

## **Charles E. & Florence Lakin Endowed Scholarship Fact Sheet Mills County Community Foundation**

### **Number of scholarships**

Four scholarships, approximately \$2,000 each, will be available to East Mills School District students. Scholarship funds are for tuition and/or books at an accredited school of the student's choice. Previous successful scholarship recipients may reapply. Students may not receive the Lakin Scholarship for more than two years.

### **Who may apply?**

For the benefit of any 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, Iowa which were the boundaries of the Nishna Valley School District as of February 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 an 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?**

Complete a Charles E. & Florence Lakin Endowed Scholarship application form and submit it to the East Mills Guidance Counselor, along with a copy of your current transcripts and a cover letter explaining why the scholarship is requested. Applications are available from the East Mills High School guidance counselor's office or online at [www.swiowafoundations.org](http://www.swiowafoundations.org).

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

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

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

In making scholarship awards, the selection committee will take into consideration the donor's intent to perpetuate and honor the Lakin family, long-time residents of Mills County, 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 appointed by the East Mills School District and approved by the Mills County Community Foundation Advisory Board will select the recipients at an April meeting.

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

The selection committee will notify the Charles E. Lakin Charitable Foundation after they have made their decision and before any public announcement. The Foundation will, if available, personally present scholarship certificates during the school scholarship awards ceremony. A packet of materials for the recipient is provided to the high school guidance counselor offices. Scholarships are paid to the student accounts at the educational institution elected by students.

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

Recipients must maintain a "C" or better grade point or the equivalent and send the Mills County Community Foundation a copy of each semester's transcripts along with a note to the Lakin family describing that semester's experience.

**Charles E. & Florence Lakin 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.\*

**Honors/Awards:**

**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**

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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.

Describe your personal philosophy regarding the meaning of "success". How did you come to think of this? What education or career path could lead you to live a "successful" life?

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.

Please attach your personal statement to your application. Limit to one page.

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_