**Scholarships Offered to Rock Creek High School Students**

**Through the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation and Wamego Community Foundation**

**Bank of the Flint Hills Employee Donor Advised Scholarship** (approx. $500)
In 2010 the employees of First National Bank of Wamego established the First National Bank Employee Donor Advised fund.  The purpose of the fund is to allow the employees to collectively support the community in ways that they could not do individually.  By combining the gifts from all the employees, they are able to create a significant amount of dollars each year that can be directed toward charitable causes in the communities they serve.

**Criteria**

* Available to four Wamego High School, one Wabaunsee High School, and one Rock Creek graduating seniors.
* Available for attendance at any 2- or 4-year accredited school.
* Special consideration will be given to students who have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
* Special consideration will be given to students who are current members of Future Business Leaders of America (at Wamego High School).
* Applicants must answer the question, "If you were given $1 million and were required to give it all away within 30 days, who would you give it to and why

**Walter Byers Scholarship** (approx. $1,000)

Walters Byers was the owner of the Byers Ranch near Emmett, Kansas from 1965 until his death in 2015. In 1951 Mr. Byers was named the first executive director of the NCAA. It was Mr. Byers’ wish to award an annual, renewable scholarship to a Kansas high school student based upon need and academic achievement. The scholarship may be used to attend any college or university in the United States. The scholarship may be renewed for recipients, upon determination by the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation of continuing eligibility, through college and may even extend to post graduate studies in a field other than law or veterinary medicine.

**Criteria**

* Available to a high school senior from Jackson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie or Wabaunsee counties
* The applicant must be a Kansas resident for at least four years prior to receipt of the scholarship
* Grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (3.0 GPA must be maintained in college for renewal)
* Evidence of financial need required

**Pete and Dorothy Ebert Memorial Scholarship**(approx. $250)
The family of Pete and Dorothy Ebert established this scholarship in November 2010 to provide one scholarship annually to a graduating senior of Rock Creek High School.

**Criteria**

* Available to a Rock Creek High School graduating senior.
* Available for attendance at any 2- or 4-year accredited school.
* Special consideration will be given to students who are members of 4-H and FFA and who have shown livestock at county, state, and national shows.

**David Hartwich Scholarship** (2 at approx. $500 each)

This scholarship was established in memory of David Hartwich and his passion for Industrial, Vocational, and Agriculture areas. David (1972-2015) graduated from Onaga High School in 1972 and from Emporia State University with a degree in Industrial Education in 1976. He taught from 1976-1979 at Sabetha High School and then at Wamego High School from 1979-2009. Once Dave retired he raised cattle, farmed, and continued to run his dirt work/construction company. His love for Industrial, Vocational, and Agriculture was prevalent throughout his lifetime.

**Criteria**

* Available to a graduate of Wamego High School, Rock Creek High School, or Onaga High School
* The scholarship is to be used for post-secondary education in Industrial Arts, Vocational, or Agriculture
* Special consideration will be given to students who have taken Industrial Arts or Agriculture classes

**Gus Hildebrand Memorial Scholarships**(2) (approx. $250)
August “Gus” Hildebrand (1971-2003) was a 1990 graduate of Wamego High School. He attended Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, and Chicago Hospitality Institute of Culinary Arts, where he earned a degree as a graduate chef. In March 2008, family and friends established a memorial scholarship that awards two high school students, generally one from Wamego and one from Rock Creek, with special consideration going to students who plan to enter a culinary arts program.

**Criteria**

* When possible, one recipient shall be a graduating senior of Wamego High School (KS) and one recipient shall be a graduating senior of Rock Creek High School (KS).
* Available for attendance at any accredited college, university, technical, or trade school in the fall directly after graduation from high school.
* Special consideration will be given to students entering a culinary arts program at any accredited school.
* Special consideration will be given to students who belong to at least two civic or school organizations or clubs.
* Financial need will be considered.

**Kaw Valley State Bank & Trust Co Employee Donor Advised Scholarship** (3 at approx. $100 each)

The employees of the Kaw Valley State Bank in Wamego, Kansas have established a fund to award scholarships to area high school seniors.  Three $100 scholarships will be awarded to students attending a high school in Pottawatomie or Wabaunsee counties.

**Criteria**

* Available to a high school senior from Pottawatomie or Wabaunsee counties
* The recipient shall be enrolled in any accredited two or four year post-secondary institution.
* Special consideration shall be given to a family member of an employee of Kaw Valley State Bank.
* Special consideration shall be given to any student who shows leadership within their school by being part of a club or civic group.

**Riley Construction Company, Inc. Scholarship** (approx. $500)

Based in Wamego, Riley Construction Company is a general contractor. They provide green building, roofing, residential construction and more. A scholarship has been established for students pursuing the carpentry or construction fields.

**Criteria**

* Available to a graduate of Wamego High School, Rock Creek High School, or Wabaunsee High School
* Available for attendance at any trade school located in Kansas
* Special consideration shall be given to students pursuing carpentry or construction fields.
* Financial need will be considered.
* Applications must include a letter of vocational goals and a resume.

**Wamego City Hospital Scholarships**(3)($500)
These pass-through scholarships are presented through the Community Foundation by the Wamego Hospital Association to help further the education of students pursuing a career in the health field. Scholarships are available for students at Rock Creek High School (1) and Wamego High School (2).

**Criteria**

* Available for attendance at any 2- or 4-year accredited school.
* Must major in health care curriculum.

**WTC Scholarships**(5)
(approx. $750)
WTC (formerly Wamego Telephone Company, Inc.) has always considered it important to give back to the educational efforts of youth within each community it serves. These scholarships were established in 1998 to reward those students who have excelled during their high school years and are available to a graduating senior at each high school in WTC’s service area: Wamego, Rock Creek, Wabaunsee, St. Marys Academy, and St. Marys High School.

**Criteria**

* Available to a graduating senior at each high school in WTC's service area (Wamego, Rock Creek, Wabaunsee, and St. Marys (High School and Academy).
* Available for attendance at any 2- or 4-year accredited school.
* Selection is based on the academic performance of students.
* Financial need will be considered.