



## Scholarship Funds – 2024

Since 1998, the Crook County Foundation has brought together people, resources, and inspiration to enrich Crook County through leadership, education, arts, and community service. The Foundation has the privilege of managing scholarships on behalf of many community members, businesses, and organizations. With great good thanks to these generous people and to the volunteer members of our scholarship award committees, in 2024 the Crook County Foundation awards 57 scholarships to current and former Crook County graduating students, totaling nearly \$111,000.

### Academic Excellence Scholarship

Established by Scott Cooper and Laura Craska Cooper in 2024, this scholarship recognizes students who lean into academic excellence. Awarded based on class ranking, the scholarship can be used in conjunction with college, community college, trade school, seminary, or entrance to one of the military academies.

### Band of Brothers, Prineville Chapter – Bob Ervin Memorial Scholarship

Bob Ervin was a World War II veteran who served in the Navy. He was also a founding member of the Prineville Chapter of the Band of Brothers. The recipient of this scholarship, established in 2019, must have a veteran in the family and write an essay about the importance of the military.

### Best Western – Priday Family Scholarship

Rich and Sandy Priday are long-time Prineville business owners. Their scholarship, established in 2012, recognizes students with goals, those who demonstrate focus, potential, and the motivation to finish school. Students may be going to a four-year university, community college, or trade school, with an aim to the actual job market.

### Bootstrap Scholarship

The Bootstrap Award received its substantial initial funding from Erven and Hisano Kincaid. Mr. Kincaid is a 1959 graduate of CCHS with a vision to support students who are pulling themselves up by their bootstraps. This scholarship provides up to \$7,500 a year in a wage match to students who have demonstrated a willingness to work, through their past and current employment. The scholarship is renewable for a second year if the student continues to meet the criteria.

### Dale & Mary Craig Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2005 to honor the life of Dale Craig, a local farmer who strongly supported education. The scholarship serves graduating seniors of Crook County High School who are continuing with academic or vocational studies at any type of school, including trade school.

### The Dam Run Scholarship

Funded for the first time in 2024, this scholarship recognizes students who participated in either Cross Country or Track & Field in their senior year, with consideration for both community and volunteer

service and financial need. Recipients may be headed to trade school, community college, college, or university, with any field of study.

### **Doris Cutright Scholarship**

Doris Cutright established a trust to help provide Crook County residents the same opportunity she had – to attend college or trade school. Cutright Scholarships are made with the conviction that education will increase the beneficiary's ability to become employed. Student need is a determinant; extracurricular activities and high school academic ranking are also considered. These scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate a willingness to work hard to achieve their goals and the ability to succeed in their future endeavors.

### **Dorothy Edwards Hatch Scholarship**

The Dorothy Edwards Hatch Scholarship was established in 2004 by a memorial gift from her daughter and son-in-law. Dorothy grew up in Crook County. She dreamed of going to college but did not have the money. When Dorothy passed away, her daughter felt a scholarship was a fitting tribute. This scholarship is awarded to young women of academic promise who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program. The scholarship is renewable for a second year if the student continues to meet the criteria.

### **Horton Family Science Scholarship**

Bob and Renee Horton established this \$1,000 per year for three years scholarship in 2019 to encourage excellence in the recipient's pursuit of a bachelor of science degree. The Horton family strongly believes that the wise application of scientific principles will make the world a better place for future generations.

### **John D. Houston Scholarship**

This scholarship is designated for a CCHS graduate who excels in science. John Houston was a member of the Crook County High School Class of 1919. He was a gifted inventor who died tragically at the age of 25. The awardee of this scholarship is someone who excels in math and science, selected by the CCHS science faculty.

### **Jay Family Medical Scholarship**

The members of the Jay Family are long-time supporters of many programs in Crook County. In 2021, they established a scholarship to honor their family members who are in the medical field. It supports a student with the dream of a career in health care. Recipients may be attending community college or university.

### **Robert & Nancy Komlofske & Family Scholarship**

Created in 2012 by long-time business owners and Crook County High School Athletic Boosters Bob and Nancy Komlofske, this scholarship recognizes outstanding athletes who plan to continue their education at an Oregon university, college, or community college. The student must have participated in and completed the season in a sport during their senior year. Financial need is a determinant, and students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### **Lookout Mountain Scholarship**

A generous and wise couple donated the Lookout Mountain Scholarship to the Crook County Foundation in 2008. They believe strongly in higher education. The recipient must be in the top 15% of

their high school graduating class, with financial need, and plan to attend a four-year public college in Oregon. This scholarship is renewable for three years if the student reapplies and meets the criteria.

### **Lyle Family Scholarship**

Crook County High School and the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp had a positive influence on Lanny Lyle. Established in 2004, the scholarship is given to CCHS graduates attending full-time at any college, university, vocational, or community college in the U.S. Preference is given to students completing the ROTC program at CCHS. The Lyle family takes great pleasure in helping the students of Crook County High School.

### **Lucie Morrison Scholarship**

Christine Barcelona established the Lucie Morrison Scholarship in admiration of her mother who passed away in 2017. Lucie was born in Poland to a German mother and a Polish father. She came to America in 1958 and became a citizen of the United States. Lucie loved Prineville, and her grandchildren hoped to help a student achieve the same career success as their grandmother. Recipients must be attending an accredited college or vocational school and have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA.

### **Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #196 Scholarship**

The Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #196 has been supporting Crook County High School students since 2004. Their support is aimed at students who show potential but may not be competitive for other scholarships, with preference for a student committed to a vocational, agricultural, nursing, or teaching program.

### **O'Ryan Ranches Scholarship**

O'Ryan Ranches, a ranch property management company involved in stream and riparian restoration and timber management in Crook County, established its scholarship in 2012. To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be attending an accredited college or vocational school and demonstrate a commitment to community service during their senior year of high school. Preference goes to rural students studying accounting, engineering, or science.

### **Priday Brothers Scholarship**

Since 2014, this scholarship has recognized students who participate for four years in the same sport. This fund also prioritizes extracurricular activities. Students must be headed to a four-year college or university, preferably out of state.

### **J. Paul Rowan Scholarship**

Paul Rowan was a successful businessman in the Central Oregon Cable Industry. He was a founding board member of the Crook County Foundation and started the Foundation's scholarship program with a generous gift in 1998. Mr. Rowan believed in helping young people in getting a higher education so they could be successful citizens. Students must show academic or vocational potential. Financial need is a determinant. This scholarship may be renewed if the student reapplies and meets the criteria.

### **Winifred Seley Music Scholarship**

Winifred Seley played the piano, and music was always part of her life. In 2023, the John and Winifred Seley Trust created this scholarship to assist students in Crook County who wish to pursue higher education in musical and related studies. Students majoring in music may receive funding for up to

four years of study if the student continues to meet the criteria. Other students who continue their musical studies, though not in a degree program, may also receive support.

### **Three Springs Scholarship**

Established in 2023, this renewable scholarship supports students pursuing higher education in agriculture, agricultural business, animal husbandry, or related studies at community college, trade school, college, or university.

### **Lawrence & Carol Weberg Scholarship**

The Lawrence and Carol Weberg Scholarship was created in 2013. Mr. and Mrs. Weberg are long-time upper country ranchers who are strongly associated with the Crook County schools. Their three children graduated from Crook County High School. Preference is given to Post and Paulina students, or students from farm or ranch families, headed to two- or four-year colleges or vocational schools in any state.

### **Youth Leadership & Civic Engagement Scholarship**

Created in 2020, this scholarship requires that the recipient participate in at least three years of 4-H while in high school. Preference is given to a student attending a liberal arts college.