

Local Scholarships

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The link to the local scholarship information packet can be found by selecting the STUDENT tab on the District homepage (<https://www.fortcalhounschoools.org>) and then click on Local Scholarships. Each page will need to be completed and when finished you will need to print off 2 copies to hand into Mrs. Hernandez. One of the copies will be signed and will include your name and identifying info on the forms. The other copy you will have your code in place of any of the identifying information (name, phone number, address, parent names). Only one application will need to be completed by the senior but 2 copies will be handed in. This application will be duplicated as needed for each scholarship committee.

It is the hope of all involved that the one common application will contribute to a greater number of seniors applying for these local awards and that the quality of effort put into the application will also increase.

Misspellings, cross outs, poor grammar and syntax, and the general neatness of the completed application all reflect on the student as an applicant for an award. The application must be typed. Complete the application as soon as possible and be sure to proofread your responses before returning it.

After printing the copy with the personal information on it, then take out the identifying information and replace it with your code, then after signing the first copy of the application, turn both copies into the guidance office. The counselor will review your application, sign them and submit them to the office. They will then be duplicated and sent on to the appropriate persons according to the selections you chose on the general instruction sheet.

Before checking a box for a particular scholarship, read the information about each scholarship. In some cases the recipient must meet certain criteria. For example, three awards are available only to those students planning to teach.

Finally, be certain your application is to the counselor by the deadline, **Friday, February 14, 2020 at 1:30PM**. No applications will be accepted after that time.



Class of 1984 Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is to recognize a graduating senior from Fort Calhoun High School who plans to pursue a career as an educator.

The Fort Calhoun High School Class of 1984 was initially set up to honor Daniel Jay Dale. He was a respected educator, father, family member, and friend. He believed in the power of education. Dan was also a long-time supporter of Fort Calhoun Schools.

Since the scholarship was founded, the Class of 1984 has asked that the scholarship be in memory of all classmates. The members of this class were positively impacted by the educators they had during their time at The Fort. The award is also in recognition and honor of the teachers' efforts throughout their time at Fort Calhoun Community Schools.

In addition to intending to become a teacher, the successful applicant will also have been involved in a number of FCHS activities and demonstrate financial need. The comprehensive application form must be filled out completely and correctly in order for the application to be considered. In addition to the comprehensive application form, the Class of 1984 Scholarship also asks applicants to submit a separate essay including his/her responses to the following questions:

- * Why do you want to be a teacher?
- * What qualities or characteristics do you think are most important in teaching?
- * What grade level or subject to you want to teach?
- * What specific parts of your own educational experience in a small school do you think were the most positive and do you hope/plan to replicate for your future students?

This award is administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation. So, the scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the secretary of the High School, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect their award.



Fort Calhoun Booster Club Scholarship

The Fort Calhoun Booster Club Scholarship has been established to acknowledge the contributions of student athletes and to promote the mission of the Fort Calhoun Booster Club. The Booster Club Board will choose the scholarship recipients, but the award is administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation. So, the scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2019 classes to the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect the award.

Two non-renewable \$500.00 scholarships may be awarded, one to a male and one to a female student athlete.

To qualify for the scholarship the student athlete must be a FC graduating senior:

*Who has been an active participant in one or more of the following high school activities for a minimum of two year of his/her HS career: softball, cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, golf and cheerleading.

*Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 OR be ranked in the top half (50%) of his/her graduating class

*Applicants must submit the comprehensive application form and turn in a separate document with answers to the following four questions that the Booster Club Board will utilize in the selection process.

1.) List all the activities that you participated in from the list of school athletic activities listed above. Include any honors and awards that you received for each year that you participated in the activity (varsity letter, team captain, conference/district/state awards, academic all state, etc). Please use the extra form and attach it to your application packet.

2.) Other than the mandatory requirement to work in the concession stand to letter for an activity, in what other ways have you volunteered your time to help with the Booster Club?

3.) Are you planning on pursuing an athletic career after high school? If so, in what activity? At which institution? And have you signed a letter of intent with that institution?

