

Abner Rude American Legion Post

\$2,400.00

The Abner Rude Post 481 of the American Legion South St. Paul is an organization representing veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces in time of conflicts and wars. The American Legion represents the interests of veterans and their families. It promotes and supports education and services within the community.

- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Student must be a child or grandchild of a veteran. (Not necessarily a member of the American Legion or other veterans' organization)
- Participated in volunteer activities within the school, church or community.
- Admission to an accredited post high school institution, i.e. college or vocational

Abram Family Scholarship

\$1,500.00

The Abram Family Scholarship was established by Terry and Patricia Abram in honor of his parents, Valeria and Edward, and his siblings, Dale, Derald, Pat Sarafolean, Gay Monack and Duell (Bubs) Abram. All of the children were South St. Paul graduates. Terry and Pat established this scholarship in appreciation of their education and all the opportunities they received at South St. Paul.

- Preference given to University of North Dakota, Grand Forks - Open to other public schools if no University of North Dakota, Grand Forks
- Financial need a consideration
- Good Character
- Student Athlete
- Admission to a 4-year college
- GPA 2.5 or better

Alexander Larson Memorial Scholarship

\$2,500.00

Alex Larson was a 2007 graduate of South Saint Paul High School. After graduation, Alex went to St. Paul College and received his Carpentry Certification. Alex used his carpentry skills working for Welch Construction for 5 years as an apprentice carpenter. In 2015 Alex joined Taylor Swift on her 1989 World Tour as a carpenter. Alex had the opportunity to work on multiple tours including Nick Jonas and Demi Lovato, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, Eric Church and 4 years as a Carpenter/Rigger with Metallica. Alex traveled the world and loved what he did. The skills Alex learned at St. Paul College gave him the opportunity to do what he loved skillfully. In January 2021, Alex was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. Alex's cancer was aggressive and fast-growing. He fought hard for 11 months and passed away on 12/18/2021.

- Must attend a technical vocational school going into the trades
- GPA 2.5
- Involved in athletics and/or extracurricular activities
- Financial need a consideration but not essential

Bob and Dolores Deisting Scholarship

\$6,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Dolores Deisting. Dolores was both an elementary and G.E.D. teacher. Bob taught math and some science for 35 years in South St. Paul. All four of their children graduated from South St. Paul schools.

- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Financial need a consideration
- South St. Paul resident
- Interest in education, preference in math and science
- \$4,000 the first year and \$2,000 the second year

Bremer Bank

\$1,000.00

This scholarship was established by Bremer Bank to focus on demonstrated leadership and citizenship qualities through community service.

- School and community involvement
- Demonstrated leadership and citizenship

Brian C. Barenscheer Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund

\$10,000.00

The Brian C. Barenscheer Foundation has set up this scholarship in memory of Brian C. Barenscheer, Class of 1960, who passed away in August of 2004 at the age of 61 from pancreatic cancer. Brian was a hard worker and demonstrated a great work ethic. The recipient of this scholarship must reflect those same personal qualities that Brian held in high regard in and out of school.

- Upper 33% of class
- Career goal: Business or Accounting
- Financial need a consideration
- Admission to an accredited college or university, preference given to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.
- Demonstrate good work ethic in and out of school
- \$2,500 per year/4 year renewable if a B average

Bruno Brendel Endowed

\$8,000.00

Bruno Brendel spent most of his life aboard a ship as a Merchant Marine but considered South St. Paul his home. He was interested in athletics and fitness. His will provided for the establishment of this scholarship for a student athlete.

- Participant in the South St. Paul High School athletics
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Financial need a consideration
- Plan to attend a four-year post-secondary institution
- Recipient must remain in good standing at the institution they are attending to receive 2, 3, 4 year.
- \$2,000 per year/4 year

Burnham

\$20,000.00

This endowed scholarship fund has been established by Duane Burnham, a 1959 South St. Paul graduate. Duane is retired from Abbott Laboratories where he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He resides in Northbrook, Illinois.

- Resident of South St. Paul.
- Financial need.
- On track to complete a minimum of 4 IB exams by the end of their senior year or; 3 IB exams and the satisfactory completion of the IB Theory of Knowledge course.
- On track to complete a minimum of 100 Creative, Action, and Service (CAS) hours as set forth by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- Accepted at an accredited four-year institution.
- \$5000 per year, renewable for three years if a B average is maintained.
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Burnham Vocational Scholarships

\$5,000.00

This vocational scholarship fund has been established by Duane Burnham, a 1959 South St. Paul graduate. Duane is retired from Abbott Laboratories where he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He resides in Northbrook, Illinois.

- Resident of South St. Paul
- Minimum of a B average at South St. Paul
- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited Vocational/Technical or Junior College
- Community and/or school involvement
- \$2500 per year if 3.0 GPA is maintained

Burton Endowed Memorial Fund

\$1,500.00

This scholarship has been established by the family and friends of Edgar and Lorraine Burton. Edgar was a 1936 graduate of South St. Paul High School and Lorraine was a 1938 graduate. Edgar attended the University of Minnesota and Macalester College. Lorraine was a volunteer for many years in the Inver Grove Heights school system helping third graders with reading. Both were strong supporters of education. Their daughters, Jane and Nancy, are both South St. Paul graduates.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Admission to a non-profit accredited post-secondary college, university, or technical school
- Financial need a consideration
- Must have attended South St. Paul High School and resided in South St. Paul for a minimum of 3 years

Chris Cahoon Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000.00

In memory of Chris Cahoon, who was a 1998 graduate of South St. Paul High School. Chris loved his hometown and spoke fondly of his time in the South St. Paul school district. Chris loved fishing, hunting, and anything outdoors. He was a very skilled tradesman and had a passion for construction.

- Must attend a 2- or 4-year college or trade school
- GPA 3.0 or better
- Must have a passion for the outdoors.

Craig Felton Endowed Memorial Scholarship

\$5,000.00

This scholarship is in memory of Craig Felton, life-long resident and graduate of South St. Paul High School. He was a beloved teacher, coach and the voice of Packer football. He loved his family, his town, and South St. Paul High School. He'll always be remembered for the kindness and respect he showed his students.

- Embodies Packer pride and integrity
- An interest in the field of math and science
- Has participated in school sponsored extra-curricular activities
- GPA 3.0
- Attending a 4-year accredited institution
- Attended SSP High School for 3 or more years

Dale and Bette Schenian

\$5,000.00

Dale and Bette are both South St. Paul High School graduates. They give these scholarships to demonstrate their support of the Educational Foundation.

- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary educational institution (can be four-year, two-year or technical)

David Glazier Memorial

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was established by Judy, Craig, Ross and Darin Glazier. Dave taught math and physical education and coached football and track during his 32 years at South St. Paul High School. His athletes will always remember the inspirational signs he had hanging in the locker room. He stressed that to be successful in life, you need your "ACE" --Attitude, Commitment, and Enthusiasm.

- Involved in other extracurricular activities
- Financial need a consideration

David Ray Memorial Scholarship

\$2,000.00

The David Ray Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of David Ray (1956-2022) by his wife Leslie (Class of 1980) and his daughters, Chelsea, Katie (Class of 2012), Allie (Class of 2014), and Mollie (Class of 2016). David grew up in Brooklyn Center, graduated from Minneapolis Patrick Henry High (Class of 1974) and Mankato State University (class of 1980), but chose to raise his family in South Saint Paul. David may not have been a Packer himself, but he was a big Packer fan, attending not only athletic events but enjoying the theatre as well. In his off-time David enjoyed hockey, flying airplanes, classic cars, finding a lake to take a boat ride in the summer, and traveling with his family around the country. David was heavily involved with his daughter's various sports and activities around town. He served as a hockey coach, a soccer coach, the SSP Youth Hockey Association Tournament Director and the Packer Swim and Dive Vice President and Head Timer, plus awarded himself the Unofficial King of Kaposia Days. If David wasn't volunteering or coaching one of the events, he was there cheering on his girls, wearing a yellow hat just so they could spot him out of the crowd. David was a very joyful, goofy, and personable man who never failed to put a smile on your face. He would also want you to check out his YouTube Channel, "The Dave and Allie Show," reminding you that "If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at!" David may not have graduated from South Saint Paul, but after his time making the community a more enjoyable place, he has earned the privilege of calling himself an honorary South Saint Paul Packer.

