

## **William L. Costello NWMSU Endowed Scholarship Fact Sheet Mills County Community Foundation**

### **Type of scholarships**

A college education scholarship is available for tuition at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU). The East Mills High School senior must be accepted as a student by the institution of higher education.

### **Number of scholarships**

One scholarship of approximately \$1,000 will be awarded to benefit an East Mills High School graduating senior.

### **Who may apply?**

Only East Mills High School graduating seniors who are enrolled in a two- or four-year degree program at NWMSU may apply. The criteria for a Costello Scholar give preference to students with successful high school academic careers, extra-curricular activities, along with a demonstrated community service spirit of volunteerism.

### **How do I apply?**

Complete a William L. Costello NWMSU Endowed Scholarship application form and submit it, along with a copy of your current transcripts, to your Guidance Counselor. Applications are available from your Guidance Counselor or online at [www.swiowafoundations.org](http://www.swiowafoundations.org).

### **What is the Deadline?**

Annually, completed scholarship materials must be submitted no later than **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### **What is the purpose of the Costello scholarship?**

In making scholarship awards, the selection committee will take into consideration the donor's intent to recognize his Alma Mater, and to provide financial assistance to worthy students who explain in their application why they need the scholarship and how it will help them achieve their goals.

### **Who selects the scholarship recipients?**

A designated scholarship selection committee selected by the East Mills High School and approved by the Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board will select the recipients.

### **How is scholarship recipient notified?**

The High School Guidance Counselor office will notify the recipient of their selection and school traditions of public announcements are observed. A packet of materials for the recipient is provided to the High School Guidance Counselor office. The scholarship is paid to the student's account at NWMSU.

### **What are my responsibilities as a Costello Scholar?**

The student must maintain a C or better grade point, or the equivalent. An official transcript must be provided to the Mills County Community Foundation, 3555 Farnam Street, Suite 222, Omaha, NE 68131.

**William L. Costello NWMSU Endowed Scholarship Application  
Mills County Community Foundation**

3555 Farnam Street, Suite 222 | Omaha, NE 68131 | 800-794-3458

**Personal Data**

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Applicant Name (Last, First, Middle) Phone Number

Address City State Zip Code

Email - **PLEASE PROVIDE AN EMAIL YOU WILL BE CHECKING AND HAVE ACCESS TO BEYOND GRADUATION.**  
*All scholarship communications from Foundation staff will be sent to **this** email, including your scholarship agreement, if awarded.*

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ I am a:  high school senior  GED degree student  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s)

Parent/Guardian Home Address, if different from applicant City State Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s)

**Educational Data**

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High School Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address City State Zip Code

**School for which aid is requested**

Address City State Zip Code

Have you been accepted as a student at this school?  Yes  No

Student ID for school where you will continue your studies, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Certificate Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be:  Undergraduate 1 2 3 4  Graduate 1 2 3

I will be enrolled:  full-time  half-time or more  less than half-time

I will live:  on campus  at home with family  off campus

**Academic/Career Preparation**

Please write a short statement about your educational intentions and list any scholarships you have been awarded.\*

*\*For this and other statements, use an additional sheet when needed.*

## **Applicant Profile**

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**Academic Achievement:** Your school transcript will contain a summary of subjects and grades. Use this space to share personal scholastic self-observations that would help qualify you to receive academic financial assistance.\*

**Activities:** List all community, school, and church activities in which you have participated to a significant degree.\*

**Paid Work Experience:** List work experience (full- or part-time) you have had or attach a current resume.

Employer

How long?

Position held

Hours per week

**Special Circumstances:** Do you have any unusual family, personal, or financial circumstances that you think warrant special consideration?\*

## **Personal Statement**

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Develop a statement as to the motivating factors or important experiences that have helped to shape your philosophy and/or your educational plans/career goals. Please explain why you need this scholarship and how it will help you achieve your goals. Think carefully about this statement, as it is very important in the selection process.\*

## **Transcript**

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Please include your most recent school transcript with this application.

## **Certification**

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Your signature on this application authorizes the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and the Scholarship Committee to examine your academic and personal records and certifies the accuracy of the information you provided. **UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Please print this document before signing.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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