

QUINCY NOTRE DAME FOUNDATION

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2026-2027 Merit-Based Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for QND students are available January 30, 2026.

All applications will be on our website at QuincyNotreDame.org under News and Events. Applications can be printed off, completed and delivered to the QND Foundation office.

All scholarship applications are due back to the QND Foundation office **no later than 2:30 p.m. on February 27, 2026.**

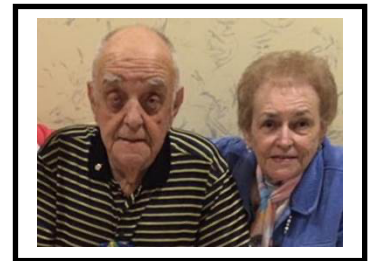
Available Scholarships:

[For Current Seniors to be used for college or for Current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors to be used for QND tuition](#)

Ted and Pat Willer Scholarship, Thomas E. McElyea Scholarship

Ted and Pat Willer Scholarship

Ted and Pat Willer, as proud QND parents and grandparents, support the core values and principals of Catholic education. This support lives on through their legacy of giving to students and sharing their devout Catholic faith with others.



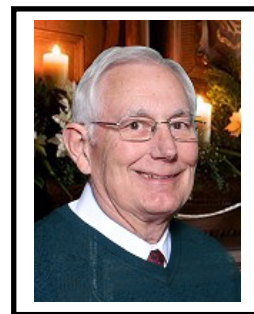
First preference will be given to members of the Willer family. This includes any grandkids, great-grandkids etc. Family members will automatically qualify for the scholarship and do not have to meet the GPA requirement or other parameters. If no family member is attending QND for a given year, another qualified applicant will be selected.

The selection of the winner will be done by members of the Willer family and communicated to the QND Foundation.

One (1) \$600 scholarship will be awarded.

Thomas E. McElyea Scholarship

Thomas E. McElyea graduated with the CBHS Class of 1968, received BS Mechanical Engineering degree from University of Missouri-Rolla (Missouri School of Science and Technology) and received Master of Engineering degree from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. After a 41-year career as Licensed Engineer in Texas and Louisiana, Mr. McElyea retired from Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy Company as Director of Engineering.



Two (2) \$1,675 scholarships will be awarded. Preference shall be given to students pursuing coursework for a college science major.

For Current Seniors to be used for college:

Raider Pride Award in Memory of Roy and Verda Klues and Family, Dorothy Schlipman Memorial Scholarship, Laura (Schuering) Henke Nursing Scholarship, Timothy L. Haley Scholarship, the Jill (Hull) Kelly Nursing Scholarship, Thomas (TJ) Lavery Erudite Student Scholarship, Town & Country Bank Midwest Scholarship, Karen (Jansen) Spring Healthcare Scholarship, Richard K. Reis Scholarship, Mandi Dickerman Scholarship, the Bodley Lodge No. One Scholarship, the Becky (Postle) Bliefnick Memorial Nursing Scholarship, the Sherrie Craven Pom Pon Leadership Scholarship, the Richard (Dick) & Mary Lou Gengenbacher Scholarship, and the John A. Spring Teaching Scholarship.

Raider Pride Award in Memory of Roy and Verda Klues and Family

Two of the strongest supporters of Quincy Notre Dame High School were Roy and Verda Klues. Their son, Jack Klues, an alumnus of QND, wishes to honor his parents for providing Catholic secondary education for him and to honor his parents for being devoted fans of anything connected with QND.

Mr. Klues will provide two (2) \$5,000 scholarships, one for a graduating young lady and one for a graduating young man. This money is to be used for educational endeavors after graduation from Quincy Notre Dame.

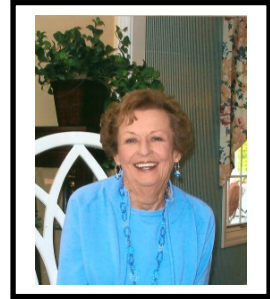


The focus of this scholarship is to honor two graduates who possess exceptional school loyalty, exhibit involvement in extracurricular activities, and attend a variety of QND activities. The two recipients should be considered true fans of all things involving the QND Raiders.

Dorothy Schlipman Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is presented in memory of Dorothy Schlipman by her family. A permanent plaque will be kept in the school and each recipient's name and date will be engraved on it each year.