- GPA over 2.5
- Involved in Activities and/or Sports
- Interested in Engineering, Business, Aviation, or Trade School
- Lives in the South Saint Paul

Debbie Kern Endowed Memorial

\$4,000.00

This memorial scholarship was established by Debbie Kern during her courageous 3 1/2 year battle with breast cancer. Debbie's positive attitude, love of students, and courage will always be remembered and cherished. Students, staff, family, friends, and the South St. Paul community have provided additional support for this scholarship in her memory. Debbie served as a physical education and health teacher, head volleyball and softball coach, assistant girls basketball coach, and assistant activities director from 1994-2000. The qualifications for this scholarship reflect personal qualities that Debbie held in high regard.

- Female athlete with solid academic and athletic background
- Attended South St. Paul High School for at least 3 years
- Financial need a consideration
- Important characteristics: positive attitude, caring and hard working
- Admission to an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Dennis Ryan Memorial Scholarship

\$3,000.00

This scholarship is in memory of Dennis Ryan, who defined what it truly means to be a Packer. A Packer is always there for their teammates, classmates, community, family and friends. Their commitment and hard work stands out among their peers in the classroom and on the field. A Packer tackles life with resolve, dedication, kindness, respect and the ability to laugh and have fun along the way.

- Male or female student athlete
- 2+ sport athlete
- Investment in the SSP community through extracurricular activities, volunteer work, or service projects
- Strong academic achievement
- 2 or 4 year university or vocational program

Doc Flom Endowed Memorial

\$1,500.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Everett "Doc" Flom by family, friends, students, and alumni. "Doc" taught physical education and served as athletic trainer in South St. Paul Schools for 24 years.

- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Career goal: Education or health related field
- Upper 50% of class
- Participation in extracurricular activities

Don "Whitey" Willer Scholarship

\$1,000.00

Raised in SSP, Whitey graduated in 1954. After receiving his degree from the U of M he returned to SSP, teaching and coaching for 33 years. After a severe stroke, Whitey fought on for 27 years, just like he taught his students and athletes to do. Whitey's motto..."Never Give Up." Besides his family, South St. Paul was his pride and joy.

- Involved in activities and/or sports for 3 years
- School and/or community involvement
- GPA 2.7 and above
- Good sportsmanship and citizenship
- Attendance at SSP High School for 4 years

Don Johnson, DDS Healthcare Scholarship

\$5,000.00

This scholarship is for a graduate of South St. Paul High School who plans to continue their education at an accredited junior college or university to major in a healthcare field. Don and his siblings all graduated from South St. Paul, and he is proud of the education he received here.

- Top 40% of class
- Attending an accredited junior college or university to major in a healthcare field

Don Swanson Memorial Scholarship

\$3,000.00

Don Swanson was a life-long resident of South St. Paul and a 1960 graduate of South St. Paul High School. This scholarship is funded by his wife in his memory.

- South St. Paul Resident
- Admission to an accredited or licensed trade, technical, or vocational institution
- Active in school and community
- Financial Need

Douglas E. Ninnemann Memorial

\$1,000.00

This scholarship has been established in memory of Doug Ninnemann by family and friends. A 1954 graduate of South St. Paul High School, Doug enjoyed athletics and was an avid sportsman. The qualifications for this scholarship reflect personal qualities that Doug held in high regard.

- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Involved in extracurricular activities as well as athletics
- Enjoy and respect the outdoors
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5

Ed and Marcella Jaworski Family Scholarship

\$1,500.00

This scholarship has been established by Bill and Janice Jaworski to honor the lives of Ed and Marcella Jaworski. Both were lifelong residents of South St. Paul and employees of Swift & Co. They both believed in the value of education. Ed was a 1932 graduate of South St. Paul High School and during his high school years received an award for never being absent.

- So St. Paul resident
- Minimum G.P.A. 2.5

Elaine M. Lehmann Scholarship

\$4,000.00

This scholarship has been established by Elaine's son, Matthew Lehmann, a 1993 SSPHS graduate. Elaine worked in the district for 32 years and is a strong advocate for giving all children the opportunity to succeed and thrive. Elaine and her family would like to help a senior with those same beliefs obtain a college degree in her honor.

- Accepted to an accredited 4-year college or university
- Pursuing a degree in education
- GPA of 2.75 preferred

EmpowerHER Chelsey Smith Scholarship

\$2,500.00

The Chelsey Smith EmpowerHer Scholarship supports first-generation college students pursuing degrees in technology or design. Established by a SSP Alum, this scholarship honors the transformative power of financial support and mentorship in achieving educational and career success. It is awarded to a female student who is not only breaking new ground as the first in their family to attend college, but who has demonstrated strong academic performance and aspires to lead and innovate in fields like computer science, UX/UI design, or engineering. EmpowerHer aims to uplift the next generation of pioneering women in tech and design, providing support and mentorship to help realize their goals.

- Applicant identifies as female
- Intention to/pursuing a major in technology, design or engineering, such as: computer science; engineering; architecture; user experience design; human-computer interaction (HCI); Data science and analytics; Robotics and autonomous systems
- Applicant is a 'first generation' college student - the first in their immediate family to obtain post-secondary education
- Demonstrates a financial need
- Minimum GPA of 3.4

First United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship

\$4,000.00

In 1837, the First Methodist mission in the State of Minnesota was established in what we know as South St. Paul and what was known then as Kaposia Village. In 1915, a Methodist congregation was founded and served this community until 2011 at the corner of 6th Avenue North and 2nd Street. This scholarship honors the years of partnership between First United Methodist Church, the City of South St. Paul and its schools. It also honors the church's desire to love and care for the children and youth of this community.

- Admission to an accredited post high school institution (college or vocational school)
- Participated in volunteer activities within the church or community that helped those in need
- Career goal: helping people in need
- Minimum GPA 3.0

Flint Hills Resources

\$2,500.00

Flint Hills Resources established this scholarship to recognize young men and women who possess the qualities of lifelong learners, including strong leadership and entrepreneurial skills, and plan to pursue a STEM related career field.

- Financial need
- Minimum grade point average of 3.6
- Demonstrate success in accelerated science or math classes
- Plans to pursue a career in science, technology, math or engineering related field
- Proven leadership and entrepreneurial skills
- 4-year university or college

Fran Delia Memorial Nursing Scholarship

\$5,000.00

This scholarship is given in memory of Fran Delia by her niece Lori Howe. Fran was a beloved school nurse and eventual Director of Health and Nursing Services for the SSP School District. She also was a past board member of the SSP Educational Foundation. Fran always had an infectious smile along with a positive effect on everyone, including students, teachers, her staff, and members of the community. This scholarship will go to a student interested in nursing.

- Career goal - Nursing
- GPA 3.0
- Admitted to a two- or four-year school

Fran Delia Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000.00

This scholarship is given in memory of Fran Delia by her nephews Rich and Jim Bernier. Fran was a beloved school nurse and eventual Director of Health and Nursing Services for the SSP School District. She also was a past board member of the SSP Educational Foundation. Fran always had an infectious smile along with a positive effect on everyone, including students, teachers, her staff and members of the community.

- Student enrolled in a two- or four-year school
- Minimum GPA 2.5

Francis and Patricia Biljan Memorial

\$1,000.00

This scholarship is established in memory of Francis and Patricia Biljan. Francis was a 1960 graduate of South St. Paul High School. He and Patricia spent many years both living in and spending time in South St. Paul. Both were active participants in many community organizations and fundraisers and church and always felt a special bond with the town and its citizens.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Admission to any post-secondary institution including, but not limited to trade or vocational schools, community colleges and universities

Francis Family Endowed Scholarship

\$2,500.00

This scholarship has been established by the Kay & Mary Francis family and the Fred and Muriel Schlichting family in memory of Zoe and Herb Francis. Zoe was a 1921 graduate of So. St. Paul High School, city treasurer and school treasurer for many years. She lived to be 104 years old. Zoe's son, Herb was an avid Packer sports fan his entire life. Four generations of Francis children have or are attending So. St. Paul schools.

