**ST. MARYS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**THROUGH THE KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION**

**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

**Kaw Valley State Bank & Trust Co Employee Donor Advised Scholarship** (2 at approx. $250 each)

The employees of the Kaw Valley State Bank in Wamego, Kansas have established a fund to award scholarships to area high school seniors.  Two $250 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.

**St. Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship** (3 at approx. $500)

This scholarship was established with the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation in November 2008 to reward St. Marys high School graduating seniors who have shown academic achievement and leadership during his or her high school years.

**Criteria**

* The recipient shall be a St. Marys High School graduate
* Special consideration shall be given to those who have demonstrated academic achievement and leadership.
* Financial need will be considered.

**WTC Scholarships**(5) (approx. $1,000)
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.