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B.E.S.T. Foundation
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February 6, 2017

Dear 2017 Seniors,

This scholarship booklet contains information about scholarships available from the Inver Grove Heights (IGH) B.E.S.T. Foundation and local organizations throughout the area. Carefully read the scholarships that interest you because selection is based entirely upon the criteria that have been established by the donors. You may receive only one scholarship award, with two exceptions: the Laurie Beedle Memorial Scholarship and IGH Lions Club Timothy P. Boche Memorial Scholarship. These two scholarships were established before the IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation was created and their recipients will be selected by the Athletic Department staff.

The [2017 Scholarship Application](#) is online at the B.E.S.T. Foundation web site, ighbestfoundation.com under the Scholarship tab. Here you will also find [the IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarship Application Worksheet](#) for completing your online 2017 B.E.S.T. application. Instructions are also located within the application and on pages 3 and 4 of this booklet.

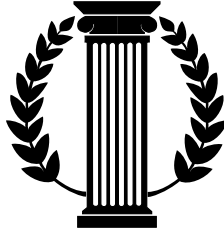
An electronic signature to release data is required for Simley High School-ISD #199, to release certain student academic data to the B.E.S.T. Foundation for scholarship consideration. This information-data is necessary for use in assessing the criteria needed for all scholarships. If you (the student) will be 18 years old on or before March 6, 2017, you may provide your electronic signature. If you are not yet 18 years old on March 6, 2017, your parent or guardian will need to electronically sign for a data release at the conclusion of this application prior to submission.

Scholarships and awards will be verified by community members who are separate from the B.E.S.T. Foundation Board of Directors. All scholarships and awards will be announced and presented at a scholarship reception on May 31, 2017. In addition, students receiving scholarships will receive letters indicating the exact procedure they must follow to receive payment. All scholarships are to be used for tuition expenses during the 2017 - 2018 school year (except for the renewable scholarships: Friends of the Inver Glen Library Scholarship in Memory of George and Dorothy Waters; Gustafson Mangold Scholarship; and the Marty Platek Memorial Football Scholarship) with all requirements to collect the scholarship completed by May 15, 2018. A student receiving a "full-ride" scholarship is not eligible for any monetary award.

Best of Luck!

B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarships 2017

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Important Dates to Remember

March 6, 2017

The scholarship application form and ALL scholarship criteria (ECF number, Essay(s) and Recommendation Form(s)) are due by 3 p.m. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the 3 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017, due date.

Last week in April

Recipients of scholarships will be notified

May 12, 2017

RSVP due for Scholarship Reception

May 31, 2017

Scholarship Reception at the Simley Performing Arts Center

2017 Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarship Application

The mission of the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation is to raise and award funds for post-secondary scholarships to Simley High School graduates.

1.) There are three steps to the B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarship application process; 1) This [2017 Scholarship Application](#) form, which includes a Data Release component, 2) a [Recommendation form\(s\)](#) and 3) [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#). ALL are to be submitted by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017! There are NO EXCEPTIONS to 3 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017, due date.

2.) PLEASE read through ALL the instructions and questions prior to completing this Application. Pay specific attention to the examples of how to document/record Simley High experiences and achievements, community activity and volunteering and/or employment experience(s).

3.) Some scholarships require "Recommendations" from faculty and/or staff, clergy and/or community member(s) and/or employer. Please ask for "Recommendation(s)" EARLY in this application process. Recommendations MUST be submitted using the 2017 [Recommendation form\(s\)](#). Hard copy or emailed recommendations will NOT be accepted. 2017 [Recommendation form\(s\)](#) must be submitted by 3 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2017. NO exceptions.

4.) Some scholarship criteria require an essay. Meeting essay(s) criteria could earn \$1,000-\$3,500 in scholarship funds. Scholarship essay(s) are DUE in electronic format using the 2017 [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#) by 3 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017. Hard copy or emailed essays will not be accepted. NO exceptions. Submit your essay using the 2017 [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#). The 2017 Scholarship Essay Criteria Form allows you to copy/paste constructed responses into it drafted from Word or Google Docs document.

5.) Please plan for 60 minutes to complete this application. It is most helpful to complete the IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Activities Worksheet located under 'Scholarship' on the B.E.S.T. Foundation website <http://www.ighbestfoundation.com> prior to completing this application. This [2017 Scholarship Application](#) form should be completed in ONE session. There is the option if you want or need to edit a response. When you complete your Scholarship Application upon submitting you will be given a unique URL. You will need this URL to edit your response.

6.) A copy of your 2017 Application responses will be emailed to the address you provide when beginning the 2017 Scholarship Application.

7.) If applying for scholarship(s) with a financial need requirement, you MUST provide the Estimated Family Contribution or EFC number information from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. The FAFSA application must be completed FIRST, prior to this 2017 Scholarship Application. The FAFSA application is found at fafsa.ed.gov. The Estimated Family Contribution or EFC number code is posted in your FAFSA email confirmation. Enter your EFC number code in this application.

8.) ALL scholarship criteria data is submitted online: (A) [2017 Scholarship Application](#), (B) [Recommendation form\(s\)](#) (C) [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#). If you have any questions, please see the 2017 Scholarship Booklet, www.ighbestfoundation.com or email ighbestfoundation@gmail.com. Simley's Career Center Coordinator Ms. Kimble is a helpful resource too.