- Education Major
- Male or female hockey player
- If no hockey player qualifies, open to other sports and activities
- Good citizen

George Karn Endowed Memorial

\$3,000.00

This scholarship is in memory of George Karn, who taught art and coached hockey in South St. Paul. George along with Charlie 'Lefty' Smith initiated the youth hockey program in South St. Paul.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Involved in high school hockey
- Financial need a consideration
- Involvement in extracurricular activities as well as hockey
- Career goal: Human/social service field and sciences
- Admission to an accredited four-year Minnesota or Wisconsin college or university

Governor Harold and Iantha LeVander Endowed

\$5,000.00

Harold LeVander was the 32nd Governor of Minnesota. This scholarship was established by family and friends. During his undergraduate years at Gustavus Adolphus College, he won the National Collegiate Oratorical contest. He also was on the college debate team. While attending the University of Minnesota Law School, Harold debated at the University and coached speech and debate at Macalester College. Iantha majored in Speech Education at the University of Minnesota and graduated with a B.S. degree. She, too, participated in debate at the University of Minnesota and taught in secondary education for several years following graduation. Harold and Iantha shared the belief that a public speaking background has lifelong value.

- Active participant in speech or debate or knowledge bowl; preference given to speech and debate
- Upper 30% of class
- Admission to an accredited college or university

Grace M. Jefferson Endowed

\$4,000.00

Grace Jefferson was an elementary teacher in South St. Paul for thirty-one years. For the majority of those years she was a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt School. Because of her devotion to education, she has established an endowed scholarship fund for students pursuing a career in education.

- Career goal: Education major
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Financial need
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0

Gru Family Scholarship

\$8,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of George and Jeanette Gru and their two sons, Larry and Richard Bruce Gru, both SSP graduates. The family believed their two sons received a great education at SSP and wanted to give back by providing a student with a chance to pursue their educational dreams.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Admission to an accredited 2 year or 4 year or licensed trade, technical or vocational institution
- Financial need a consideration
- \$2000per year/4year

Howe Endowed Scholarship

\$4,000.00

Henry F. and Laura Mae Howe were retired teachers. Henry taught at South St. Paul High School for 33 years, and Laura Mae taught for thirty-seven years at Roosevelt Elementary in South St. Paul. Laura Mae, and the Howe children, Henry L. Howe and Lauralee (Sue) Zenk, are graduates of South St. Paul High School. This scholarship was established by the Howes because of their belief in South St. Paul and public education.

- Career goal: Education major or Vocational Training
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution (this can be two or four year) or vocational school.
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Financial need a consideration
- Participates in community service organizations or events

Hrvatski Dom Memorial

\$1,500.00

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 citizenship and education.

- Good academic achievement and citizenship
- Preference given to a student of Croatian descent, if known
- Admission to an accredited four-year college or university

Hrvatski Dom Memorial Vocational/Technical

\$1,500.00

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 technical skills and education.

- Good academic achievement and citizenship
- Preference given to a student of Croatian decent
- Admission to an accredited licensed trade, technical or vocational institution

Inver Grove Heights American Legion Post #424

\$1,000.00

The American Legion Post #424 is an organization representing veterans who have served in the armed services during a time of conflict or war. The Legion represents the interest of veterans and promotes and supports education and social services in the community.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Consideration placed upon a son or daughter of a veteran but not necessary
- Admission to an accredited college, licensed trade, technical or vocational institution. Preference given to Vo-Tech.

Jessica Davis - BPO Scholarship

\$5,000.00

This scholarship honors Jessica Davis who was a math and computer science teacher at South St. Paul High School from 2009-2019 and the recipient of the 2019 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award. Jess completed her undergraduate degree at Minnesota State-Mankato and received a master's degree in education from Hamline University. Jess was dedicated to giving students the platform and space to create their own path of personalized learning and supported the emergence of affinity groups (BPO, CDLU, Women's Society, and SAGA) within the education process. Jess believed that every student deserves to be empowered by their own voice and elevated to their highest potential.

- Minimum 2-year participation in BPO
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Involved in school and community activities
- Financial need a consideration

Jessica Davis - SAGA Scholarship

\$5,000.00

- Minimum 2-year participation in SAGA
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Involved in school and community activities
- Financial need a consideration

Jessica Davis - Women's Society Scholarship

\$5,000.00

- Minimum 2-year participation in Women's Society
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Involved in school and community activities
- Financial need a consideration

Jessica Davis-CDLU Scholarship

\$5,000.00

- Minimum 2-year participation in CDLU
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Involved in school and community activities
- Financial need a consideration

Jessica Davis-Math Team

Scholarship

\$5,000.00

- Minimum 2-year participation in math team
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Involved in school and community activities
- Financial need a consideration

Jim "Jake" Jacobson Memorial Scholarship

\$3,500.00

This scholarship was established in 2022 in memory of Jim Jacobson. Jim was fondly called "Jake" by all who knew him. Most people, including his own grandchildren, didn't know his name was Jim! Jake graduated from South St Paul High School in 1969 where he played football, hockey, and baseball. After graduating from Hamline University, he returned to South St Paul High School as a substitute teacher where he also coached hockey in the late 70's and early 80's and softball in the late 80's and early 90's. Jake was always proud of this community and his "Packer Pride" ran deep.

- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Admission to an accredited post secondary institution (can be four year, two year or technical)
- Participated in football, hockey, softball, baseball, golf or bowling at a varsity level.
- Financial need a consideration

Joan A. Shoberg (Burlington) Memorial Scholarship

\$2,500.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Joan A. Shoberg (Burlington), a lifetime resident of South St. Paul and a 1951 graduate of South St. Paul High School. Joan loved her town of South St. Paul, where she was born and raised. Joan enjoyed being a cheerleader throughout high school and has always been active in her community.

- Resident of South St. Paul
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Involved in community, be it through volunteer work, civic or charitable projects, or church activities.
- Financial need a consideration

Joey Munos Legacy Award

\$5,000.00

The Joey Munos scholarship was established in 2018 in memory of Joey by his friends and family. Joey was raised in SSP, attended Lincoln Center Elementary School and graduated from SSP High School. Joey was a 5-time state place finisher in high school wrestling and won 3 consecutive MN State wrestling titles. He also played and started on the 2011 Section 3AAA Championship football team. Joey is one of 5 siblings in the Munos Family. All the siblings were very active in So. St. Paul athletics.

- Preference to a wrestler, if no wrestler open to others
- 2-year or 4-year accredited college, technical or vocational school

John and Iola Carlson Memorial

\$10,000.00

This scholarship was established by the children of John and Iola for the purpose of encouraging students in the pursuit of higher education. John and Iola were long time residents of South St. Paul and valued the importance of advanced education. The family wishes to demonstrate their support for the South St. Paul Public Schools.

- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited college or university

John and Iola Carlson Memorial Vocational Scholarship

\$2,500.00

This scholarship was established by the children of John and Iola for the purpose of encouraging students in the pursuit of a vocational career. John and Iola were long time residents of South St. Paul and valued the importance of advanced education. The family wishes to demonstrate their support for the South St. Paul Public Schools.

- Financial Need
- Admission to an accredited technical or vocational school
- 2@\$2,500.00

John and Marcia Lally Endowed Education

\$3,500.00

Marcia and John share a lifelong commitment to education. Their children, Anne Marie and Christopher graduated from South St. Paul public schools. They created this scholarship as an investment in the future of our state and its children.

- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Financial need a consideration
- Career in education, health, child protective services, or social services for children
- Preference to a student attending UW - Superior
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution (this can be a four-year, two-year or technical institution)

John H. & Mary L. Petersen Scholarship

\$4,000.00

This scholarship was established by the family of John and Mary Petersen. Annual renewable scholarship to a student interested in pursuing a 4 year degree related to Education, Science, or Healthcare. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain eligible for scholarship renewal after the initial \$1,000 has been disbursed.

- Participation in extracurricular activities
- 3.0 GPA
- Degree in Education, Science or Healthcare
- Financial need a consideration
- \$1,000 a year/4years

Joseph Patrick Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This tribute scholarship was established in the memory of Joseph Patrick who was a 1969 graduate of South St. Paul High School. Joe received a B.S. in Communication from the University of Minnesota and master's degree in education at the University of St. Thomas. Joe was an elementary school teacher and taught 5th through 8th grade for over 15 years in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Arizona. Joe acted in numerous plays in high school and college. He acted in productions at the University of Minnesota, the St. Paul History Theater, and he did stand up comedy on the West Bank. Joe believed teaching had a "crucial" effect on a student's future. His teaching philosophy stressed that is was "not so much what the students learned - but that they learned how to learn."

- Career goal: Education major or theater major Admission to an accredited college or university
- GPA 2.0 to 3.25 while attending high school

Judy R. Rasmusson Memorial Scholarship

\$2,000.00

The family of Judy R. Rasmusson have established this scholarship in her memory. Judy was an elementary school teacher in the South St. Paul Public school district for over 30 years- teaching 1st and 2nd grade at Jefferson Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Lincoln Center. She was a teacher that went above and beyond each year giving her students the best education that anyone could ask for. Judy graduated with a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University and then furthered her education by obtaining her master's degree from the University of Minnesota and Hamline University. In 1991 Judy was nominated for teacher of the year. Judy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1995 and had to retire from teaching in 1997. She was a fighter and never complained about the horrible disease that she had. Sadly, Judy passed away from a long courageous battle of MS in January 2024. This scholarship is awarded to an individual that represents the same work ethic, courage and determination to continue to pursue an elementary/secondary education degree.

- 3.0 GPA
- Attend a 4-year college/university
- South St. Paul Resident
- Education Major (Elementary preferred)
- Participation in extracurricular activities: sports, band, choir

Julie Webb Memorial Scholarship

\$2,500.00

Julie Webb was the wife of Dr. Dave Webb, who served as the Superintendent of South Saint Paul Schools from 2010 to 2022. She passed away in 2023, following a breast cancer diagnosis she received in 2004 when their children were just 1, 3, 5, and 7 years old. Despite this challenging diagnosis, Julie cherished 19 more years with her family. Her greatest passion was her family, and she devoted herself to lovingly raising and nurturing their four children, all of whom have since become college graduates. Kids have always been close to her heart, as she was a Spanish teacher and school counselor for 12 years before having children. Julie Webb was not only deeply dedicated to her family and teaching, but was also her husband's greatest supporter during his 12-year tenure as the South Saint Paul Superintendent. Her unwavering encouragement extended beyond her household, to truly help support the entire South Saint Paul Schools community.

- Attending a post-secondary school

Justin Andrew Meyer Endowed Memorial

\$10,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Justin Meyer (Jan. 21, 1975 – Aug. 28, 1999), by his father Bob, family and friends. Justin was a life-long resident of South St. Paul. Justin loved his family, friends, people and life. For 22 of his 24 years, Justin had a rare kidney disease, and after 200 major surgeries and years of hospital time, he still had the courage and devotion to his education. He proudly graduated from South St Paul in 1995. He furthered his education in the arts at the University of Minnesota and the American National College. Justin was also an honorary member of Mizpah Masonic Lodge #191 in South St. Paul. Justin touched the lives of everyone who knew him... his favorite song - What a Wonderful World. This scholarship is presented annually to a student who represents some of his courage and determination to continue to pursue educational opportunities in the arts.

- Participated in Visual Arts - graphic arts, drawing, painting, sculpture.
- Financial need
- Must show devotion and courage, be determined and hard working
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary educational institution
- Must have attended South St. Paul High School
- \$5000 a year/2 years

Justin C. Crane Memorial Scholarship

\$5,000.00

Family and friends of Justin C. Crane have established this scholarship in his memory. Justin was a 1993 graduate of South St. Paul High School who excelled both academically and athletically. He went on to major in business at the University of Minnesota-Duluth where he was a standout on the Bulldog football team. Justin was a beloved friend to many, and he left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him. This scholarship is awarded to a Packer football player who is a success and a leader on the field and in the classroom.

- 3.0 GPA
- All-Conference in Football or honorable mention
- Attend a 4-year college or university
- SSP Resident
- Football Coach Recommendation
- Special consideration given to a student attending the U of M - Duluth
- Special consideration given to a student being recruited to play a sport in college
- \$2,000 for 1st year \$1,000 for each remaining year

Kaposia Education Center

\$4,000.00

Kaposia's Parent Teacher Committee and Kaposia's staff, because of their dedication to higher education, have established this scholarship for graduating seniors.

- Admission to an accredited college, university, vocational/technical or business school
- Recipient must have attended Kaposia Education Center for five years
- Payment must be sent directly to the educational institution and applied toward the student's tuition.

Karl Cropsey Endowed

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was established by Karl Cropsey, a 1956 graduate of South St. Paul High School.

- Minimum grade point average of 3.4
- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Public service, education or medical career path

Kasel/Yentz Endowed Memorial

\$2,500.00

Dick and Cay Kasel, who met and married at the University of Wisconsin Stout, established this endowed scholarship in memory of their parents. Their six children are all South St. Paul High School graduates.

- Admission to University of Wisconsin, Stout
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Must have attended South St. Paul High School for a minimum of three years
- Participated in extracurricular activities
- Scholarship payable directly to Stout

Kathryn "Katie" Marie Clapper Memorial Soccer Scholarship

\$2,500.00

Kathryn "Katie" Marie Clapper was a lifelong student in South St. Paul Public Schools. Katie attended Kaposia Elementary from kindergarten through sixth grade and moved to junior high and on to high school. She was always very excited about learning and trying new things. At an early age Katie showed a passion for soccer, she truly loved the game and most importantly she loved and valued the friendships that were made. Katie was a true friend to all, always sticking up for the underdog and living each day to the fullest. This scholarship is established by her family to honor the life of Kathryn "Katie" Marie Clapper.

- Must have attended Kaposia Elementary or Lincoln Elementary; preference given to Kaposia.
- Must be a South St. Paul High School soccer player
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Financial Need

Katie Hofacker (Strub-Ellis) Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Katie Hofacker, a dedicated science teacher at South St. Paul Secondary, who inspired and challenged her students and modeled true courage to all who knew her.

- Student who plans a career in physical science
- Student admitted to an accredited post-secondary program
- Student who demonstrates significant community involvement
- 3.0 GPA

Keller-Biebel Scholarship

\$2,000.00

At the end of World War II, the Keller and Biebel families were refugees who emigrated from Europe to the United States. Each family made a new start in South St. Paul. Their children, Karl Keller and Margaret Biebel, despite the difficulties of learning a new language, graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1954. They married and lived and worked in South St. Paul for over 50 years. Their four sons all attended South St. Paul High School and were the first generation to graduate from college. All four sons had successful careers in computer science and engineering. This scholarship was established to assist a promising student to achieve his/her goal of a college degree in science, math or engineering.

