

Lyle and Donna Nickelson Fine Arts Scholarship 2026

The Lyle and Donna Nickelson Fine Arts Scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors of Chariton High School who participated in fine arts programs during their high school years.

Scholarship Background:

Lyle was a Lucas County native and a Chariton High School grad. At the time of his death, memorials were suggested to this scholarship.

Also a CHS grad, Donna spent most of her career as secretary-bookkeeper at the high school office. She enjoyed supporting and attending the CHS drama and music performances and concerts and those of the community as well. She established this scholarship in memory of her husband Lyle to support graduating seniors who had participated in drama and music activities while in high school.

At least one scholarship, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) will be awarded each year to a student who has participated in fine arts in high school. The recipient may pursue any course of study at any accredited college or university.

Application Process and Eligibility:

Eligible applicants will be graduating seniors of Chariton High School. Candidates should submit a completed application packet to the Scholarship Selection Committee by **4 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026**. Completed applications should include all of the following:

- Application form
- Two letters of reference
- Essay—typed, double-spaced, and 500 words or fewer (See application.)
- Copy of current high school transcript

The scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable disbursement. The scholarship funds will be sent to the recipient's educational institution following receipt of written verification of enrollment.

Completed application packets should be mailed or brought to:

Chariton Area Chamber/Main Street
Nickelson Fine Arts Scholarship Selection Committee
104 North Grand Street
P.O. Box 735
Chariton, IA 50049

DEADLINE: 4 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026.

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Application Form

(Please type or print legibly)

Name _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Planned field of study _____

Planned school/college/university _____

Scholastic

High School attended _____

Rank in class: _____ out of _____

Grade point average _____ ACT score _____

Leadership/Involvement (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Community involvement _____

Leadership positions: _____

Involvement in the arts (music, drama, dance, visual arts) _____

Essay

On a separate sheet of paper your essay should be typed, double-spaced, and 500 words or fewer: Describe how you have benefited from your involvement in the arts and how your experience with the arts has prepared you for the future.