9.) When documenting Simley High School Experiences, Activities, Honors, Awards- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE follow the example(s) provided in this application for reporting participation, honors and/or awards.

10.) When documenting grade 9 to 12 (past four years) experiences of Service Learning, Volunteering and/or Employment, again, PLEASE follow the provided examples of reporting participation and hours served or worked.

11.) Proof your form entries. At the conclusion of this application, certify that information given herein is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Understand that omitted, incorrect and or misleading information on this B.E.S.T. Scholarship application may result in the forfeit of a scholarship.

12.) An electronic signature to release data is required for Simley High School-ISD #199, to release certain student academic data to the B.E.S.T. Foundation for scholarship consideration. This information-data is necessary for use in assessing the criteria needed for all scholarships. If you (the student) will be 18 years old on or before March 6, 2017, you may provide your electronic signature. If you are not yet 18 years old on March 6, 2017, your parent or guardian will need to electronically sign for a data release at the conclusion of this application prior to submission.

13.) The Scholarship Selection Committee is comprised of local volunteers. Members of the IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Board of Directors are NOT eligible, nor are parents of students in the senior class or scholarship donors to participate in scholarship selection verification.

14.) Scholarship Applicants are awarded the greatest dollar-value scholarship for which their combined composite score allows from the pool of scholarship criteria candidates by awarding first, from the greatest dollar amount to least as determined by applicant's final criteria composite score and selection committee.

15.) This Application may be verified by the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. Any incorrect and or misleading information on this Scholarship Application may result in the forfeit of a scholarship.

16.) One final reminder that the Due Date & Time is: 3 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017 - NO Exceptions. Submit: (A) [2017 Scholarship Application](#), (B) [Recommendation form\(s\)](#) and (C) [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#). For scholarship specifics and details or questions, reference the online 2017 B.E.S.T. Scholarship Booklet. (Scholarship criteria must be met for scholarships to be awarded.) www.ighbestfoundation.com or email ighbestfoundation@gmail.com. Simley's Career Center Coordinator Ms. Kimble is a helpful resource too.

Need-Based Scholarship Information

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The B.E.S.T. Foundation uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to determine financial need. To be considered for scholarships that list Financial Need as a criterion, one of the following must be submitted in your scholarship application:

- The EFC number from your FAFSA application.
- The EFC number code is posted in your FAFSA email confirmation.

Without FAFSA/EFC information, applicants will not be considered for any scholarship that lists Financial Need as a criterion.

B.E.S.T. Scholarship Student recipient criteria:

The originator of the scholarship determines a criteria priority the student must meet in order to be awarded the particular scholarship by Ranking Criteria.

Each area of criteria is given a score as determined by the Student's IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation Application and verified by community volunteers.

Criteria area(s) composite scores represent a student who is "well rounded". Criteria priority(s) Composite Score may include the following areas:

1. **Academics:** GPA, Class Rank, ACT/SAT scores, and honors ranking
2. **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and Sports:** participation, leadership and achievement
3. **Community Volunteer and Service Learning:** participation, leadership, duration
4. **Community Activities:** participation, leadership and achievement
5. **Employment:** work history, duration
6. **Financial Need requirement,** as determined by student submitting EFC number on fafsa.ed.gov application
7. **Originator(s) of a scholarship may identify additional criteria requirement(s) that must be met or preference given to**

Once an applicant's Composite Score is calculated, additional criteria requirements are factored in resulting in an applicant's Final Criteria Composite Score.

Scholarship applicants are awarded the greatest dollar-value scholarship as determined by the Final Criteria Composite Score (combined composite score and additional scholarship criteria requirements).

Note: Scholarships are paid directly to the post-secondary institution, generally upon verification of completion of the student's first semester of post-secondary education.

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Allrounder Remodeling Inc. Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Allrounder Remodeling Inc. and is awarded to a Simley graduate who plans to attend a vocational, technical or community college or apprenticeship program with the intention of learning a skilled trade related to home building or remodeling.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Two recommendations from community leaders, employers or teachers. Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).
- Attend a vocational, technical or community college or apprenticeship program for skilled trade related to home building or remodeling



American Legion Post 424 College Scholarships

American Legion Post 424 has donated funds to the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation to provide scholarships for the students of Simley High School planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university.

Three Scholarships: \$3,000 each

- **Two Scholarship for students having a B average or better**
- **One Scholarship for a student having a C average or better**

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**
- **Financial Need**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Recipient must be a United States citizen**
- **Two scholarships GPA of 3.0 or better**
- **One scholarship GPA of 2.0 or better**
- **Attend a two-year or four-year college or university**



American Legion Post 424 Technical College Scholarships

American Legion Post 424 has donated funds to the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation to provide scholarships for the students of Simley High School who plan to attend a technical school.

Three Scholarships: \$3,000 each

- Two Scholarships for students having a B average or better
- One Scholarship for a student having a C average or better

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Recipient must be a United States citizen
- Two scholarships GPA of 3.0 or better
- One scholarship GPA of 2.0 or better
- Attend a technical college

Bituminous Roadways, Inc. Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Bituminous Roadways, Inc., to recognize a senior based on academic achievement, leadership and involvement, and community service. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Bremer Community Service Award

This award has been established by Bremer Bank to recognize a senior who has actively demonstrated leadership and citizenship qualities through community service.