- GPA 3.0
- Admission to an accredited 4-year college or university
- Financial need a consideration
- South St. Paul resident
- First generation attending college preferred
- Career goal in science, mathematics or engineering

Ken and Shirley Fladager Endowed Memorial

\$2,500.00

Ken came to St. Paul from Montana in the early 1930's to attend Hamline University. He excelled in basketball, football, and track and field and was later inducted into the Hamline Athletic Hall of Fame. His first high school teaching position was in Hudson, WI where he was hired to teach and become the head basketball, football, and baseball coach. Upon returning from military service in the Pacific after WWII, he accepted an American History teaching position and head basketball coaching position at SSPHS where he remained until retiring in 1967. Ken took teams to the MN State HS Tournament in 1950, 1952, and 1962. His years of coaching excellence were rewarded by selection into the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Ken not only developed his players' basketball skills but also sought to instill in them life values such as honesty, integrity, hard work, and discipline...values that would make them successful adults and productive citizens. Shirley met Ken when they were both students at Hamline. She excelled in multiple Art disciplines and was a voracious reader. Shirley taught newly arriving European immigrants English in night school classes at the American Institute. After her children became school age, she attended the University of Minnesota to obtain a degree in Speech Therapy. She was then hired by the SSP School District. Shirley's love of children, her professional skills, and her innate creativity allowed her to relate to and help students. She was also supportive of Ken's coaching career, attending games and preparing snacks and coffee for friends who visited the house after every game.

- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better
- Career goal in teaching
- Varsity basketball player (male or female) If no basketball player qualifies, open to all SSP seniors
- Admission to a 4- year accredited college or university

Kenny Sobaski Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000.00

This scholarship is for any student that wants to continue their education in the trades. Kenny's wife and children along with grandchildren and now great-grandchildren have attended/attending South St. Paul Secondary. Kenny worked for the City of South St. Paul for over 40 years and knew the importance of the trades along with the importance of keeping the trades going. His wish would be to help whatever student he can.

- Preference to the trades
- GPA 2.5 or above
- Active in the community: service/volunteer
- 2@ \$1000

Kent and Lynda Voge Scholarship

\$3,000.00

Kent and Lynda Voge were both South St. Paul graduates. Kent graduated in 1965 and Lynda in 1966. This memorial scholarship was established by friends and family. Kent and Lynda both felt that they received a great education at South St. Paul and had a deep desire to help students pursue their educational dreams.

- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Preference given to a student planning a career in architecture or civil engineering.

Key Community Bank

\$2,500.00

This scholarship is made available by Key Community Bank for a student wishing to pursue a business career, preferably in the finance field.

- Effective communicator
- Career in Business
- Leadership
- Integrity
- Upper 50% of class.

Kopp Family Foundation

\$3,000.00

The Kopp Family Foundation established this scholarship because of their commitment to youth.

- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- Financial need a consideration
- 3.0 GPA
- School and community involvement

Lefty and Mickey Smith Scholarship

\$5,000.00

The Lefty and Mickey Smith Scholarship is named after Charles and Mary Smith who lived and raised their children in South St. Paul starting in the 1950s. Lefty graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of St. Thomas and Mickey with a Nursing degree from St. Catherine's University. Lefty taught at SSP and coached the hockey team from 1958-1968 providing his athletes with prolific skill in the sport while emphasizing the importance of their education. Mickey worked at St. Joseph's Hospital and devoted her time to multiple charities. Education and dedication to the community were always highlighted in the Smith home. While Lefty eventually left South St. Paul to coach at the University of Notre Dame, the family has always remained deeply connected to SSP. This scholarship's goal is to continue Lefty and Mickey's love of SSP and their love of learning.

- Preference and priority given to a student attending St. Thomas or St. Catherine's in St. Paul
- Male or female planning a career in medical field or a
- hockey player
- G.P.A. 2.5 or better
- Good Character
- \$1,250 per year for 4 years

Leslie Sutherland Law Creative Spirit

\$1,000.00

"To take her at such a young age, we have to feel that GOD needed her and had something wonderful in store for her. He loaned her to us for twenty-five years to love...and how we loved her." Leslie's Mother. On February 2, 1985, Leslie Sutherland (Class of 1977) died of Myelogenous Leukemia. This scholarship is given with pride by friends and family of Leslie.

- Female
- Creative and artistic
- Enrolled in IB Language Arts and/or IB Art
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Minimum grade point average of 3.3

Lester E. and Marion L. Jacobson Endowed Memorial

\$5,000.00

It was Marion Jacobson's belief that the preservation of our future lies in the strength of our youth. This scholarship was established in her will so that others have an opportunity to pursue the college education she was not able to obtain.

- One scholarship to be awarded to a male and one to a female
- Financial need
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Determined/hard working; Demonstrates concern for others
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- 2 @ \$5,000.00

Lincoln Center Elementary School

\$4,000.00

Lincoln Center PTA and Lincoln Center Staff, as a result of their dedication to higher education, have established this scholarship for a graduating senior who is interested in continuing their education grounded in this philosophy: "Aiming to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

- Admission to an accredited college, university, vocational, technical, or business school
- Recipient must have attended Lincoln Center Elementary School for at least two years

Lourn and Lucile Ellingson Memorial

\$6,000.00

A young teacher, Lourn, and school secretary, Lucile, first met at South St. Paul High School and married. Lourn served in various capacities as a teacher, counselor and principal until his retirement in June of 1969. They both had fond memories of the South St. Paul school community and valued education. Lucile established this scholarship in her will.

- Upper 25% of class
- Financial need
- Admission to a 4-year accredited college or university
- Recipient must maintain a 3.0 grade point average each year to receive the scholarship the following year.
- \$1500 a year/4years

Lowe Scholarship

\$20,000.00

Thomas A. Lowe left in his will that a charitable trust be set up. The South St. Paul Educational Foundation was one of the recipients of this trust referred to as the "Lowe Charitable Trust". The interest from this trust is to be given away each year as a scholarship. Thomas Lowe was a physician in South St. Paul and wished to provide students of South St. Paul schools with an educational scholarship.

- attending any post-secondary school such as colleges, universities, trade schools or other similar programs if it is a publicly funded, non-private school.

Marvin and Ruth Skaurud

\$20,000.00

Marvin and Ruth Skaurud established an endowed memorial scholarship in their estate. Ruth (Andrus) Skaurud was a 1937 South St. Paul graduate; Marvin was a 1932 graduate of Virginia High School in Virginia, Mn. They both believed that education holds the key to a student's future and wanted to support student's post-secondary education.

- Admission to an accredited college or university
- GPA 3.4
- Attended South St. Paul High School for a minimum of 3 years.
- 4@20,000 / \$5000 per year

Mary Benjamin LaBrosse Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000.00

Mary grew up in South St. Paul and was a graduate of the class of 1970. Her children and grandchildren also attended South St. Paul schools and participated in athletics and activities that Mary enthusiastically and generously supported. She could often be found cheering on the sidelines of many Packer games and events. She possessed a can-do attitude, fighting spirit and tenacity that helped her persevere through her disability. This scholarship has been established by Mary's family and friends to honor her life and all that she valued: a strong work ethic, determination and a generous spirit. The recipient of this award will display these same qualities.

- Admission to a post-secondary institution
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Participation in at least one extra-curricular activity
- Attended SSP high school for a minimum of 3 years
- Financial need a consideration

Mary Jane Morin Memorial

\$1,000.00

Mary Jane Morin was very active in her community and the South St. Paul School District, as a teacher, administrator and friend for 33 years. She often attended the scholarship banquet, either as a Foundation board member or scholarship presenter. She was someone who had a voice, a smile, and an attitude that was remembered and was contagious to people she came in contact with during her life. She fought a courageous three-year battle with breast cancer and was referred to by many, including her doctor, as a true miracle. It would give her great pride to know that her family and friends established this memorial scholarship as a loving tribute in her name! Her children are all South St. Paul graduates.

- Career goal - Education
- Grade point average 3.0 or above
- School and community involvement

Mary Sharon Bretoi Pietruszewski Scholarship

\$1,500.00

The Mary Sharon Bretoi Pietruszewski scholarship will be awarded to a South Saint Paul graduate who has overcome life's obstacles by showing the characteristics of resiliency and adaptability. Sharon lost a leg to vascular disease in 2010 and along with her battle against Alzheimer's late in life, she never lost her positive attitude and zest for life.

- Overcoming an obstacle in school and/or life that has led to a successful outcome.

Meriwether Beth Mayer

\$2,800.00

Meriwether Mayer was a 1988 graduate of South St. Paul High School. After graduation, she moved to Texas and went to cosmetology school. Meriwether passed away too young in 2021, and this scholarship was established in her memory.

