

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) held its annual scholarship awards program, in conjunction with the newly established Class of 2023 Scholarship Awards ceremony for all Esko High School senior scholarship recipients on May 7, 2023. Twenty seven Esko High School Class of 2023 seniors were awarded 20 EEF scholarships administered and selected by the EEF Board of Directors.

Listed below are the scholarships, recipients, and award amounts:

**Scott Plaisted Memorial**

\$2500/year, renewable for three years, total \$10,000

**Jessica Pagelkopf**

**Ruth B. Logsdon Memorial**

\$2000/year, renewable for three years, total \$8000

**Ashley Aker; Ciunn Berger; Drew Erickson; Aidric Mock; Wyatt Hudspith**

**Rauha (the Finnish word for “peace”)**

\$2000/year, renewable for three years, total \$8000

**Megan Chopskie; Ella Seboe**

**Kristin Burkholder Memorial**

\$500/year, renewable for three years, total \$2000

**Avery Kuklinski; Katie Schultz**

**Esko Volunteer Fire Department/Zak Gamache Memorial**

\$500/year, renewable for one year, total \$1000

**Kaydence Lammi**

**LaMarche Creek Foundation**

\$2500

**Drew Prachar**

**Sherry Peterson Kalm Memorial**

\$1500

**Kaitlin Lattner**

**Esko Educational Foundation**

\$300/year, renewable for three years, total \$1200

**Ty Christensen; Evan Erspamer**

**Dr. Jacob & Betty Bergstedt Memorial**

\$1000

**Elizabeth Hartlieb**

**Jessica Blake Memorial**

\$1000

**Christopher Schlies**

**Davis Helberg Memorial**

\$1000

**Emma Cekalla**

**Federated Co-op Oil & Propane**

\$2000

**Ava Ion**

**RAM Mutual Insurance**

\$1000

**Ava Korby**

**Employees of RAM Mutual Insurance**

\$1000

**Isaac Rud**

**Rod & Scharon Sandberg Scholarship**

\$1000

**Jack Tester**

**Cloquet Golden K Kiwanis Scholarship**

\$500

**Tyler Salmela**

**Esko Education Association**

\$500

**Cale Haugen**

**Gladys Richardson Memorial**

\$500

**Hanna Nooyen**

**National Bank of Commerce (formerly Republic Bank)**

\$500

**Erik Johnson**

**ISD #99 Centennial Arts & Music**

\$1000

**Charley Sonneman**

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) was organized in 1993 due to a generous gift from Ruth B. (nee Kuusito) Logsdon, Esko High School Class of 1934 valedictorian. This foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and governed by a volunteer community board of directors whose mission is *“to award post secondary education scholarships to graduating Lincoln High School seniors in Esko, MN.”* Since 1994, the EEF has awarded: more than 40 unique scholarships to more than 700 Esko High School graduating seniors for more than \$1.2 million scholarship funds awarded. For more information, including serving on its board of directors, contact Cindy Purcell, 218-879-2769