Award: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Two community recommendations based on your service in the community (persons not related to you and not teachers). Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).

Brian G. Youmans State Farm Insurance Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Brian G. Youmans of State Farm Insurance to recognize a senior based on leadership, involvement, community service and academic achievement with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year business college with an interest in becoming an entrepreneur.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university
- Program of study: Business/Entrepreneur

Cahill Dental Care Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Cahill Dental Care (Patricia Braga, DDS; Carrie Peroutka, DDS; and Brad Swingdorf, DDS) to encourage students to pursue a career in the dental or health science field.

Scholarship: \$1,200

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Program of Study: Dental or Health Science



CHS Grant BEST Foundation Scholarship

These scholarships are presented by a grant from CHS to help a student pursuing a two-year, technical or four-year college degree in agri-business or business-related field. Priority will be given to an agri-business student.

Five Scholarships: \$3,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Student must write an essay (250 words or less), utilizing the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#), on the topic Agriculture-Sustaining Future Generations: How do you see yourself impacting the future of agriculture/agribusiness?
- Program of Study: Agri-Business or Business

Class of 1976 Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by members of the Simley Class of 1976 in loving memory of our classmates who have passed away. They may be gone, but they are not forgotten.

The recipient is kind and considerate to peers and school staff.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better
- Recommendation from a teacher or school counselor. Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).



Dakota Electric Association Scholarship

As a non-profit customer-owned electric cooperative, Dakota Electric Association returns all margins to its members in the form of capital credits. The unclaimed capital credits are distributed as scholarships to outstanding students who are graduating from the 15 schools in Dakota Electric's service area.

The recipients have demonstrated consistent academic improvement after freshman year in high school.

Two Scholarships: \$1,500 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better

David Phillips Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of David Phillips by his family and friends. It will be awarded to a Simley High School graduate who plans to go into nursing.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better
- Program of Study: Health Care/Nursing



Deanna Marie Casey Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Deanna Casey by her family and Friends. Deanna, a Simley student who would have graduated in 2008, was killed by a drunk driver on October 28, 2006.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better
- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university
- Program of Study: Law Enforcement

Don Roberts Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by the students, athletes, friends and family of Don Roberts.

An outstanding and beloved teacher and coach, Don Roberts retired in 1987 after nearly three decades at Simley High School, during which time he was the head basketball coach for 22 years, an assistant football coach for 27 years, and an assistant track and baseball coach. After retiring, Don chaired the IGH B.E.S.T. Foundation's Golf Tournament every year for over 25 years to raise money for scholarships at Simley, and continued to serve our community in numerous ways.

The scholarship is designed to recognize a senior who expects to become a teacher and coach. The recipient must plan to attend a two- or four-year college or university.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Attend a two-year or four-year college or university**
- **Program of Study: Teacher and Coach**



Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarships

Two Scholarships: \$2,500 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.7 or better
- Two Recommendations; one from a teacher or counselor and one who can attest to your learning experience referenced in your essay). Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).
- Entrepreneur essay: An entrepreneur is one who owns, launches, manages and assumes the responsibilities of a venture or project; an organizer, a promoter, a producer. At Flint Hills Resources, we believe in entrepreneurship. At all times, we strive to act as entrepreneurs and to demonstrate the sense of urgency, discipline, accountability, judgment, initiative, economic and critical thinking skills, and risk-taking mentality necessary to generate the greatest contribution to the company. Please address this philosophy in your application. Using the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#) provide a 1 page essay on the following topic:
Give a specific example of a time during your high-school career that you took leadership and ownership over a project or an event. How were you (knowingly or unknowingly) incorporating the principals of entrepreneurship?
Explain how the experience helped you to grow and develop your potential.
Explain how the project or event benefited your community or school.
- Program of Study: Business/Entrepreneur

Francis and Patricia Biljan Memorial Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Francis and Patricia Biljan, whose children attended Simley High School.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better

Friends of the Inver Glen Library Scholarship in Memory of George and Dorothy Waters

This scholarship, which is renewable for up to three additional years, has been established by the Friends of the Inver Glen Library. The scholarship is designed to recognize a senior who has GPA of 3.00 or better and who intends to major in Elementary Education, and promote English literacy as a teacher. The recipient must plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or university. This scholarship may be renewed annually for up to three additional years, subject to the recipient remaining an Elementary Education major, and maintaining a GPA of 2.75 or better.

Scholarship: \$1,500 Scholarship, Renewable for up to Three Additional Years, for a Total of \$6,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.00 or better
- Preference will be given to applicant who have volunteered at the Inver Glen Library
- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university
- Program of Study: Elementary Education/Literacy
- This scholarship may be renewed annually for up to three additional years, subject to the recipient remaining an Elementary Education major and maintaining a GPA of 2.75 or better.