Criteria: Consideration given to any college bound senior who has demonstrated school spirit, strong moral character, outgoing personality, friendly demeanor, and admiration from peers. These attributes best exemplified Dorothy Schlipman.



Laura (Schuering) Henke Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship honors Laura (Schuering) Henke with her dedication and hard work she put forth in her profession of nursing. Laura graduated from Quincy Notre Dame High School in 1977.

One (1) \$825 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating QND senior planning to go into nursing as a career.

Applicant Qualifications:

- 1) Minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average
- 2) Will attend a four-year college or university and pursue a major in the area of nursing.
- 3) Complete and submit application to the QND Scholarship Committee



Timothy L. Haley Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to honor the life and legacy of Timothy Haley. Timothy was a standout athlete and 2009 graduate of Quincy Notre Dame. He attended and played baseball at John Wood Community College and Quincy University. He was a Corrections Officer in Mt. Sterling and most recently in Pinckneyville. Timothy was a tremendously caring and loving man, who had a deep affection for his family.



The Haley and Grawe families have been long time supporters of Quincy Notre Dame and will award one (1) \$2,100 scholarship in his memory. At the family's choosing, they may break into two (2) \$1,050 scholarships.

Recipient Qualifications:

- 1) A 3-sport athlete who plans to play a collegiate sport
- 2) A student who has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

A pool of candidates will be assembled by the QND Guidance Department and provided to the family for selection. **No application is required.**

Jill (Hull) Kelly Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a result of Jill's passion for nursing. Nursing continues to be a growing integral role in healthcare. The goal of this scholarship is to assist and encourage a QND senior students in their pursuit of a nursing degree.



All scholarship applicants must adhere to the following criteria in order to be considered:

- 1) Have a 3.2 cumulative GPA
- 2) Be a current QND senior
- 3) Plan to attend a 4-year college/university to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Secondary scholarship consideration:

Students who will be pursuing a degree in the healthcare field. For example, but not limited to:

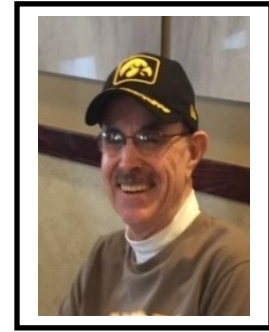
- Pharmacy
- Radiology
- Physical Therapy

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Thomas (T.J.) Lavery Erudite Student Scholarship

These scholarship funds are designated for someone who has demonstrated a love of learning, sometimes in subjects that are not basic to their work or typical field of study.

Tom always loved the book *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* by Richard Bach. It expressed, for him, the potential in unleashing the mind to explore and learn about possibilities in life. It is suggested that applicants consider reading this short book in preparation for applying for this award.



Erudite = having or showing great knowledge or learning

One (1) \$1,725 scholarship will be awarded.

Town & Country Bank Midwest Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is presented by Town & Country Bank Midwest to assist one senior towards college.

Criteria: Consideration given to any college bound senior. Special emphasis put on extracurricular involvement, leadership positions, awards and honors. This scholarship requires an application and an essay.

***All applications should be submitted to the following address by February 27, 2026:**

Town & Country Bank
c/o Mr. Steve Adair
524 North 30th Street
Quincy, IL 62301

Karen (Jansen) Spring Healthcare Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a way to honor the life and legacy of Karen Spring. Karen dedicated her life to the nursing field caring for the well-being of others. This scholarship is following that same format in helping future QND students receive a holistic faith based secondary education.

This scholarship is for a graduating senior going into the healthcare field. This scholarship is open to any aspect of healthcare not just nursing.

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship



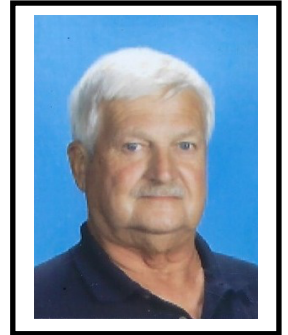
Richard K. Reis Scholarship

The family would like to offer a scholarship to a QND senior student who plans to attend any sort of technical school or pursue a trade of any type. The scholarship funds will go towards any fees associated with trade classes etc.

Among some of the examples that will be considered are auto mechanic, carpentry, construction/heavy equipment operator, dental assistant, electrician, HVAC installer, lab technician, landscaper, line installer, locksmith, machinist, mechanics, painters, paramedics, plumbers, railroad carman, tool and die maker, and welders.

A scholarship application form will be utilized and necessary to be completed for consideration of the scholarship. The QND administration in conjunction with the Reis family will agree on a winner.

