**Scholarships Offered to Wabaunsee High School Students**

**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.

**R-Tech Tool & Machine Scholarship** (approx. $1000 each)  
Doug and Rachelle Routh of R-Tech Tool and Machine, Inc., established this endowed scholarship fund in December 2008 to assist graduating students of Wabaunsee High School and Wamego High School. Preference is given to students who plan to study metal fabrication, welding, and machine tool; who are members of FFA; and who need to work in order to fund their education.

**Criteria**

* Available to a Wamego High School and Wabaunsee High School graduating senior.
* Available for attendance at any accredited school (vocational, college, or university level).
* Special consideration will be given to students who are members of the FFA.
* Special consideration will be given to students who plan to study metal fabrication.
* Special consideration will be given to students with "B" or "C" GPAs.
* Special consideration will be given to students who are required to work in order to fund their college education.
* Financial need will be considered.

**WTC Scholarships**(6) (approx. $1000)  
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.

**Joseph Flerlage, Paxico Knights of Columbus Scholarship**(2) (approx. $500)  
The Joseph Flerlage, Paxico Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund was created to assist Sacred Heart Catholic Church and/or Holy Family Catholic Church member students with successfully completing post-graduate education. This scholarship is offered to a Wabaunsee High School student who is a member of one of these churches and is pursuing their post-high school education.

**Criteria**

* Available to a graduating senior at Wabaunsee High School.
* Available for attendance at any 2- or 4-year accredited school.
* The recipient shall be a member of the Sacred Heart or Holy Family Catholic Church.
* Special consideration shall be given to students who have a history of volunteering and community involvement.

**Paxico Blues Fest, Marvine McKeithen Scholarship**(1) (approx. $1000)  
The Paxico Blues Fest, Marvine McKeithen Scholarship was created to assist a Wabaunsee County student with expenses related to education in music or the arts, and/or cultural and community advancement.

**Criteria**

* Available to a graduating senior at Wabaunsee High School.
* Must be a resident of Wabaunsee County.
* Special consideration shall be given to students pursuing degrees in cultural, music and/or art fields.