Gallagher - Hansen VFW Post 295 and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Gallagher-Hansen VFW Post 295 and Ladies Auxiliary to recognize a senior who plans to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Recipient to be a child or grandchild of a veteran or whose parent is currently serving in a branch of the military

Gerten Greenhouses Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Gerten Greenhouses to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Horticulture or Business



Glen H. Kruise Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Glen Kruise Jr. by his parents, Glen and Pat, and his sister Bonnie, as well as family and friends. Glen was a 1985 Simley graduate who died from heart disease in 1990. While at Simley, Glen was very active in the Jazz, Concert and Marching Bands.

This scholarship will be given to a senior who has been active in band at Simley and who plans to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Current band member
- Student must write a paragraph (100 words or less), utilizing the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#), describing the way in which his or her participation in band has affected his or her life.

Gustafson Mangold Scholarship

This scholarship, which is renewable for an additional year, has been established by Patrick and Julie Gustafson. The Gustafson Mangold Scholarship has been established to recognize a male or female senior who has successfully balanced high school while maintaining above a C Average and participated in athletics in one of the following sports: Soccer, Track, Hockey or Golf and who plans to attend an accredited two or four-year college or university.

This scholarship may be renewed for an additional year, subject to the recipient submitting proof of a GPA 2.0 or better after the second-year fall semester.

Scholarship: \$1,000 Scholarship, Renewable for an additional year, for a total of \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 2.0 or better**
- **Participated in athletics in one of the following sports: Soccer, Track, Hockey or Golf**
- **Attend a two-year or four-year college or university**
- **This scholarship may be renewed for an additional year, subject to the recipient submitting proof of a GPA 2.0 or better after the second year fall semester**

Hrvatski Dom Memorial College Scholarship

This scholarship is given by the Hrvatski Dom Association (Croatian Hall) in memory of its deceased members, many of whom, as first and second generation Americans, placed great emphasis on education.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Attend a two-year or four-year college or university**

Hrvatski Dom Memorial Technical College Scholarship

This scholarship is given by the Hrvatski Dom Association (Croatian Hall) of South St. Paul for a Simley graduate who plans to attend a technical school.

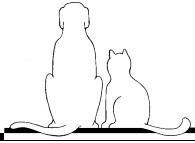
Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Attend a technical school**



Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by the Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.**
- **Program of Study: Health Care**

Inver Grove Heights Band Booster Scholarship

The Band Booster Scholarship is based upon students' all-around contributions to the band program as a whole and their individual development as members of the Simley High School Band.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Must have participated in band for 12 trimesters or the equivalent of four years of high school.**
- **Must be able to play, with confidence, all twelve major scales (Percussion: 40 rudiments).**
- **Needs to have participated in all concert performances, unless has had extenuating circumstance, parental and/or director consent.**
- **Must have consistently participated in athletic band performances.**
- **Must have performed a solo at the MSHSL Solo and Ensemble in senior year.**
- **Must have performed as part of an ensemble at MSHSL Solo and Ensemble in senior year.**
- **Must have participated and performed at Large Group Contest all four years.**
- **Must have performed/participated in extra-curricular band functions, i.e., Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Honor Band(s), Pit Orchestra, Drumline, etc.**
- **Must have lettered in band four consecutive years of high school (with the exception of a student who moves into the district during high school).**



Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Academic Scholarships

Scholarships will be given to thirteen Simley Class of 2017 graduates on behalf of friends of the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation.

These scholarships will be presented to Simley seniors who have exhibited academic excellence and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Thirteen Scholarships: \$1,500 each

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 3.0 or better**



Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship

This scholarship will be given to a Simley Class of 2017 graduate on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 3.0 or better**



Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation

Dr. W.A. (Art) Gessner Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. W. A. Gessner Memorial Scholarship was created by the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation to honor a man who devoted his life to education. He began his education as a small child, eager to learn. Art did not think he could read well enough, so at the age of six, he started spending hours at the library to enhance his reading ability. His education continued in the United States Navy, St. Cloud Teacher's College, and the University of Minnesota. Art Gessner today remains the youngest person to ever hold the position of Superintendent of Schools in Minnesota. From 1970-1974, Art oversaw the construction of the first buildings on campus, and he was the first President of Inver Hills Community College. However, he missed K-12 education and in 1974 became the second Superintendent of Schools for Independent School District No. 199. Retiring in 1985, he had a desire to find a way to provide college scholarships for graduates of Simley High School. The School Board authorized a task force to study the options, and in 1988 three scholarships totaling \$2,000 were awarded. On April 1, 1992, Dr. Gessner was the signer on the incorporation documents creating the nonprofit organization known as the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation. Without his dedication and service to our community, this foundation may not exist today.

This scholarship will be presented to a Simley senior who has exhibited academic excellence and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better



Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship will be given to a Simley Class of 2017 graduate on behalf of friends of the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation in memory of past Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Board members Jim Beedle, George Cameron, Dorne Davis, Art Giguere, Roberta Lund, Al Millinczek, Rose Sterrett, Leroy Levine, Lyle Jacoby and Jim Metzen.

This scholarship will be presented to a Simley senior who has exhibited academic excellence and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship: \$3,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better



Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships will be given to three Simley Class of 2017 graduates on behalf of friends of the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation.

These scholarships will be presented to Simley seniors who have exhibited involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Three Scholarships: \$1,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better

Inver Grove Heights Community Scholarship

This scholarship was established by an anonymous donor, to inspire community members to donate matching funds at the May Day 5K.