4.) Write an essay on what it means to be a student athlete. Include what you have gained from being a student athlete here at the FORT and how you believe that experience will benefit you as you pursue your goals beyond high school.



Fort Calhoun Education Association **Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended for a student majoring in education. The grant is for \$100.00 renewable for the second year of college.

The recipient will be entitled to \$100.00 the first semester of their freshman year and the second \$100.00 will be awarded at the start of their sophomore year **IF** that individual is still in the field of education.

IF NOT the \$100.00 will be available for other Fort Calhoun graduates pursuing a career in education.

It is the recipient's responsibility to contact the education association and indicate that they are eligible for the second installment of the scholarship. (Eligibility: B average or above, Education Major)



Fort Calhoun Women's Fitness Club **Scholarship**

This \$300 scholarship is to recognize a graduating senior from Fort Calhoun High School who has worked hard to balance their fitness physically and academically in high school.

Seniors who were high school athletes, made healthy living choices, and were involved in the school activities and community service should apply for this award. These things are important to FCWFC because that is who they are - a group of FC women who like to stay fit and contribute to worthwhile causes within the Fort Calhoun community.

Applicants may be pursuing any major at any type of approved post-secondary institution. The comprehensive application form must be filled out completely and correctly in order for the application to be considered. The recipient will be chosen by a committee made up of FCWFC members and they will advise the recipient on how to collect the award.



Paul and Bea Kruger Memorial **Scholarship**

Criteria for selection will include:

Purpose: This scholarship is a need-based scholarship for students who have potential, but who have not necessarily excelled, during their high school career. There is no grade point average requirement.

Amount: TBD, 4 year RENEWABLE

Selection: Selection will be made by the Pioneer Fund Foundation Board of Directors.

Eligibility: The student applying must:

- 1) Be a Fort Calhoun High School graduating senior
- 2) Have registered and been accepted in any type of approved post secondary institution
- 3) Complete and submit the comprehensive application form
- 4) There may be more than one Scholarship awarded

The scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect their award.



Pioneer Fund Foundation of Fort Calhoun Community Schools Scholarship

Purpose: The Pioneer Fund Foundation Scholarship is established to assist capable and deserving, graduating seniors to continue their formal education.

Amount: The amount and number of the scholarships awarded is TBD.

To Apply: Criteria for selection will include:

- 1) past accomplishments during high school years including academic work, course selection, school activity participation, work experience, attendance and general citizenship;
- 2) future goals and plans including clarity of direction, evidence of planning, ability to accomplish goals, career choices and post secondary education plans;
- 3) financial need including direct school costs, family and personal support, and other scholarships and awards received; and
- 4) application, including completeness, neatness and clarity.

The scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect their award.



Presbyterian Church Scholarship

Purpose: The Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church Scholarship has been established to recognize an outstanding graduate from Fort Calhoun High School and to further support his/her future educational goals. This \$500 scholarship award can be utilized to pursue any college major, at any post secondary institution (two year or four year, in-state or out-of-state, or public or private). Applications do not need to be members of the Presbyterian Church.

The Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church will choose the scholarship recipient, but the award is administered by the Pioneer Fund foundation. So the scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect their award.

Amount: There will be 4 separate scholarships given. The amounts of these scholarships will be \$500.

To Apply: Criteria for selection will include:

- 1) past accomplishments during high school years including academic work, course selection, school activity participation, work experience, attendance and general citizenship;
- 2) future goals and plans including clarity of direction, evidence of planning, ability to accomplish goals, career choices and post secondary education plans;
- 3) financial need including direct school costs, family and personal support, and other scholarships and awards received; and
- 4) the comprehensive application, including completeness, neatness and clarity.



Washington County Bank ATM **Scholarships**

The Washington County Bank sponsors these ATM scholarships. These are replacing two scholarship previously sponsored by the local bank. So there will be two \$500 ATM scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from Fort Calhoun High School.

Eligible applicants may be pursuing any major and planning to attend any approved post-secondary institution.

The comprehensive application form must be filled out completely and correctly in order for the application to be considered.

