



Gary Knox Memorial Scholarship



The Gary Knox Memorial Scholarship was established in their memory of Gary by his daughter Karen Brandt. This scholarship is to be awarded to an individual that graduated from Clarinda or South Page High Schools or a homeschool student that graduated within the Clarinda or South Page school districts in Iowa and achieved a 3.0 minimum GPA. The recipient of the scholarship must plan to pursue a degree in Education/Teaching, Math, or Engineering.

Gary grew up on a farm near Boone during the 1940s and 50s. He attended Iowa State University and obtained a bachelor's degree in math education in 1962. Following his ISU education, he began a 39-year career, teaching in Armstrong and Newton, IA. During that time, he touched the lives of over 4000 students, many of whom he was still in contact with when he passed away in 2023. He cared about his students and strove to teach in a way that his students could truly understand and grasp the material, creating his own math projects to bring math into the “real world.” Gary made math and learning fun yet challenged his students to work hard. He loved people in a very active way. After retiring from teaching, Gary tutored, mentored in the Big Brother program, and visited with nursing home residents. Of the Knox Scholarship, his daughter Karen wrote, “I just felt Dad could continue to help students learn and grow for a few more years with this scholarship.”

The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:

1. The scholarship shall be used to help pay the cost of any college program leading to a degree in education/teaching, math, or engineering. Eligible applicants will have received a 3.0 minimum GPA at high school graduation. Although not required, special consideration will be given to students that plan to attend Iowa State University.
2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant to a college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment prior to the beginning of the fall semester of year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of three individuals: 1) one individual named by the Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the Committee); 2) a representative of each high school in which applicants graduated; and 3) Karen Brandt or her designee.
4. To qualify for the Gary Knox Education Scholarship, the applicant shall submit a computer-generated or typed application that shall include an essay addressing the following:
 - a. Applicant's major and why this field of study was chosen.
 - b. Applicant's contributions to his/her high school/homeschool and the community.
 - c. Applicant's work history.
 - d. Applicant's extracurricular activities.
5. In the event the selected recipient of the scholarship does not follow through with his/her enrollment in a college/university to study education, math, or engineering, the Donor reserves the right to re-award the scholarship to the Committee's second place candidate.
6. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
7. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin, or physical handicap.