Ten Scholarships: \$1,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities

Additional criteria requirement:

- Planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school
- Preference given to Co-Curricular Activity(s) &/or Fine Arts and/or Athletics participant/students
- Preference given to students in the 30th-70th percentile of their class

Inver Grove Heights Community Service Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Joe and Julia Atkins, Simley graduates who received scholarships when they graduated.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Inver Grove Heights Education Minnesota College Scholarship

Education Minnesota-Inver Grove Heights, our local teachers' union, has established this scholarship to recognize a senior based on his or her academic achievements, leadership, and good character. The recipient must plan to attend an accredited college and plan for a career in the field of education.

Scholarship: \$1,750

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Education



Inver Grove Heights Heat Soccer Association Scholarship Female Soccer Player and Male Soccer Player

This scholarship has been established by the Inver Grove Heights *Heat Soccer Association* to recognize one female soccer player and one male soccer player based on leadership and involvement, community service and academic achievement. The recipients must have played with the Inver Grove Heights Heat for the past three consecutive summers. ** In the event both a male and female do not meet the playing soccer requirement the scholarship may be awarded to 2 players of the same gender meeting the playing soccer requirement.

Two Scholarships: \$1,500 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Participation in Inver Grove Heights Heat soccer for the past three consecutive summers



Inver Grove Heights Lions Club Pesek Memorial Scholarship

George Pesek, a member of the Inver Grove Heights Lions Club since September 1977, was a wonderful humanitarian who firmly believed in the Lions concept of giving back something to the community. Handicapped since birth, George rarely missed a Lions event or fundraiser, even after he was diagnosed with cancer in 1993. An example of his tenacity was the time he assisted the Lions Club in painting a house for an elderly woman shortly after returning from the hospital after surgery. George Pesek died in January of 1996 at the age of 63, just two months following the death of his beloved wife Kaye. Through the Pesek Memorial Scholarship, the legacy of George and Kaye Pesek will continue to live on.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**



Inver Grove Heights Lions Club Timothy P. Boche Memorial Scholarship



*** Exempt scholarship*

This scholarship is presented by the Inver Grove Heights Lions in memory of Timothy P. Boche. Timothy lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Simley. He was a member of National Honor Society, was Student Council president and in drama. He worked hard to promote Simley and build a better community. Timothy drowned in the summer of 1966, after his junior year at Simley.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Male athlete

Note: Upon verification of the completion of requirements by B.E.S.T. Foundation, the Lion's Club will issue check to student and school jointly. Therefore, the social security number is required on the authorization.

Inver Grove Heights Senior Club Scholarship

The Inver Grove Heights Senior Club has established this scholarship to be given to a graduating senior who is continuing with his/her education through college, a form of trade school, or in military service.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Must be a resident of Inver Grove Heights

Inver Grove Heights Traveling Basketball Scholarship

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Participation in traveling basketball programs in the third through the eighth grade**

James Drexler Memorial Scholarship

Our father, James Drexler, was one of the founding staff members at Simley. He was a teacher, counselor, and dean of students from 1960 to his retirement in 1985. The passion of his career was helping his students and he always strove to support each one to become their own special person. He felt blessed with the opportunity to teach so many. When he passed away at age 87 in May 2014, he was still worried about those he could not reach. For this reason, we his children, decided to try and continue to help and support students from Simley with this scholarship.

Scholarship: \$1.000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 3.0 or better**
- **Preference for a student involved in Theatre Guild, Speech/Debate and/or NHS**
- **Recipient must plan to attend a Technical School/College, two-year Community College, or a four-year College or University**
- **Program of Study: Liberal Arts, Media & Communications, English, Theatre**



Jennifer Lee Pennington Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Jennifer by her parents, Phil and Joan. Jennifer was killed by lightning during a family vacation in August of 1996, one month before her thirteenth birthday.

Scholarship: \$3,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.4 or better
- Be actively participating or serving in church's ministries
- The applicant needs to obtain two Recommendations, using the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#): one from his or her church pastor/priest/minister or youth director confirming the applicant's active participation in or service to one of the church's ministries and a second from a teacher, administrator or custodian giving testimony to the applicant's good character and respectful treatment of school staff.
- Be committed to maintaining a drug-free, healthy body
- Write a very brief description, utilizing the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#), of the things he or she does to maintain a drug-free healthy body.

Jim Gahlon Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of Jim Gahlon, father of two Simley graduates. Jim passed away in 2015. His son Brian played Spartan Baseball, Football, and Basketball; Jim was always there to support Brian and his teammates.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Athletics

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better
- Participation in a minimum of 2 of 3: Fine Arts and Athletics and Co-Curricular activity
- Two recommendations from: A coach and/or Fine Arts director and/or Co-curricular advisor (persons not related applicant). Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).
- A brief description about what this scholarship means to you. Use the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#). Description is optional but preferred.
- Recipient must plan to attend a Technical School/College, two-year Community College, or a four-year College or University

Jim Hayes Memorial Scholarship

The Jim Hayes Memorial Scholarship is supported through a Fishing Contest that is held by the family and friends of James Mathew Hayes. Jim was the owner of J and P Auto located in IGH. We would like the opportunity to continue to giving back to the community by financially assisting a student in furthering their education.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Preference given to someone who has participated in community service the last three years
- Plans to attend a four-year college
- Program of Study: Medical Field

Jim Short Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Jim Short by his family and friends to recognize a student that has excelled in the sport of wrestling. Jim was Simley's wrestling coach from 1970 to 2013 and achieved six state team and numerous individual state championships in his long career.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Activities

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Male athlete
- Two-time high school letter winner
- Exhibits leadership skills
- Planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school
- One recommendation from a wrestling coach, use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).



