grandchild or great-grandchild of a graduate of Union City Community High School Class of 1970.

Union City Kiwanis Club Scholarship

This scholarship provides support to students who are accepted into and attend accredited two- or four-year public or private institutions of higher learning. Awarded alternate years to one graduate from Mississinawa Valley High School and one graduate from Union City Community High School.

Virginia Davis Weber Scholarship

Virginia Ruth Davis Crew Weber was born in Winchester in 1909 to Earl C. and Mamie Davis. She graduated from Winchester High School with the Class of 1927, then attended the National College of Education in Evanston, IL, where she became certified as a teacher. Later she also attended Earlham College and Ball State University to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees. "Miss Virginia," as she was known to her elementary students, taught in Wilmette, IL, Winchester, and Centerville before retiring in 1973. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester, then later, the Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond. She was also a member of Tri Kappa social sorority and Delta Kappa Gamma, Teacher's Honorary Sorority. She and her first husband, Murray Crew, built a new home on the outskirts of Winchester on east SR 32, where they resided during the years she taught at Central Elementary School in Winchester. Following Crew's death, she married Louis Weber and moved to Wayne County, where she continued teaching and helping to raise his three children. Later, the Weber's fostered Leland and Gayle Smith of the Centerville area. Virginia Crew Weber was a magnificent elementary teacher who loved children every day of her career.

The Virginia Davis Weber scholarship is given to a senior planning to further their education. The criteria for this scholarship include: academic leadership, financial need, probable success, attended WCHS their junior and senior year with preference to the pursuit of a degree in pre-school, kindergarten, elementary education, or high school education.

Wallace L. & Edna V. Fields Scholarship

Awarded to Winchester Community High School student who has exhibited an interest in history. Financial need is priority. Qualifications that should also be considered: attitude toward school work, initiative, incentive, worthiness, willingness, citizenship, cooperation, interest in Randolph County Historical Society, interest in the Randolph County Historical Museum, resident of Ward Township.

Walter. L Shaw Music Scholarship



Walter Shaw served the music students of Union City West Side High School from 1937 through 1948. In 1962, Mr. Shaw received the “Music Man of the Year” award from Ball State University for excellence in contributions to public school music.

Awarded to Union City Jr. Sr. High School students who are members of the band, orchestra, or choir. Scholarships will be offered to members of the band, orchestra, and/or choir for financial assistance for a percentage of the cost of a private music lesson. Scholarships are available to students in grades 6-12 and are renewable in each of the student’s years.

Wanda Mann Scholarship



Wanda Mann was born in 1926, the only child of Claud (Glenn) and Ethel Mann. Wanda was a private individual who was interested in research and aiding mankind. She loved working with children and taught Sunday School at Wesley United Methodist Church for many years. Upon her death in 1994, this scholarship was established from monies in the Wanda Mann estate.

Its purpose is to assist graduates of Union City and Mississinawa High Schools in pursuit and completion of higher education.

Winchester Athena Club Student Scholarship

The Athena Club was founded in 1982 as an organization where women in local businesses and professions could meet to network with one another and to learn more about the greater Winchester community. The weekly luncheon meetings were open to all working and retired women. Named for the Greek goddess of knowledge and wisdom, the club's purpose was to gain knowledge from the weekly speakers, to promote the role of women as leaders in our community, and to contribute to the knowledge of others by giving of themselves so that others might learn. The club has provided leadership to a variety of community organizations and has given financial support to young people who wished to take advantage of educational opportunities. The Athena Club scholarship is awarded each year to a senior from one of the five Randolph County high schools. The club disbanded in 2022, but the scholarship continues to support the club's focus on education and leadership.

Winchester Chapter #60 Order of Eastern Star Ida and Charles Burke Memorial Scholarship

On Thursday September 3, 1925, Charles Howard Burke, a Winchester native, and Ida Kathryn Watson of Farmland exchanged vows at the United Brethren Parsonage. A honeymoon trip to the lakes followed, and the newlyweds settled in Winchester. Their friends and loved ones wished them well on their journey together. Charles, a lifelong resident of Winchester, followed in his father's footsteps, taking ownership of Builders Supply. He also dedicated 30 years to the beloved local establishment, the Boston Store, before retiring in 1973.

Charles' life extended beyond his professional pursuits. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also found spiritual grounding at the Winchester Friends Church and fostered a strong sense of community through his 65-year membership in the Winchester Masonic Lodge.

This scholarship is awarded to a Randolph County student with a 3.0 GPA and is a relative of a deceased chapter member.

Interested in establishing a fund?

Meet with the Foundation staff

Knowledge is power. Arrange a meeting with the Foundation staff to discuss your charitable wishes. The Foundation staff will explain the services the Foundation can provide you and how the Foundation can meet your needs. The Foundation will take your wishes and work with you to create a fund agreement.

Review the agreement

The Foundation will provide you with a custom fund agreement. It will include the name of your fund, the purpose of your fund, the distribution of your fund, any special request of your fund and all the general Foundation information. The Foundation will have the agreement reviewed by legal counsel, but it will be your responsibility as the donor to make sure that your information is correct. When you review the document, make sure that your name is spelled correctly, the name of the fund is correct, the purpose is correct and that any other special arrangements are detailed to your desires. The Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. will work in your best interest, but we are not financial advisors. We strongly encourage you to take your agreement to an accountant, attorney or other trusted financial advisor to review. They will be looking for your best interest and may suggest something that will enhance your charitable wishes or tax advantages.

Make it official

After you have reviewed and approved the agreement, the Board of Directors will be notified at a meeting of your intent to establish a fund. The Board will vote to approve the fund. Upon approval, you and the Board president will sign the agreement. You will then make your donation and your fund will become part of the permanent endowment. The staff will keep in contact with you when distributions are made from your gift.





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