One (1) \$650 scholarship will be awarded.



Mandi Dickerman Scholarship

This scholarship is being established by her husband Randy and family as a way to remember the life and legacy of Mandi. Mandi was a 1993 graduate of Quincy Notre Dame High School and a 1997 graduate of Quincy University. Mandi was a beautiful person who loved spending time with family and friends. She also loved working with young children as a Developmental Therapist and watching them grow.



This scholarship will be for a graduating QND senior and applied towards college expenses.

An application is required and focuses on these key areas:

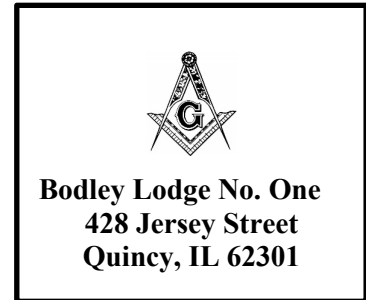
- 1) Student must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA for consideration.
- 2) This scholarship is geared towards a student who plans to major in developmental therapies including speech, occupational, emotional and physical. Nursing majors will also be considered.

Special consideration will be given to members of the Dickerman/Terwelp family

One (1) \$725 scholarship will be awarded.

Bodley Lodge No. One Masonic Scholarship

Bodley Lodge No. One wishes to establish a \$2,000 annual scholarship to a graduating QND senior towards college or trade school expenses. Trade school areas of focus are electronics, mechanics and HVAC for example.



Qualifications:

- All applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in the last completed school term. Transcript required.
- The students must be enrolled, or eligible to enroll, in an accredited college, university, or trade school and submit proof of enrollment in the form of a letter/certificate from the college, university or trade school.
- Preference is given to those who are of the first generation in the family to attend a higher-level educational institution.
- Preference is also given to those in financial need.
- All applicants must complete a scholarship application to be considered.

One (1) \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Becky (Postle) Bliefnick Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Becky was a 2000 graduate of QND and valedictorian of her class. She was a graduate of QU and had a background in pharmaceutical sales prior to her nursing career. Becky thrived on providing comfort and care to those in need. She always put others before herself, she was a natural caregiver. Becky lived a life of faith and service and is remembered for her generosity, her compassion and above all else, her dedication to her three boys.



This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to major in nursing in college.

An application is required and the winner will be chosen mutually between the QND administration and the Postle family.

One (1) \$675 scholarship will be awarded.

Sherrie Craven Pom Pon Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship was established as way to honor long-time QND Pom Pon coach Sherrie Craven '75 and her dedicated service to Quincy Notre Dame. Sherrie worked hard to set the foundation for the continued success of the QND Pom program. This led Sherrie, a former Pom girl herself, to begin her historical run as the QND Pom coach from 1993-2006.



This scholarship is geared towards a graduating QND Pom Pon senior who has been on the squad for at least two years.

An application process will be utilized. The selection of a winner will be conducted by the current QND coaches and the Craven family.

One (1) \$400 scholarship will be awarded.

Richard (Dick) & Mary Lou Gengenbacher Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the life and legacy of Richard (Dick) Gengenbacher. Dick was truly a “jack of all trades”. This scholarship honors QND students who value the importance of Catholic education.



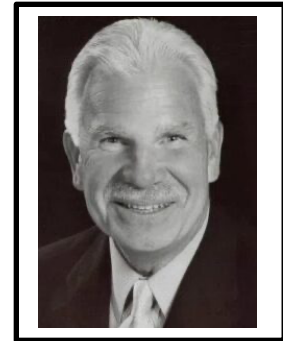
This scholarship is set up to benefit a graduating senior of QND who plans to attend and secure a trade. Potential scholarship candidates will be gleaned by working with the QND Guidance Department. The QND administration will be charged with the annual selection of the winner. Once a student is selected, the QND Foundation will communicate with the family.

Should a QND senior be interested in the scholarship please contact the QND Guidance Department for consideration.

One (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

John A. Spring Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a way to honor the life and legacy of long time QND Foundation Executive Director, John Spring. Prior to being the ED of the Foundation, John's true love was teaching and impacting young lives.



This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating QND senior who plans to go into teaching. All applicants will be screened and the Spring family will choose the winner of the scholarship.