John Weber Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by the Weber family in memory of their son and brother John, a 1986 Simley graduate. The scholarship will be given to a senior who plans to attend a technical school with a preferred, but not required, major in auto mechanics, or who plans to attend a two-year community college.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Auto Mechanics preferred, but not required
- Brief written statement (no more than one page) by the applicant stating desire for the award and showing examples of leadership utilizing the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#).

Joni Stanton Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is established in loving memory of Joni Stanton by her family and friends. Joni was an elementary teacher in Inver Grove Heights for 25 years and loved by her students. The recipient must plan to attend a vocational school, trade school or four-year college program.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 2.0 or better
- Program of Study: Education



Kari Ann Chermak Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Kari Ann Chermak by her parents, Karen and Jerry, family, and friends. Kari was killed in a car crash on October 9, 1998.

The scholarship will be awarded this year to a senior pursuing a degree in the education or engineering field.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 3.0 or better**
- **Two character recommendations – one from a teacher and one from an employer). These need to be completed with the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).**
- **Program of Study: Education or Engineering**



Keenan Buhl Memorial Band Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by the family and friends of Keenan Buhl. Keenan passed away after a three-year battle with depression. Keenan was a gifted musician; playing accordion, tuba, bass guitar, acoustic guitar, and electric guitar for school, church, and various community events. He was a great athlete; co-captain of the swim team, competing at state level, voted “Most Improved Swimmer,” and earning over half of the team’s points during his last season. Keenan was a good friend to many. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his smile and the love he shared with his family and friends.

Scholarship: \$5,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Band member, minimum of two years
- Demonstration of good leadership skills and ability
- Participated in high school athletics
- Preferred Program of Study: Music (performance, minor or major)



Key Community Bank Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Key Community Bank to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarships

The Kopp Family Foundation was founded with a primary emphasis to provide educational scholarships to young people who intend to pursue some type of higher education. The scholarships provide financial assistance and act as a forum for providing reinforcement to young people for exhibiting positive attributes.

Two Scholarships: \$1,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better



Laurie Beedle Memorial Scholarship

*** Exempt scholarship*

This scholarship is presented by the James Beedle family in honor of Laurie Beedle, a 1978 graduate of Simley High School, who died in an airplane accident in April of 1984.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Female athlete
- GPA of 2.0 or better

LeRoy Levine Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by the family and friends of LeRoy Levine to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$750

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Business-related field, i.e. business administration, marketing, sales

LeVander, Gillen & Miller Law Firm Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by the LeVander, Gillen & Miller Law Firm to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Law, Public Administration, Safety

Mark H. Bernardy Memorial Scholarship

This award has been established in loving memory of Mark H. Bernardy by his family and friends.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 2.0 or better**
- **Program of Study: Engineering**



Marty Platek Memorial Football Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Martin (Marty) E. Platek by his family. Marty, a 2006 graduate of Simley High School will be remembered for his loyalty and kindness to his family and friends. Marty was always active and loved playing sports: football, baseball, track, skiing, boating, tubing and fishing. He played football for the Simley Spartans four years of high school, was team captain his senior year and was selected for the All-Conference team both his Junior and Senior years. Marty was a junior at the University of Wisconsin – Stout studying Business Administration. He played football for the Blue Devils during his three years at Stout. He was a member of the North American Fishing Club and the American Bass Anglers and spent most of his free time fishing. Marty was killed tragically in a snowmobile accident in January 2009.

Scholarship: \$1,000, Renewable the student's third year of college with proof of enrollment and a transcript, for a total of \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Played Simley football junior and senior year**
- **GPA 2.5 or better**
- **Aspires to play college football**
- **Plans to attend a two-year or four-year college [** If there is no applicant pursuing a two-year or four-year degree, the scholarship may be awarded to someone meeting the above criteria, attending a technical college Program of Study: Electronics.]**

Midwest Vending Scholarship

Each year Midwest Vending provides scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors who will attend a vocational, technical or community college or apprenticeship program.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 2.0 or better**
- **Plans to attend a vocational/technical or community college or apprenticeship program**

Milbert Company Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Bob Milbert to recognize a senior based on academic achievement, leadership and involvement, and community service. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Mizpah Masonic Lodge 191 of South St. Paul and Minnesota Masonic Charities Scholarship

The Mizpah Masonic Lodge 191 has established this scholarship to recognize a senior based on academic achievement and who actively demonstrated leadership and citizenship qualities through community service. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Two community recommendations based on your service in the community (persons not related to you and not teachers). Use the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#).

Note: \$750 of this scholarship is provided by Mizpah Masonic Lodge 191 of South St. Paul and is awarded through the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation/South Saint Paul Educational Foundation. \$750 is provided by Minnesota Masonic Charities via check made out to the student and post-secondary institution. Recipient must provide name and social security number to Minnesota Masonic Charities.