- Attend a technical or vocational school. Preference for Cosmetology school.
- Financial need.

Mike and Bunny Grant Scholarship

\$3,200.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Myron “Mike” and Maureen “Bunny” Grant by their children. Mike and Bunny grew up in SSP and were life-long residents, minus their retirement years when they thoroughly enjoyed living on a lake up north. They, as well as their five children, are all graduates of SSP High School. The SSP community was always very important to them. Along with residing in town, they both worked in town – Mike at the meat packing plant and Bunny at Divine Redeemer Hospital. Helping others and giving back were traits they fully embraced; but they did so quietly and humbly. They led by example making a huge impact on those that knew them.

- Important characteristics: hard worker, perseverance, kind, respectful, dependable
- Participated in volunteer activities within the school, church or community
- Admission to an accredited college, or licensed trade, technical or vocational institution

Mike McGinn Endowed Memorial

\$5,000.00

The Mike McGinn Memorial Scholarship has been established by the family and many friends who were fortunate to have shared parts of his tragically shortened life. Mike was a very competitive person who wouldn't give up until “the job was done.” He was vice-president of the Class of 1977, a member of the National Honor Society, played varsity football, and was the youngest national junior golden gloves boxing champion from Minnesota. It was Mike's belief that one should learn from his or her mistakes and not be afraid to try again.

- Involved with high school athletics
- Involved in other non-athletic extracurricular activities
- Business or medical career path
- Financial need considered for equally qualified candidates
- Upper 25% of the class

Nick Vujovich Memorial

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Nicholas Obrey Vujovich in 1992 by his family and friends. Nick was a lifelong SSP resident who graduated from South St. Paul High School and North Dakota State University. As an accomplished athlete at both schools, he valued the opportunity to attend an institution of higher education and obtain his degree.

- Financial need a must
- Must be a SSP Resident
- Involved in high school organized athletics for at least three out of the four high school years
- Actively involved in the community of South St. Paul (for example, through church activities, groups, civic or charitable projects, or by volunteering in South St. Paul, etc. but does not include paid employment)
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 (but not a determining factor in the selection process)
- Seeking a four-year degree in higher education

Olga B. Hart - Education

\$8,000.00

Olga B. Hart was born in Madison, Minnesota. She attended grade and high school in Madison and received an education degree from St. Cloud State Teachers College. She taught for five years in Minnesota. She lived out of state from 1921 until 1954. Upon her death in 2000 her estate was divided between cancer research and scholarships.

- Career Goal: Education
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Attend SSP High School for a minimum of 3 years
- Financial need a consideration
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- \$2,000.00 year/ 4 years

Olga B. Hart - Social Service

\$8,000.00

- Career Goal: Human Service or Social Services
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Attend SSP High School for a minimum of 3 years
- Financial need a consideration
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- \$2,000.00 year/ 4 years

Orville and Eleanor Kuehl Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship is in honor of our parents Orville and Eleanor Kuehl who had three sons attend South St. Paul public schools. They were always supportive of the school system and the many programs that they provided for the community.

- Grade point average of 2.7 or above
- Participated in an athletic or extra-curricular activity each year while attending South St. Paul High School.

Parkans Family Trust

\$10,000.00

This scholarship was established by Lloyd Parkans, a 1943 graduate of South St. Paul High School, to give back to the school and community because the education he received here meant so much to him. He is hoping that his trust will make other's journey less difficult than his was.

- Major in business or economics
- 3.0 GPA
- Financial Need
- A letter from the recipient after the scholarship is awarded stating what you feel the scholarship would allow you to accomplish.
- \$2500 per year/4-year renewable

Patricia Cropsey Koss Endowed Memorial

\$3,000.00

Patricia Koss was a life long resident of South St. Paul and graduated from South St. Paul High School. She worked as a health aide at Lincoln Elementary School in the 1970's and early 1980's. During this time she touched the lives of many people. She gave her love and support to others who were also afflicted with cancer and was an inspiration to all who knew her. The family and friends of Patricia Koss have established this memorial scholarship fund in her name.

- Career goal: Medically related field
- High grade point average
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution (four-year, two-year or technical)
- Financial need

Patricia Vujovich McCormick Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was established in memory of Patricia Vujovich McCormick, a 1933 graduate of South St. Paul High School who died in 2020 at 104 years of age. Pat was a life-long resident of South St. Paul. During her life she engaged in numerous careers, a small business owner, Swift's, South St. Paul schools, and finally the United States Postal Service where she retired. Raised at a time when there was little opportunity for women Pat always wished she had been able to attend college. Throughout her life she never felt there was anything she couldn't achieve. In her memory, her family has established this scholarship for a woman pursuing higher education.

- Female
- Admission to an accredited college or university, vocational, technical, or trade school.

Patty Murr Endowed

\$2,000.00

The Patty Murr Endowed Scholarship was established by the William Murr family in memory of Patty. She was recognized as an exemplary student citizen with much enthusiasm toward school and community activities.

- Female
- Enthusiastic involvement with school and community
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution (four-year, two-year or technical)
- Upper 50% of class

Phyllis and Allan Honer Memorial Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship is in a memory of Phyllis, who graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1952 by her brother Allan who graduated in 1950. They have fond memories of this institution of learning and wish to further the educational goals of future students.

- Student seeking careers in medicine and/or education
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- GPA of 3.0
- Although not required, involvement in civic and /or humanitarian activities

Podgorski Family Scholarship

\$1,250.00

Three generations of Podgorski family members have benefitted from a South St. Paul High School education. This scholarship is one way to give back to our community and inspire young college students to live out their dreams. As several Podgorski family members benefitted from attending our MNSCU two-and four-year colleges an emphasis will be given to those who attend those.

- 2.5 GPA
- Interest in public service or trade careers
- Emphasis to a student who attends Mankato State University or any program from a two-year community or technical college.

Prill Family Scholarship

\$5,000.00

Gloriann Prill Kuhnert (SSPHS '60) and Ron Prill (SSPHS '62) attended Roosevelt Elementary, South St. Paul Junior High School, and South St. Paul High School. They value the outstanding K-12 education they received. They want to support and assist high achieving students who have been accepted to an accredited 4-year college to pursue a degree in business, science, technology, engineering, or math.

- IB Diploma graduate having a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Resident of South St. Paul
- Active participation in extracurricular activities
- Accepted admission to an accredited 4-year college or university
- Plans to pursue a degree in business, science, technology, engineering or mathematics
- Financial Need

Reckinger Entrepreneur Scholarship

\$1,000.00

This scholarship was initiated by Kory Reckinger, a graduate from SSPHS in 2003. The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate interest in and/or have a passion for entrepreneurship. This can include students who will be focusing on a specific trade with the intent of starting his/her own business.

- Education focused on entrepreneurial studies, including small business or trades

Richard Klegin Endowed Scholarship

\$12,000.00

Richard Klegin was a 1962 graduate of South St. Paul high school. Richard was a part of the baseball team and was a manager. He established this scholarship in his will. This scholarship is for a student attending a 2- or 4-year accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.

- Financial need a consideration
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary 2- or 4-year institution
- 2@12000 / \$3000 per year/4years

Richard Kohn Endowed Memorial Scholarship

\$7,000.00

This scholarship was established by the family of Richard Kohn for the purpose of commemorating his life. Dick Kohn spent his entire short-lived career teaching algebra and physics at SSP High School, from 1958 until he died in 1968 from leukemia at age 34. As varsity golf coach, he shared his passion for golf with his high school students. During the summer, he managed the Northview Swimming Pool, another testament to how much he enjoyed working with the youth in the community. Dick had a philosophy that all students deserved the opportunity to excel no matter what their background. His children, who all graduated from SSP High School, wish to continue this legacy.