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

For Current Juniors to be used for QND tuition:

Dittmeyer-McElyea Scholarship, John A. Spring Award for Excellence Presented by the Western Catholic Union, Judy and Rick Haugh Merit Scholarship, and the Mike & Laura Rokita Art Scholarship.

Dittmeyer-McElyea Scholarship

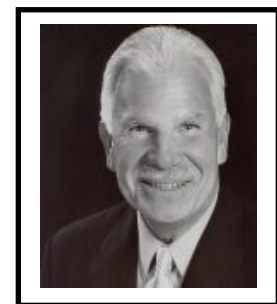
This scholarship is a memorial to Edward J. and Celia (Lammers) Dittmeyer; their children Celia K. (Dittmeyer) Aull, Judge Edward B. Dittmeyer and Mrs. John (Joyce B. Dittmeyer) McElyea; and their grandson Thomas E. McElyea.



Two (2) \$1,675 scholarships will be awarded. This scholarship is given to students pursuing coursework for a college engineering major.

John A. Spring Award for Excellence Presented by the Western Catholic Union

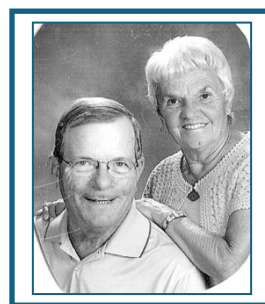
This award is to be used for tuition at Quincy Notre Dame High School for his or her senior year. The purpose of the award is to recognize the behavioral, educational, and leadership skills that best exemplify the Catholic educational values that have been developed and supported through the leadership of past Mayor of the City of Quincy, Illinois, and long-time QND Foundation Executive Director, Mr. John Spring.



One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded

Judy and Rick Haugh Merit Scholarship

This scholarship has been established by Judy and Rick Haugh as a part of their long-time support of Quincy Notre Dame. It is their wish that deserving students be assisted financially as they pursue their studies at QND. Judy and Rick have been instrumental in establishing two other QND scholarships that are need based.



One (1) \$1,350 scholarship will be awarded. This scholarship is to be merit based and is intended to recognize the achievements of the recipient as described in the criteria below.

Applicant Qualifications:

- 1) Student must have a B average.
- 2) Student must document 25 volunteer hours during 11th grade year.
- 3) Student must participate in a minimum of 3 extracurricular activities, one of which may be an athletic program.
- 4) Families of applicants MUST be a participant in the Gene Grawe Fund program.

Students must also write an essay on the “Value of Catholic Education” to the Haugh family.

Mike & Laura Rokita Art Scholarship

This scholarship is designated to award a student(s) who has a particular interest in art and plans to major in art in college. A QND student planning to major in graphic design would also qualify to apply for this scholarship. The student must have taken a minimum of 2 years of art in order to qualify.

This scholarship is also open to QND juniors if we have no senior art major applicants.



An application process will be utilized. The selection process will include the family and the administration of QND. This scholarship shall have no Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) restrictions.

One (1) \$475 scholarship will be awarded

For Current Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors to be used for QND tuition:

Charles R. and Carolyn A. Briddle Scholarship, Katie Kroeter Memorial Scholarship, Luke A. Mayfield Scholarship, Kyle David Russell Scholarship, Bob and Judy Winking Scholarship, Martin (Marty) E. Peters Scholarship, Alex J. Hoffman Scholarship and Ronald W. Hinkamper Scholarship.

Charles R. and Carolyn A. Briddle Scholarship

Charles and his wife, Carolyn, raised eight children and all graduated from QND. They truly appreciated the support given to their family throughout the many years of the high school education process. Therefore, they want to provide financial assistance to a QND student each year.



One (1) \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded

Katie Kroeter Memorial Scholarship

Katie was a graduate of St. Dominic Grade School and a 2011 graduate of Quincy Notre Dame High School. She played on the QND Raiders State Championship basketball team. While in school, Katie was involved with TEC, the German Club and helped deliver and serve Meals on Wheels. Katie graduated with her Associates Degree from John Wood Community College. She received her Bachelor's of Sociology from the University of Illinois Chicago and went on to complete her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



The intent of this scholarship is to keep alive the vibrant beautiful life and legacy of Katie through a scholarship to a current QND student who has an infectious personality and loves helping others.

This scholarship is geared towards helping a student with tuition who has an interest in the helping profession. This could include, but not limited to, social work, psychology, nursing, etc.