Republic Services Environmental Scholarships

Republic Services will provide scholarships to two Simley High School seniors who plan to attend accredited four-year institutions in pursuit of majors in engineering, physical sciences (chemistry, physics), or the environmental field. The scholarship will be awarded to seniors who have exhibited a commitment to community service activities, have a B average or better and have been involved in extra-curricular activities.

Two Scholarships: \$2,500 each

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **GPA of 3.0 or better**
- **Attend a four-year college or university**
- **Program of Study: Engineering, Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics), or Environmental Sciences**

Republic Services Pine Bend Landfill Scholarship

Pine Bend Landfill will provide a scholarship to a Simley High School senior who plans to attend an accredited four-year institution in pursuit of a major in engineering, physical sciences (chemistry, physics), or the environmental field. The scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has exhibited a commitment to community service activities, have a B average or better and has been involved in extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship: \$2,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Written statement describing what you feel are the issues impacting solid waste management in the future (500 words or less) utilizing the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#).
- Attend a four-year college or university
- Program of Study: Engineering, Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics), or the Environmental field.



Rich Hennen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is established by the family of Rich Hennen, a graduate of Simley High School. He was an honorable man that believed in the power of a great education, staying physically active, and being a leader in his community. He excelled in academics receiving his bachelor's degree and starting his own business while raising a family. He taught us his values and while we live them out to the best of our ability, we want to see these values continue to live on in his memory through new graduates of Simley. That's why we've created the Richard Hennen Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded to one student who exemplifies the very same determination, passion, and energy our father did.

Scholarship: \$2,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Financial need
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.3 or better
- Two letters of recommendation, using the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#) from Simley Coaches
- Attend a four-year college or university
- Preference will be given to a student that has participated in golf, music, and/or hockey.

Richard and Georgia Salsbury Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 2000 of Inver Grove Heights. It has been established to honor Richard and Georgia Salsbury who worked tirelessly for many years to raise funds for Post 2000 and veterans in general. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior with a family member that is currently serving, or has been honorably discharged, in/from any branch of U.S. Military forces. The recipient must attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Applicants must write a brief paper describing what United States citizenship means to him/her.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Inver Grove Heights, MN
- Must be the child or sibling of an actively serving or honorably discharged American Service veteran
- Written statement describing what US citizenship means to you. Please include name of family member(s) who are serving or has served in a military branch in your written statement. This needs to be completed on the [Scholarship Criteria Essay\(s\)](#).

Roberts Funeral Home Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Roberts Funeral Home of Inver Grove Heights to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Preference will be given to a student working part-time during the school year
- Program of Study: Health Sciences



Russ Olson Memorial Scholarships

This scholarship has been established in memory of Russ Olson, a 1999 graduate of Simley High School who passed away from bone cancer in 2004.

Two Scholarships: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Male who has lettered in Varsity Basketball
- Participated in the Inver Grove Heights Youth Basketball programs and has the love for the game.



Simley Gymnastics Scholarship

The Simley Gymnastics Scholarship has been established to recognize a senior based on leadership, dedication, academics or improvement in high school. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Female Gymnast grades 9 – 12
- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university



Simley Swimming/Diving Booster Club Scholarship

The Simley Swimming/Diving Booster Club Scholarship will be awarded annually to a male or a female swimmer.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Swimming participation from either a Simley Girl or Boy High School
- Participation in Simley Swimming in all grades 9-12



Simley Varsity Basketball Boosters Scholarship Female or Male Basketball Player

This scholarship will be presented to a Simley female or a male basketball player who has participated in Simley High School basketball multiple years, including their senior year.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Participated in Simley High School basketball multiple years, including senior year**
- **GPA of 2.5 or better**

Simon's Appliance Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Simon's Appliance to recognize a senior based on leadership and involvement, community service, and academic achievement. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**



SKB Environmental, Inc. Achievement Scholarships

The SKB Environmental, Inc. of St. Paul has provided these scholarships for Simley graduates who have demonstrated excellence in academics throughout high school:

- One Scholarship for a student having a B average or better
- One Scholarship for a student having a C average or better

Two Scholarships: \$1,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment
- Financial Need

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- One scholarship GPA of 3.0 or better
- One scholarship GPA of 2.0 or better
- Two-year or four-year college or university



SKB Environmental, Inc. Environmental Scholarships

The SKB Environmental, Inc. of St. Paul has established these scholarships to recognize achievements in academics:

- One Scholarship for a student having a B average or better
- One Scholarship for a student having a C average or better

Two Simley students who plan to pursue professional careers that include significant and extensive study of the environment.

Two Scholarships: \$1,000 each

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- One scholarship GPA of 3.0 or better
- One scholarship GPA of 2.0 or better
- Planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university
- Program of Study in one of the following areas: Agriculture, Biology, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Environmental Engineering or Forestry



South St. Paul / Inver Grove Heights Rotary Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by the South St. Paul / Inver Grove Heights Rotary Club to promote community service. Rotary Club is a business service organization that provides service, funds, leadership, and understanding for the betterment of our local community and internationally.

