



Gage County Foundation, INC.
PO BOX 493
Beatrice, NE 68310

November 1, 2025

Dear School Counselor,

On behalf of the Gage County Foundation, I am pleased to share that scholarship applications for the graduating Class of 2026 will open on **January 15, 2026**. We are committed to supporting Gage County students in their pursuit of higher education and would be grateful for your assistance in making this opportunity available to eligible seniors at your school.

Scholarship Eligibility Highlights:

- Applicants must be graduating seniors (Class of 2026) from a Gage County high school and residents of Gage County.
- Students must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school beginning Fall 2026.
- Applicants must be in good standing with their school at the time of application.

Required Application Materials:

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. High School Transcript
3. One Letter of Recommendation
4. Personal Essay (up to 500 words)
5. Resume including academic, extracurricular, and community involvement
6. Proof of acceptance or pending acceptance (may be submitted later if necessary)

Award Information:

- Scholarship Amount: **\$1,000** (one-time award)
- Disbursement: Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's institution for the **Fall 2026 semester**

Important Dates:

- **Application Opens:** January 15, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** March 11, 2026
- **Recipients Announced:** By May 1, 2026

We kindly ask for your support in informing eligible students and encouraging them to apply.

Application materials and instructions will be available on our website beginning January 15, 2026, at www.gagecountyfoundation.org.

We greatly appreciate your partnership in helping us invest in the future of our local youth.

Warm regards,

Executive Director
Gage County Foundation
director@gagecountyfoundation.org

Gage County Foundation Scholarship Guidelines

For High School Seniors – Class of 2026

The Gage County Foundation is pleased to announce scholarships available to graduating seniors of Gage County high schools who plan to pursue higher education beginning Fall 2026.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a **graduating high school senior (Class of 2026)** from a Gage County high school and reside in Gage County.
- Must be **enrolled or planning to enroll full-time** at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school in the Fall of 2026.
- Applicants must be in good standing with their school at the time of application.

Application Materials

Applicants must submit the following by the stated deadline:

1. **Completed Application Form**
2. **High School Transcript** (official or unofficial).
3. **One Letter of Recommendation** from a teacher, counselor, employer, or community leader.
4. **Personal Essay** (500 words maximum)
5. **Resume** (includes but not limited to, extracurricular activities, community involvement, leadership roles, honors or awards, work experience, volunteer involvement, GPA, and ACT Score)
6. **Proof of Acceptance** or pending acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution (may be submitted later if not available by deadline).

Award Information

- Scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Awards are one-time.
- Funds will be paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Important Dates

- **Application Opens:** January 15th, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** March 11th, 2026
- **Recipients Announced:** By May 1st, 2026 via letter and social media/website post.
- **Scholarships Disbursed:** Fall 2026 semester.

The Gage County Foundation reserves the right to adjust guidelines, award amounts, and selection process.

Gage County Foundation Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Education Information

High School Currently Attending / Attended: _____

Graduation Date (or expected): _____

GPA (unweighted): _____

Class Size and Rank (if available): _____

College/University/Trade School Planning to Attend: _____

Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

Essay Question

Please attach a one-page essay **(500 words maximum)** answering the following prompt:

“How has living in Gage County shaped your goals for the future, and how do you plan to use your education to give back to your community?”

Certification & Signature

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Applications must be submitted electronically by email: info@gagecountyfoundation.org