

Dorothy Disney Miller Scholarship 2026

This scholarship offers financial assistance to a graduate or graduates of Chariton High School who rank in the top one-half of their class but may be overlooked for other scholarship awards. It shall be used to pay tuition, room and board, or other expenses of an education at any accredited community college, college, or university.

At least one scholarship will be awarded in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Once awarded, the scholarship is renewable for up to a total of four (4) years, upon demonstration of satisfactory progress toward a degree. Once a diploma is achieved, the scholarship will end. Applicants are to be graduating seniors of Chariton High School. The scholarship winner(s) will be announced after May 29, 2026.

Scholarship Background:

The Dorothy Disney Miller Scholarship was established through a bequest from the estate of the late Dorothy Disney Miller. Dorothy Disney Miller was born in Keota, Iowa. Dorothy went to school in West Chester, Iowa and graduated in 1926. Dorothy was a victim of polio and wore a leg brace all of her adult life. She attended Iowa State Teachers College (now known as The University of Northern Iowa) and received her teaching certificate. She moved to Chariton in 1953 and worked in the accounting department of Hy-Vee for 35 years. She retired from Hy-Vee in 1988 at the age of 80. In her pastime she enjoyed embroidering, quilting, and was known for her large collection of hand-made dolls.

Dorothy died at the age of 97. She had a great love for children and animals. It was her wish to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors in Lucas County to help further their education and make a difference in the world.

Application Process and Eligibility:

Candidates should submit a completed application packet to the Scholarship Selection Committee by **4 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026**. Completed applications should include all of the following:

- ___ Application form
- ___ List of community involvement/leadership positions
- ___ Two letters of reference
- ___ Essay—typed, double-spaced, 500 words or fewer (See application.)
- ___ Copy of current high school or college transcript
- ___ Completed copy of Financial Planning Form (included with application)
- ___ Current photograph of applicant

The scholarship funds will be sent to the recipient's educational institution upon receipt of written verification of full-time enrollment. Recipient(s) must keep the Scholarship Selection Committee informed of any changes in educational plans.

Completed application packets should be mailed or brought to:

Chariton Area Chamber/Main Street
Dorothy Disney Miller Scholarship Selection Committee
104 North Grand Street
P.O. Box 735
Chariton, IA 50049

DEADLINE: 4 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026.

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Application Form

(Please type or print legibly.)

Name _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Other phone _____

Email _____

Parents/Guardian _____

(if applicant is currently a dependent)

Applicant who will be graduating from Chariton High School in 2026:

Planned field of study _____

Planned school, college, university _____

Rank in class: _____ out of _____

Grade point average _____ ACT score _____

Leadership/Community Involvement (attach a sheet detailing the following):

- School activities
- Community activities
- Leadership positions held

Essay

Respond to the following on a separate sheet of paper. Essays should be typed, double-spaced, and 500 words or fewer:

How will a college education help you realize your life goals? What have you done to prepare yourself for success in college and beyond?

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Financial Planning Form**

Please complete the Financial Planning Form using cost estimates from the school you are *most likely to attend* in Fall 2026.

Applicant Name _____

College or University _____

Approximate start date: _____

Tuition

Per semester or term: \$ _____

Per year: \$ _____

Room & Board

Per semester/term: \$ _____

Per year: \$ _____

Books

Per semester/term: \$ _____

Per year: \$ _____

Fees

Per semester/term: \$ _____

Per year: \$ _____

Transportation

Per semester/term: \$ _____

Per year: \$ _____

Other expenses (Please describe)

Please list any financial assistance you expect to receive. Include financial aid from the school listed above as well as any other scholarships or awards you have been granted or expect to receive from other sources:

Source _____ Amount _____

Source _____ Amount _____

Source _____ Amount _____

Source _____ Amount _____

I/we acknowledge that all preceding information is true to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent/guardian (if applicant is a dependent)

Date