Scholarship: \$1,500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Employment
- Financial Need

Susan A. Gudden Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship

The Susan A. Gudden Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship has been established by her family and friends to honor her memory. Sue was an elementary teacher for almost 30 years, the majority of which were in Inver Grove Heights Public Schools. Sue died in 2009 from metastatic breast cancer and the complications that followed.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Elementary Education
- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university

Susan A. Gudden Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship

The Susan A. Gudden Memorial Scholarship has been established by her family and friends to honor her memory. Sue was an elementary teacher for almost 30 years, the majority of which were in Inver Grove Heights Public Schools. Sue died in 2009 from metastatic breast cancer and the complications that followed.

Scholarship: \$1,000

Composite score that includes:

- **Academic Achievement**
- **Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports**
- **Community Volunteer and Service Learning**
- **Community Activities**
- **Employment**

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- **Program of Study: Law Enforcement**

Taylor - Rothlisburger Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is established by residents of Inver Grove Heights to provide financial assistance to a young woman in her third or fourth year of college in a Bachelor of Arts Degree Program. [Taylor-Rothlisburger Memorial Scholarship Application](#)

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- First preference is given to Program of Study: declared major in Secondary Education who will become a teacher of Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Computer Science or Biology.
- Second preference is given to Program of Study: declared major in Physics or Mathematics.
- Third preference is given to an applicant who has received this scholarship previously while meeting the criteria listed for the first or second preference.
- Applicant must be a full-time student and in good academic standing.
- Applicant must provide a recommendation from her college advisor using the [College Advisor Recommendation form](#).

Terry Lundell Scholarship

This scholarship will be presented to a Simley senior who is an outdoor enthusiast.

Scholarship: \$500

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Plan to attend the University of St. Thomas
- Working their own way through college
- Preference for a student not a member of NHS

- Preference for student employed by UPS

Tim Lemke Construction Inc. AVID Scholarship

This scholarship is established to recognize someone interested in a trade who has taken classes through the AVID program. The recipient must plan to attend a two-year college or technical school.

Scholarship: \$500

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Program of Study: Trade
- Must be an AVID attendee



Timothy John Beckmann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in loving memory of Timothy John Beckmann by his family and friends. Tim, a 1993 graduate of Simley High School, will be remembered for his good nature, kindness, quick wit and his swimming ability. Tim was active in cross country, band, National Honor Society, peer tutoring and swimming, where he was All State. Tim was active in Boy Scouts, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from St. John's University with honors and a degree in English Literature. He died in an automobile accident in November 1998.

An endowment has been established in his honor for a Simley High School senior who plans to attend a four-year college or university, demonstrates leadership through scouts, church, or other community activities and meets the composite score criteria. And has C+ or better average for first semester at college.

Scholarship: \$2,000

Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- GPA of 3.3 or better
- High school athlete two years (junior and senior years)
- Two letters of recommendation, using the [Recommendation form\(s\)](#):
 1. One from a Simley teacher
 2. One from a community leader (scouts, church, community organization, etc.)

- **Attend a four-year college or university**



Xcel Energy Scholarship

Xcel Energy provides gas and electric energy to the community, and is pleased to support bright young minds pursuing education in energy generation, energy distribution, environmental sciences, or electrical line work and maintenance.

Scholarship: \$750

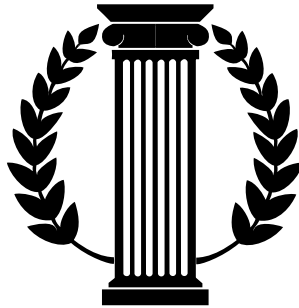
Composite score that includes:

- Academic Achievement
- Simley Co-Curricular Activity(s) Fine Arts and/or Sports
- Community Volunteer and Service Learning
- Community Activities
- Employment

Additional Criteria Requirement:

- Attend a two-year or four-year college or university
- Program of Study intent in either:
 - Engineering (civil, electric or natural gas);
 - Environmental Studies; Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Biomass) or Electrical Power Line Worker/Maintenance

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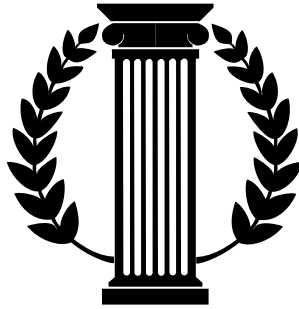
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Requirements for Payment of Funds

- The majority of scholarships will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the first term and can show enrollment in the second term (i.e. a copy of the grade transcript from the first term and a class schedule for the next term). Student must also provide his or her student ID number and the name and address of the school to which the scholarship check is to be sent.
- It is the responsibility of the recipient to complete all the requirements for scholarships in this booklet no later than May 15, 2018 (except for the renewable scholarships).
- All scholarships are to be used for tuition expenses during the 2017 - 2018 school year (except for the renewable scholarships).
- Scholarship recipients are encouraged to send a letter of appreciation to the organization, family, or person(s) who sponsored their scholarship. If the scholarship was given anonymously, a thank-you note may be sent to the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation and it will be forwarded to the donor.

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The Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation is an entity that is separate from, but supportive of Inver Grove Heights Independent School District 199.

A gift to the Inver Grove Heights B.E.S.T. Foundation can make a great difference in the lives of our young people. A gift may be undesignated, may be designated to a specific existing scholarship, or may be designated to establish a new scholarship.

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