



UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 273
ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
3075 US 24 HWY, P.O. Box 547, BELOIT, KANSAS 67420
PHONE: (785) 738-3261 FAX: (785) 738-4103

February 16, 2026

Mrs. Brennan Eilert, Counselor
Beloit Jr./Sr. High School
P.O. Box 606
Beloit, Kansas 67420

Dear Mrs. Eilert:

The USD 273 Endowment Association is pleased to announce the application period for a variety of scholarship awards. Some awards are available for graduates of secondary schools in Mitchell County and many are available to graduates of Beloit High School, for the purpose of pursuing higher education. The online scholarship application is available on the USD 273 website: usd273.org, Endowment Scholarships, USD 273 Endowment, Endowment Association Scholarship Application.

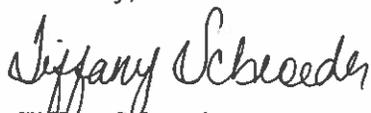
The Scholarship Committee has made some changes to the online application process. Applicants will no longer need to select which scholarships to which they are applying. Rather, the scholarship committee will match the applicants to the appropriate scholarships based on the requirements and preferences for each individual scholarship.

After official verification from the Registrar's office of the student's enrollment, scholarship awards will be distributed through the students' college or university Financial Aid Office at the beginning of the first semester. Any scholarship \$1,000 or more will be split between the two semesters. The student must submit official verification from the Registrar's office, one for each semester.

The applicant must submit their application to the Endowment Association **no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026** to be considered for the awards.

Please call with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Tiffany Schroeder

Enclosure



UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 273
ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
3075 US 24 HWY, P.O. Box 547, BELOIT, KANSAS 67420
PHONE: (785) 738-3261 FAX: (785) 738-4103

USD #273 ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

GUIDELINES:

Submit only one application for any or all of the following scholarships. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student. The awarded scholarship cannot be deferred to another year.

Please note: some scholarships have absolute requirements and some have only preferences: Each are noted next to each scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- **Darrell Abernethy Scholarship** – Available to any senior graduating from a Mitchell County School.
- **Doris M. Gasper Scholarship** – Available to any senior graduating from a Mitchell County School.
 - *Requirements:* 3.0 GPA; open to students attending any post-secondary school including vocational/technical schools
 - *Important Criteria:* Financial need and communication; people skills
 - *Preference:* Business or Business Education
- **Howard & Roberta Abernethy Scholarship** – Available to any senior graduating from a Mitchell County School.
- **Ed & Joyce Hartman Scholarship** – Available to one graduating senior from Beloit High School and one graduating senior from St. John's High School.

The following scholarships are available to any graduating senior from Beloit High School:

- **BHS Alumni Scholarship**
- **Olive Schafer Scholarship**
- **Frank Jordan Scholarship**
- **Miles File Scholarship**
- **Marianne Metcalf Scholarship**
- **Lampert Family Scholarship**
- **Brad Fuller and Mike Fuller Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Health or Agriculture Major

- **Darrel and Virginia Wiles Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Interest in electronics, plumbing, agriculture or related field

- **Bob and Barbara Harrison Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Education major
- **Mike Gray Scholarship**
 - *Requirement:* Participation in high school athletics
 - *Preference:* Athletic or related major
- **Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship**
 - *Requirements:* Active in school activities; maintained at least a 3.0 GPA; attending a 4-year college
 - *Preference:* Education major
- **BHS Class of 1964 Scholarship**
 - *Requirements:* At least a 3.0 GPA; open to any post-secondary school, including vocational school
 - *Criteria Most Important:* Financial need with “communication & people skills” next important
- **Max Deets Scholarship**
 - *Requirement:* Participating in high school FFA
 - *Preference:* Agriculture related field
- **Tony Fobes Scholarship**
 - *Requirement:* Attend Kansas State University
 - *Criteria:* Scholarship is not dependent on GPA
- **Juliane Pruitt Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Music related major
- **Brian Hogan Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Math or science related field
- **Spirit of Sylvia Ludwig Scholarship**
 - *Requirement:* Two or four-year secondary school
 - *Preference:* Attend Kansas State University
- **Carle Kuhn Outstanding Science Student Scholarship**
 - *Requirements:* Must have taken a minimum of 8 semesters of a science in high school; active involvement in science related activities; maintained a 3.5 GPA in all science courses.
 - *Preference:* Scientific major
- **Vicki Meats Scholarship**
 - *Requirements:* Attend Kansas State University, University of Kansas or Fort Hays State University
- **Betty Vernon Scholarship**
 - *Preference:* Education major; attend Kansas Wesleyan University (otherwise open to all)
- **Boettcher Companies Scholarship** (awarded to the Valedictorian at Beloit High School)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Your name or reference to family is **ONLY** on the cover sheet. Do not include your name, address, email address, or any other reference to yourself or your family on any part of the application.
2. Letter of Application.
 - a. Include your plans for the future (college, major, career goals), how you are financing your education, and why you believe you should receive a scholarship.
3. Resume.
 - a. Include activities, leadership, work experience, and community service.
4. **Official** Transcript including ACT score.
 - a. Transcript **MUST** include grades from **1st semester of senior year**
5. Essay of 500-1,000 words on one of the following (only if applying for **Jordan and/or Abernathy Scholarships**).
 - a. The Importance of Rural Education
 - b. Growing Up in Rural America
 - c. The Advantages of Living in the Midwest
 - d. Growing up in a Small Town
6. Explain in one paragraph why you feel you would be a good recipient of the Mike Gray Scholarship. (only if applying for the **Mike Gray Scholarship**)
7. Explain in one to two paragraphs why you should receive the Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship. (only if applying for the **Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship**)
8. Explain in writing (no more than 500 words) when you faced a challenge and overcame it. How did you persevere against the odds to accomplish your goals? (only if applying for the **Spirit of Sylvia Ludwig Scholarship**)