- Accredited 4 year college
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA each year to stay on scholarship
- \$1,750 per year/4years

Rollin B. Glewwe Family Scholarship

\$1,000.00

The Rollin B. Glewwe Family Scholarship was created by the family of Rollin and Joan Glewwe to honor their enduring legacy. High school sweethearts who first met in junior high, Rollin and Joan graduated from South St. Paul High School in 1951. Their love story spanned more than 70 years, during which they raised five children—who, along with numerous grandchildren and now even great-grandchildren, are proud South St. Paul graduates. Rollin was a man who embodied deep love for both his family and his community. He attended the University of Minnesota and served with distinction in the Minnesota Senate from 1967 to 1973. A natural leader, Rollin was a dedicated advocate for service and a passionate champion of making a positive difference.

- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Admission to a non-profit accredited post-secondary college, university, or technical school
- Financial need a consideration
- Community and/or school involvement

- Leadership qualities preferred but not essential

Running Family Law Enforcement Scholarship

\$2,000.00

The Running family were all graduates from South St. Paul High School and have all entered the law enforcement field. The Running Family wishes to assist students entering this career path. Mike Running (1990), Ericka Running (Eid) (2010) and Mike Running (2011).

- Criminal justice/Law Enforcement Major
- 2 or more years of extra-curricular activities.

Russell G. Letson Memorial Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship is established in memory of Russell G. Letson, a 1962 graduate of South St. Paul High School. Russ attended the University of Minnesota and sold real estate in South St. Paul for over 30 years.

- Admission to an accredited non-profit post-secondary college, university or technical school
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Must have resided in South St. Paul for a minimum of 3 years
- Must have attended South St. Paul High School for a minimum of 3 years
- Financial need a consideration

Ruth and Lee Nelson Sr. Memorial Scholarship

\$4,000.00

This scholarship is given in memory of Ruth and Lee Nelson Sr. Lee's mother, Martha Anderson, graduated from the High School in 1916 and the SSP Teacher's College in 1917. Over the years, Lee Sr. was active in many PTA and curriculum committees. Ruth taught in the school system for many years, starting as a "homebound" teacher and then teaching Special ED at the Jr. High and Roosevelt Elementary. Lee and Ruth's three children graduated from SSP, as did three of their grandchildren; all proud to be able to say they are Kaposia Packers. In memory of Ruth and Lee's tremendous work and education ethic this scholarship will go to a student pursuing a 2-year degree/certification in the building trades, mechanical trades, computer science, medical technician or nursing fields.

- 2.5 GPA
- Attending an accredited vocational, technical or trade school or Jr. College
- Financial need
- \$2,000 first year, \$2,000 second year

Sarah Geng Art Scholarship

\$1,100.00

This scholarship is awarded to any student pursuing an education in art, be it drawing, painting, sculpture, or graphic design. He or she simply has to have a love/passion for this type of art and enroll in a school/program pursuing such artwork. This scholarship is in the name and loving memory of Sarah Geng (1984- 2008), a South St. Paul Graduate of 2005. One of Sarah's many great loves was her artwork and especially her princess motif. She loved her art teachers, classmates, and education here at South St. Paul. As a Special Education student, earning her diploma was an extra special source of her pride. She, her two loving sisters, and parents are so happy to honor the recipient of this scholarship in assisting the great gift and beauty that is art.

- Student involved in the arts.
- or attending a technical, vocational or trade school.

Shaun Brown Music Endowed

\$2,500.00

Shaun Patrick Brown was a 1997 graduate of South St. Paul High School and a 2002 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has always had a passion for music and pursued it every opportunity he was given. Shaun's dream was to share his music through music ministry. This scholarship is dedicated to keeping Shaun's dreams alive through others.

- Love of music, both vocal and instrumental
- Involved in SSP music program (band, choir, or musicals)
- Plan to continue involvement in music after high school
- Financial need a consideration

Sheila Devine Memorial

Scholarship Fund

\$2,500.00

This scholarship has been established in memory of Sheila Devine by her husband Edward and her children, David and Sarah Rust. Sheila grew up in Delavan, WI and graduated from Marquette University, before moving to South St. Paul where she lived for over 30 years, raising her children and working as a dental hygienist. Sheila valued hard work, determination and education greatly and was an enthusiastic supporter of Packer athletics. In addition, Sheila was active in the community and generously donated her time and resources to those in need. This scholarship is to honor the life of Sheila and the recipient of this award will exhibit these same qualities.

- Varsity boy or girl soccer player
- Admission to a 4-year accredited college or university
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

Sidney A. Parkans Endowed Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was created to honor Sid, a 1940 graduate of South St. Paul High School, and his commitment to education and life-long learning.

- Interest in science
- Attend a Minnesota college or University (public or private)
- Financial need
- Demonstrated good scholastic record.

South St. Paul Lions Club Endowed

\$6,000.00

The South St. Paul Lions Club is a community service organization which was chartered in South St. Paul in 1946. The main focus of the club is around sight and hearing. In recent years, most of its money has been designated for community service. In keeping with this goal, an endowed scholarship fund has been established.

- Local community involvement
- Admission to an accredited four-year college or university
- Continuation of this scholarship is contingent upon the recipient remaining in good standing with a C average or above
- 2 @ \$6,000.00/ \$1,500 a year/4 years

South St. Paul Lions Club Vocational

\$2,000.00

- Local community involvement
- Admission to an accredited vocational/technical institution or community college
- Continuation of this scholarship is contingent upon the recipient remaining in good standing with a C average or above
- 1st year \$1,000, 2nd year \$1,000

SouthWest Lioness Lions Club

\$2,000.00

The SouthWest Lioness Lions Club is a volunteer organization whose members serve the needs of local communities. This scholarship is intended to encourage young women to enrich their lives by pursuing further education.

- Female
- 2.5 GPA
- Attend SSP High School for a minimum of 3 years
- Consistently participates in volunteer programs
- Admission to an accredited college, university or vocational/trade school
- 2@ \$2000

SSP Packer Blue Line Club Scholarship

\$2,000.00

This scholarship was established in 2019 by the SSP boy's hockey community to assist in the education of a male hockey player.

- Male hockey player
- 2.0 GPA
- 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution
- Must have played hockey his senior year

SSP Police Dept. Packer Alumni Criminal Justice Scholarship

\$1,500.00

Former Packer graduates and current members of the South St. Paul Police Department established this scholarship to help students entering the criminal justice/law enforcement field. Mike Running (1990), Brian Wicke (1991), Richard Schwab (2001), Mellissa Cavalier (2008), Jon Weight (2011), Simo Peinovich (2015), Jessica Fuchs (2016) and Melissa Gruenewald (2016).

- -Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Major
- Volunteer or extracurricular activities desired but not required.

SSP Public Schools Custodial Maintenance/Technology

\$5,000.00

South St. Paul School's Custodial Maintenance/Technology Unit wishes to encourage students to get the very most they can out of the many opportunities the district offers. They wish them good luck down the road they choose upon graduation and offer this scholarship to assist them on their way.

- Grades are a determining factor
- Strong school involvement
- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited or licensed trade, technical or vocational institution
- Recipient must remain in good standing with the institution he/she is attending.
- 2 @ \$5,000.00

St. Peter Family Scholarship

\$7,000.00

This scholarship is given in memory of Audrey and Bernie St. Peter, two outstanding South St. Paul individuals who demonstrated a life-long commitment to education. Bernie served on the South St. Paul school board for sixteen years and served as the first president of the Foundation. His expertise and leadership were instrumental in establishing one of our state's most successful educational foundations. Audrey established a successful career in the legal field beginning with a local South St. Paul law firm, then as the legal secretary for a Minnesota Supreme Court Justice and culminating in 1992 for a judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She was an avid reader and outstanding role model for her children and colleagues. To honor Audrey and Bernie and to support a student pursuing their career goal. The family had decided to award a scholarship to a student pursuing a degree/certification in the trades (e.g. Electrician, HVAC, Welder, Cosmetology, Plumer, Mechanic, Culinary, Commercial Driver, etc.)

