

Sgt. James C. Kearney, III Memorial Scholarship Fact Sheet Mills County Community Foundation

Type of scholarships

A vocational/technical or a college education scholarship is available for tuition at a school of the student's choice with preference given to students pursuing a career in active duty service, National Guard service, law enforcement, fire department, or rescue services and is or has attended East Mills High School. East Mills High School graduating senior or recent graduate (within three years) who, on the date of their graduation from high school, resides or resided within the geographical boundaries of the parts of Mills and Montgomery Counties, which were the boundaries of the Nishna Valley School District as of April 2007. The high school senior or alumni must be accepted as a student by the institution of higher education.

Number of scholarships

One scholarship of approximately \$500.

Who may apply?

For the benefit of any East Mills School District graduating senior or recent graduate (within three years) with preference given to those who, on the date of their graduation from high school, reside or resided within the geographical boundaries of the parts of Mills and Montgomery Counties, Iowa which were the boundaries of the Nishna Valley School District as of April 2007. Applicant must be pursuing a degree, full-time, at any accredited vocational/technical or educational institution or a college or university of the graduate's choice, as selected by any impartial selection committee of the East Mills School District or its successors. However, it is specifically provided that, for a student that qualifies in all other respects except for residing within the geographical boundaries, the Selection Committee can submit a written request to the Mills County Community Foundation requesting that an exemption be granted to this Student.

How do I apply?

Applicants must complete a Sgt. James C. Kearney, III Memorial Scholarship application form and **complete an essay in their own words (about 500 words) on one of the following topics:** (1) Identify someone you know that represents patriotism, good citizenship, and is a faithful volunteer and tell why; or (2) What are the characteristics of a dedicated American soldier? Submit your application, essay, and a copy of your current transcripts to the East Mills Guidance Counselor. Applications are available from your Guidance Counselor or online at www.swiowafoundations.org.

What is the Deadline?

Annually, completed scholarship materials must be postmarked no later than **March 31st** to: Guidance Counselor, East Mills High School, 1505 East 15th Street, Malvern, IA 51551.

What is the purpose of the Kearney scholarship?

In making scholarship awards, the selection committee will take into consideration the donor's intent to perpetuate the memory of Sgt. James C. Kearney, III 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 recipient?

A designated Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the East Mills School District and approved by the Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board will select the recipients.

How is the scholarship recipient notified?

High School Guidance Counselor offices are notified of selections and school traditions of public announcements are observed. A packet of materials for the recipient is provided to the High School Guidance Counselor offices. The scholarship is paid to the student's account at the educational institution the student elected.

Sgt. James C. Kearney, III Memorial Scholarship Application
Mills County Community Foundation

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Personal Data

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

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

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 and school 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

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

Please include your most recent school transcript with this application.

Certification

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: _____