The Spirit of Sylvia Ludwig Scholarship was established in 2022 in honor of a long-time Beloit Jr. High physical education teacher and volleyball coach. Sylvia loved ultimate frisbee, air drumming to the band “Journey”, the game of volleyball, but most importantly, advocating for those who face and overcome adversity. As an education graduate of Kansas State University, Sylvia spent a lifetime teaching and supporting all young people. However, she had a soft spot in her heart for those who struggled with-and battled-through challenges. This scholarship was created to reward and recognize such a student, someone who embodies this “spirit” of Sylvia Ludwig.
9. Explain in writing (no more than 250 words) why science is important to you, your major, and your science career interest. (only if applying for the **Carle Kuhn Outstanding Science Student Scholarship**)

The Carle Kuhn outstanding Science Student Scholarship was established in 2022 by the family of Carle Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn taught for Beloit Jr. Sr. High for 28 years, teaching science at both the junior and senior high level. His love for science paired nicely with his life passions including track and field, aeronautics, and small airplane mechanics. The intent of this scholarship award is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their scientific endeavors while at Beloit High School. The recipient of this scholarship has demonstrated excellence in the classroom as well as a passion for inquiry into matters of science.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Unless otherwise noted in the scholarship description, criteria will be based on:

- Official Transcript/ACT
- Participation in School and Community Activities
- Leadership
- Need
- Follows Directions
- Essay (only for those scholarships requiring an essay, paragraph, etc.)

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:

When this form is completed, the applicant must submit online to the USD 273 Endowment Association **on or before 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026.**

Fill out the online form on the USD 273 website (www.usd273.org), upload the appropriate documents and submit. If you have trouble submitting online, then your application can be mailed or delivered to:

USD 273 Board of Education Office
3075 A US HWY 24
PO BOX 547
Beloit, KS 67420



Unified School District No. 273
Endowment Association

3075 A US 24 HWY, P.O. Box 547 Beloit, Kansas 67420

(785) 738-3261 phone (785) 738-4103 fax

USD #273 ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

[Click here to view the Scholarship Guidelines](#)

Your Name

Parent Name(s)

Non-School Email

Phone

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

College

Major

Resume

Activities/Leadership/Work Experience/Community Service

Upload Resume:

No file chosen

Official Transcript - including ACT score.

Transcript **MUST** include grades from 1st semester of senior year.

Upload Transcript:

No file chosen

Letter of Application

Your Letter of Application should include the following:

1. Include your plans for the future (college, major, career goals), how you are financing your education, and why you believe you should receive a scholarship.

****DISCLAIMER:** If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. **

Upload Letter of Application:

No file chosen

Essay (ONLY if applying for Jordan and/or Abernathy Scholarship)

500-1,000 words on one of the following:

- The Importance of Rural Education
- Growing Up in Rural America
- The Advantages of Living in the Midwest
- Growing Up in a Small Town

****DISCLAIMER:** If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. **

Upload Essay - Jordan and/or Abernathy Scholarships:

No file chosen

Paragraph (ONLY if applying for the Mike Gray Scholarship)

Explain why you feel you would be a good recipient of the Mike Gray Scholarship

****DISCLAIMER:** If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. **

Upload Paragraph - Mike Gray Scholarship:

No file chosen

Writing Piece (ONLY if applying for the Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship)

Explain in one to two paragraphs why you should receive the Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship.

****DISCLAIMER:** *If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. ***

Upload Writing Piece - Jim and Nadyne Copp Family Scholarship:

No file chosen

Writing Piece (ONLY if applying for the Spirit of Sylvia Ludwig Scholarship)

In no more than 500 words, tell us when you faced a challenge and overcame it. How did you persevere against the odds to accomplish your goals?

****DISCLAIMER:** *If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. ***

Upload Writing Piece - Spirit of Sylvia Ludwig Scholarship:

No file chosen

Writing Piece (ONLY if applying for the Carle Kuhn Outstanding Science Scholarship)

In no more than 250 words, explain why science is important to you, your major, and your science career interest.

****DISCLAIMER:** *If any submission is found to be written by artificial intelligence or any source of plagiarism occurs, your scholarship will be disqualified. ***

Upload Writing Piece - Carle Kuhn Outstanding Science Scholarship:

No file chosen

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Criteria will be based on:

- Official Transcript/ACT
- Participation in School and Community Activities
- Leadership
- Need
- Follows Directions
- Essay (only for those scholarships requiring an essay, paragraph, etc.)

When this form is completed, the applicant must submit online **on or before 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026**

Fill out the online form, upload the appropriate documents and submit. If you have trouble submitting online, then your application can be mailed or delivered to:

USD 273 Board of Education Office
3075 A US HWY 24
PO BOX 547
Beloit, KS 67420