



Patrick & Theresa Wingen Family Vocational School Scholarship

Purpose: To identify and retain outstanding area high school seniors dedicated to furthering their education in a health-related occupation. This scholarship is in honor of Patrick and Theresa Wingen for their commitment to healthcare occupations achieved through attending a Vocational Technical Institution.

Award: A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who plans to attend an area **Vocational Technical Institution** and pursue a course of study in a **healthcare profession**.

Qualifications:

Applicants of the scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ High school seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at a Vocational Technical Institution in South Dakota, Western Iowa Technical College, Northwest Iowa Community College or Northeast Community College.
- ◆ Cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater.

Required Attachments:

- ◆ Complete attached application.
- ◆ **Essay:** Attach a self-written essay (no more than 2 pages) detailing the following information:
 - Your high school achievements or honors, community and school activities, employment history;
 - Plans for future study and why you are pursuing your chosen healthcare field;
 - Involvement in healthcare related activity (volunteer and/or paid activity).
- ◆ One letter of reference from a teacher, counselor or employer speaking to your interest in pursuing a healthcare career.
- ◆ Official High School transcript (cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater).
- ◆ Copy of your college entrance examination (ACT/ SAT) scores.

Other details:

- ◆ Recipients are **strongly encouraged** to attend the Dakota Hospital Foundation Leadership Dinner on May 11th, 2026.

Applications must be received by March 31, and submitted to:

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