The Pioneer Fund Foundation selects the winners of the WCB ATM scholarships. But Kristen Owen at the Washington County Bank in Fort Calhoun is who the winners need to contact to collect their awards.



Solomon Lodge #10 Scholarship

This scholarship will be a \$500.00 award to the student chosen. The comprehensive application blank must be filled out completely and correctly in order for the application to be complete.

This award is administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation. So, the scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the secretary of the high school, Mrs. Patty Appel. Then scholarship recipient's name will be forwarded to those in charge of the Solomon Lodge #10 in Fort Calhoun. They in turn will advise the recipient how to collect the award.



“Learning With Laughter Scholarship”

This non-renewable \$1000 scholarship is to recognize a graduating senior from Fort Calhoun High School who plans to pursue a career as an educator.

Ms. Jolene (Jo) Cordes who taught here in the Fort Calhoun Community School District for over 30 years (specifically at the elementary school from 1980-2012) created this scholarship to help a student from Fort Calhoun School pursue their dream of becoming a teacher! Ms. Cordes said she is thankful to the Fort Calhoun community and the school that provided her with so much support and so many wonderful memories throughout her years of teaching. This scholarship is a token of that gratitude – basically she created this scholarship to pay it forward!

Applicants must obviously be planning to become educators in the future. Selection is based on the short answer responses that you prepare for the same questions required for the Class of 1984 Scholarship and the comprehensive application form must be filled out completely and correctly in order for the application to be considered.

In addition to the comprehensive application form, applicants for the “Learning With Laughter” scholarship should submit a separate page that includes his/her responses to the following questions (again, these are the same ones as the Class of 1984 Scholarship):

- Why do you want to be a teacher?
- What qualities or characteristics do you think are most important in teaching?
- What grade level or subject to you want to teach?
- What specific parts of your own educational experience in a small school do you think were the most positive and do you hope/plan to replicate for your future students?

This award is selected and administered by the Pioneer Fund Foundation. So, the scholarship winner will need to present his/her proof of registration of their Fall 2020 classes to the high school secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, to collect the award.



“Pioneer of Science Scholarship”

This \$1,500 scholarship opportunity that was created to recognize a graduating senior from Fort Calhoun High School who has a stated intent to pursue higher education in one of the following fields: Science Education, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics Engineering or any other science-based field.

The award will be split with and awarded in two portions. The first half (\$750) will be awarded for first semester costs and the second half will be awarded to pay for second semester costs during the student's freshman year.

The Pioneer Fund Foundation administers the Pioneer of Science scholarships. So, the scholarship winners will need to present their proof of registration for their Fall 2020 and then for the Spring 2021 classes to the secretary at the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel, in order to collect the two parts of this award.



G.R.I.T. Scholars

Goals | Resilience | Integrity | Tenacity

Scholarship Summary:

G.R.I.T. Scholars recognizes those students graduating from Fort Calhoun High School who demonstrate hard work, resolve, and strength of character. This scholarship puts high value on work ethic and character. Academics and need will be considered but not the sole factor in awarding. This scholarship is betting on the jockey that has put in the long hours, hard work, and forging their future through continuing their education.

Criteria:

- GPA minimum of a 2.0
- ACT must meet minimum for admission into post-secondary school of choice
- Eligible to students pursuing study at a two- or four-year accredited institution.
- Applicants must complete a comprehensive application form along with the following:
 - Essay – not to exceed 2 pages that includes the following:
 - Future career interest and personal goals
 - A description of your character, work ethic, and why you think you are deserving of this scholarship.
 - Resume
 - Two Scholarship Checklists completed by a teacher and/or administrator
 - An interview will be required for selected candidates

Award Amount:

- Up to three \$4,000 scholarships awarded annually; renewable
- Please note: For students attending a two-year institution, the scholarship amount awarded may be less than \$4,000.

Collecting Award:

The Pioneer Fund Foundation administers the G.R.I.T. Scholars program. So, the scholarship winners will need to present their proof of registration for their Fall 2020 classes to the secretary at the High School secretary, Mrs. Patty Appel.