- GPA of 2.5 or above
- Attending an accredited vocational, technical or trade school
- Financial Need
- \$4,000 1st year, \$3,000 2nd year

Steve Silianoff Endowed

\$15,000.00

Steve taught history, economics, and social studies at South St. Paul High School for 31 years. He was also the head football coach for the majority of his years at South St. Paul. His students remember him as a strong advocate of academic excellence and extra-curricular participation. Friends and former students established this endowed scholarship to show their appreciation for the positive way in which Steve influenced their lives. Steve died in 2005.

- Strong school and community involvement
- Financial need
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution
- \$3750 a year/4 years

Steve Thuet Endowed Leadership

\$3,500.00

Steve was a 1960 graduate of South St. Paul High School. He was co-captain of high school football team, captain of the wrestling team, and Student Council President, as well as a scholastic leader in his class. Steve died in Vietnam in 1968. This scholarship money is to further the recipient's education and was established by three of Steve's friends: Brian Barendscheer, Larry Gru, and David Metzen. The Brian Barendscheer Foundation contribution made this an endowed scholarship in 2005.

- Strong leadership skills throughout high school career
- Admission to an accredited post-secondary institution

Steve Vujovich Endowed Scholarship

\$2,500.00

Steve Vujovich was born and raised in South St. Paul. He was a 1942 graduate of South St. Paul High School. He graduated from North Dakota State University and served in the United State Army during World War II. Steve believes that education holds the key to a student's future and he supports higher education.

- Education as a career goal
- Admission to an accredited college or university
- Financial Need
- 3.0 or better GPA

The Olson Purple Heart Scholarship

\$1,000.00

The Olson Purple Heart scholarship, initiated by combat wounded veteran Chief Petty Officer Benito Lee Olson, the author of "The Underdogs," along with a former graduate from the class of 2002, aims to support aspiring individuals. Benito's journey began with military service in the Navy, mastering the role of a Master at Arms Dog Handler, eventually being called upon to work alongside U.S Navy SEALs at SEAL Team 6. Despite sustaining critical injuries from an IED in Iraq, he persevered, completing four more deployments before his medical retirement.

Benito discovered his calling in entrepreneurship and seeks to inspire others to pursue their passions while contributing to the vast landscape of American businesses, which represent 99.9% of all enterprises. Today, more than ever, America is a land of opportunity, open to all who dare to take that leap of faith.

- C Average
- Admission to a trade school, 2 year or 4 year institution
- Interested in Business and Entrepreneurship

Tom Pieper and Joan DaBruzzi Pieper Scholarship

\$1,000.00

Tom and Joan graduated from SSP High School in 1955. Their six children (John, Paul, Bob, Julie, and Sue) and three grandchildren (Rachel, Sarah, and Matt) have all graduated from So. St. Paul Schools. This scholarship has been created (in memory of Joan and Bob) for a student attending a vocational/technical/trade school.

- Must attend a technical/vocational/trade school.

Tom Ricker Memorial Scholarship

\$5,000.00

Tom Ricker grew up in South Saint Paul and attended the South Saint Paul School District. In high school, Tom participated in ushers club, chorus, football, basketball and baseball. Tom was class president his senior year and graduated in 1962. Tom went on to study education at the University of Minnesota. Upon graduation, he began his career in Education and worked as an educator and coach in South Saint Paul for 13 years. Later, Tom moved on to a successful career in Finance. However, he was proudest of his years as an educator and coach in South Saint Paul. Tom continued to give his support to the South Saint Paul community and was a board member for the SSP Educational Foundation. Tom cherished the South Saint Paul community, including his many life-long friends.

- Preference for education or human services
- GPA 3.0
- Participation in activities or athletics.

VFW Post #295 Endowed

\$5,000.00

V.F.W. Post #295 is an organization representing veterans who have served overseas in the armed services. The Veterans of Foreign Wars represents the interests of veterans and promotes and supports education and social services in the community

- Preference given to veteran's son, daughter or grandchild
- Strong school and community involvement
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- Admission to an accredited college, or licensed trade, technical or vocational institution

Virginia "Busia" LaManna Scholarship

\$4,000.00

The Virginia LaManna Scholarship provides post-secondary support for a special education student. The Rock LaManna Foundation established the scholarship in honor of his family and named it for his late mother, who was also known as Busia. The LaManna family has a longtime commitment to South Saint Paul High School through the principles that Virginia lived: Faith, Family, Service, and Community. It is the LaManna family's mission to empower students and help pave a path to their future.

- Special education student

Vujovich Scholarship

\$4,000.00

The Vujovich Scholarship was established by the Christine Vujovich Charitable Trust to honor Christine, Helen and Stella Vujovich. The Vujovich family arrived in South St. Paul in the 1920's. As a family they were guided by principles of "Faith, Family, Friends." Generations of the Vujovich Family graduated from South St. Paul High School excelling in academics and athletics. Education has always been a priority for the Vujovich family. The Vujovich family is known for their work ethics, generosity and willingness to help others within and outside of the South St. Paul community. The Vujovich Scholarship is awarded to a student furthering their education towards a career in business or community involvement.

- Pursuing a career in business or community involvement arena.
- Preference to female
- \$1000 per year/4 year

Waldhauser Family Endowed

\$4,000.00

Norman Waldhauser, a 1939 South St. Paul graduate, and his wife, Eleanor, understood and appreciated the importance of value-based education and gave their three sons opportunities they never had. This scholarship was established to provide other promising students with those same opportunities.

- Admission to a private liberal arts college in MINNESOTA
- Financial need

William C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

\$3,500.00

This scholarship was established by Bill's family and friends in his memory. Bill was an exceptional athlete who excelled in football, basketball and track. The community of South St. Paul was very important to Bill, and he was an avid outdoorsman and Gopher basketball fan.

- South St. Paul resident
- Multi-varsity letter winner in athletics
- Financial need a consideration
- Admission to a post-secondary institution (Two-year, 4- year or technical school).

William, Joanne and Thomas Sobaski Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500.00

This scholarship has been established by family and friends in memory of Bill, Joanne and son Thomas. Bill and Joanne both graduated from South St. Paul High School, Bill in 1944 and Joanne in 1949. They were married in 1950 and were lifetime residents of South St. Paul. Bill was a longtime business owner in South St. Paul. After graduating, Joanne was crowned Miss South St. Paul in 1949. She became a homemaker and was employed as an office administrator for many years, retiring from the South St. Paul Housing and Urban Renewal Authority after 20 years of service. Throughout their lives Bill and Joanne were both involved in numerous municipal organizations and clubs. Their kindness and generosity were felt throughout the community.

Tom, the youngest of five children, was a 1982 graduate of South St. Paul High School. He had a competitive spirit and thoroughly enjoyed all South St. Paul athletics together with hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He touched the lives of all who knew him. Bill, Joanne and Tom were always proud to say they were from South St. Paul and truly believed in a strong sense of community.

- Admission to a vocational or trade school
- Involved in athletics and/or extracurricular activities
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Financial need a consideration, but not essential.

Winners Circle Scholarship

\$1,000.00

This scholarship is established by former scholarship recipients as an ongoing appeal. Each former scholarship winner is asked to "pay it forward" by contributing \$10.00 each year or more to become a member of the Winners Circle.

- 3.0 G.P.A.
- School and community involvement

Zawacki Family Endowed

\$2,500.00

Because technology is an everyday part of our lives, the need for people trained or teaching in these fields is greater than ever. Edmund Zawacki was involved in technology throughout his life beginning with his work on radar in World War II. His wife, Lillian, was the head baker at the old South St. Paul Junior High School. Their daughter, Katherine, taught in several Minnesota school systems. Richard, their son, worked as an engineer on projects from supporting the U.S. space program to developing new medical devices. Both of their children graduated from South St. Paul high School.

The Zawacki family seeks to prepare students for the future by providing a scholarship that promotes careers in technology or education.

-Top 1/2 of class

- Career goal: Engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, or other areas related to technology or the application of technology.
- Special consideration given to student with a goal of teaching in a technology-related field.
- Must be involved in community activities outside of school
- Admission to an accredited college or university