One (1) \$850 scholarship will be awarded

Luke A. Mayfield Scholarship

Luke was a 2012 graduate of Quincy Notre Dame. He was a vivacious and spirited young man who simply loved QND where he considered the school his second home. Luke truly felt touched by the staff, students, coaches, and his peers. At QND was where Luke's faith truly blossomed. Luke was involved in TEC, CHWC, and Quest to name a few. The goal of this scholarship is to continue to keep Luke's memory alive and well throughout the halls of QND.



One (1) \$2,100 scholarship will be awarded.

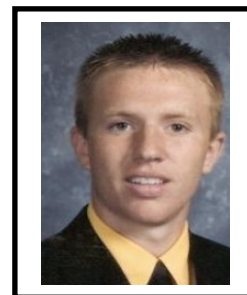
The Mayfield family seeks to support a QND student through the scholarship who meet some of these below qualities:

- 1) A student who is nature driven, is a steward of resources and has an interest in the area of conservation.
- 2) Someone who has an active church affiliation regardless of a particular faith. They could also serve as a Eucharistic Minister.
- 3) Someone who is active in volunteering in our community through service.
- 4) A student who has an interest in scouting and may be working on an Eagle Scout.
- 5) A student who is involved in leadership activities at QND such as House Student Leader.

Kyle David Russell Scholarship

This scholarship was set up to memorialize Kyle in a way that would allow future QND students to benefit from Kyle's memory. Kyle was a 2004 graduate of QND and served as co-captain on the boys' soccer team. Kyle lost a courageous battle with leukemia in December 2009.

Criteria for consideration for this scholarship include but are not limited to school spirit, a strong moral character, and someone who is always willing to listen and help anyone just as Kyle did.



One (1) \$585 scholarship will be awarded.

Bob and Judy Winking Scholarship

Bob and Judy Winking have been lifelong supporters of the mission of Quincy Notre Dame. They are strong believers in the value and strength of a Catholic education, evidenced by their five children and multiple grandchildren that have attended QND. Their support extended well beyond the financial commitments of tuition and annual giving and included strong support of the extra-curricular activities enjoyed by their children and grandchildren. Their intent with this scholarship is to provide the same opportunity of a Catholic education to a deserving student who exemplifies the mission and goals of QND.

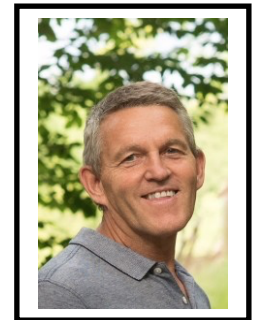


One (1) \$3,085 scholarship will be awarded. Criteria for consideration for this scholarship shall include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Family relationship
- 2) Academic achievement
- 3) Community/extracurricular activities

Martin (Marty) E. Peters Scholarship

This scholarship was started as a way to honor the life and legacy of Marty Peters. Marty was a 1975 graduate of Catholic Boys High School, now Quincy Notre Dame. Marty was a well-known and respected business leader in the Quincy community. Marty focused his life on his family and business. He was co-owner of Peters Heating & Air Conditioning and a kind, generous hard-working soul who always put others before himself.



The intent is to provide financial assistance to students and families aspiring to attend QND, just as Marty would have wanted.

One (1) \$530 scholarship will be awarded

Alex J. Hoffman Scholarship

The intent of the Alex J. Hoffman Scholarship is to assist one QND student each year with financial need. Recipients are to exhibit the beautiful spirit of Alex and the pride he held for his friends, his activities and Quincy Notre Dame High School.

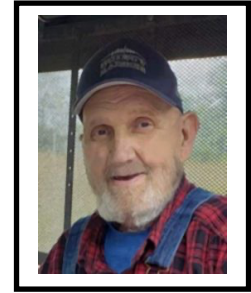


One (1) \$1,125 scholarship will be awarded.

Ronald W. Hinkamper Scholarship

(Current QCES 8th graders planning to attend QND in the fall of 2026 are also eligible).

Ron was a 1959 graduate of Quincy Notre Dame High School. This scholarship was established as a way to remember a man who was blessed with a tremendous character, a true family man, and a man who loved children. Ron mentored and impacted so many lives through extracurricular activities here in the Quincy area. The scholarship is a way to provide an education, through Quincy Notre Dame, for students who may not otherwise have had the opportunity.



This scholarship will be awarded to a current or future QND student who exhibits high character and truly embraces Raider Pride. The student considered will be a leader and one who is involved in a variety extra-curricular activities.

One (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

