

Alumni Scholarships

The Alumni Scholarships are designated for graduates of Groton Area High School. Several \$500 scholarships will be awarded to members of the Class of 2015 and beyond.

- 1 - Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family
- 2 - Darlene Raap Memorial
- 2 – Class of 1969
- 2 – Edna Bugner Memorial
- 2 – Sammuli – Rix Scholarship
- 1 – Groton Community Fund
- 1 (interest based) - Don Bartz Memorial
- 1- Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship

Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family Scholarship: Irvin Fliehs was a Groton High School graduate with the class of 1942. As a lifelong supporter of the Groton area, Irvin appreciated the value of higher education. In his honor, the family has established the Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family Scholarship.

Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship: Darlene Raap was a kitchen helper for the Groton school for many years. Darlene enjoyed all the children that she saw everyday. In her memory, her family has established the Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.

Class of 1969 Alumni Scholarships: The Class of 1969 challenges other classes, groups, or individuals to contribute any amount of money to the local scholarship fund set up through the Groton Community Fund. The local contacts for this purpose include Dick Kolker and other Community Fund members.

Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship: Edna was raised on a farm south of Groton during the 1930's, the years when the wind blew all of the topsoil away. She attended country school and received high marks, being an excellent student. Upon completion of her grade school education, she wanted to continue on to high school and college and become a teacher but financial times would not allow that to happen. She was an avid reader until she lost her eyesight and loved playing her mandolin and guitar. Being conversant in English and German, she sang in the church and German choirs. Her love of learning was instrumental in establishing her scholarship. "Education is something they can never take away from you. Only if you are educated can you know what is happening in the world and why. My parents could not help me, so maybe I can help someone pursue their career."

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Don Bartz Scholarships: Don was a retired farmer from the Groton and Ferney area. He attended school in Groton and wanted to give back to the Groton community. His gift to the foundation insures that the scholarships will continue forever and will continue to benefit the Groton school, community, and families.

Sammuli – Rix Scholarships: When our brother, Rudy Sammuli, died, as a family, we decided to give scholarships. Rudy never went to high school but loved education. Because he never married, he had no children of his own but had many children as friends. Rudy believed strongly in education. He was well-read and kept learning during his entire life. He helped many young people; if not monetarily, Rudy helped them through encouragement. Hopefully, these scholarships will help some deserving students.

Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship: In honor of their parents, Wilfred and Lucille Heinz, their children – Rosemary, Jean (deceased), Judy, Dan, Paul, and Tom initiated and established the Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship. As the result of cancer, Lucille died in December 1955 at the age of 41; as the result of a heart attack Wilfred died in February 1966 at the age of 51 while farming and living near Houghton, South Dakota until their deaths. Both were life-long South Dakotan's Wilfred from Ipswich and Lucille (Daly) from Columbia. Although death came early for both, their value of family, church, hard work, and life was evident in their lives and death. The preferred recipient (s) will be Groton Area High School graduates possessing like values with the propensity to engage life every day.

Application requirements:

- Fill out the local scholarship form. (answer questions, short essay, 2 recommendations)
- Write a ½ - 1 page essay addressing the topic below.

Topic: Five to ten years from now, you will be establishing a career and a home. What could you do in the future, regardless of where you live, to promote the Groton Area community and to keep your ties to this community?

Submitting one application will make you eligible for all the above scholarships.

Due TBA

Scholarships will be dispersed second semester of post-secondary enrollment