

# Siegfried Petersen Scholarship

## Firm Deadline: March 21, 2025 Noon

### **Terms and Conditions**

The Siegfried Petersen Educational Trust Committee shall annually grant a minimum of three scholarships as follows:

- A. To at least two needy recipients of good moral character who reside in the Bennett Community School District as it was defined in August, 1994.
- B. To at least one needy recipient of good moral character who is a resident of Cedar County.

The recipient shall be a person who shows a desire to improve his or her station in life through education and would return those benefits to the community. It is not necessary that the recipient be a top scholar or athlete. He or she should be a good citizen who expresses a desire to lead a life of service to our community and our country.

The recipient may pursue any course of studies, undergraduate or graduate level, at any educational organization, which normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum (colleges, universities, nursing schools, technical schools, etc.) public or private. The recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of a one-year program.

Recipients and non-recipients are welcome to reapply each year. Finalists may be required to have an interview with the committee.

The recipient will receive payment of one-half the scholarship amount at the start of the fall semester of enrollment. If the student remains in good standing, the second one-half of the scholarship will be sent to the student at the start of the second semester.

Application must be **received** in the **Bennett School District Office** by noon on March 21, 2025. Please postmark by March 15th to insure delivery.

Recipients of the scholarship will receive notification of their selection by May 16, 2025.

#### **\*\* Application Checklist\*\***

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\_\_\_\_\_ Transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation

*APPLICATION FOR*  
**SIEGFRIED PETERSEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Bennett Community School District  
300 Cedar Street, P.O. Box D  
Bennett, Iowa 52721

I hereby make application for a Siegfried Petersen Scholarship. I certify that I have read the Terms and Conditions for this scholarship and that I qualify for the scholarship. I understand that the representations I make herein are continuing and if any information herein shall change or if I shall become disqualified at any time in the future, I agree to immediately notify the committee in writing. If I fail to notify the committee in writing, I agree to reimburse the committee for all expenditures made from the Siegfried Petersen Scholarship applicable to the period of my disqualification as determined by the committee.

This application must be returned to the **Bennett Community School District Office**, by March 21, 2025 at **noon**. Please attach **two** letters of recommendation, *one teacher and one community member*. The letters should not be more than one page in length. Please include a copy of your **current** transcript with class rank and **current** GPA, either high school level or college level.

***Please print or type application:***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Current Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

Contact information (supply only that information you wish us to use):

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

The above address is within \_\_\_\_\_ Bennett Community School District

AND / OR \_\_\_\_\_ Cedar County

If that address is not within either the Bennett Community School District or Cedar County, how is it that you qualify for this scholarship's residency requirement?

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Who can we contact outside of your family to verify and confirm the information contained in this application? Please supply two references who are not immediate family members, one of which is a teacher or administrator and one community member.

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Name	Relationship	Phone
Street Address	City	State Zip

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Work History: List any employers starting with the most recent.

Name and Address	Description of Job	Dates Employed

What colleges have you applied to/ been admitted to?

	Name of College or University	City and State	Status of Admission <i>(Enrolled, Admitted, Applied only)</i>
1			
2			

List other immediate family members who will be enrolled in a college or university next year:

Name	College or University attending

What is your current financial plan for attending higher education? If you are admitted to more than one college or university, please indicate the cost for both and your plan for financing both options.

Annual Cost of First College Choice:

Annual Cost of Second College Choice:

Tuition	\$	Tuition	\$
Room and Board	\$	Room and Board	\$
Books and Supplies	\$	Books and Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$	Transportation	\$
Other	\$	Other	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from your FAFSA report \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current plan for funding these costs?

First College Choice

Second College Choice

Savings	\$	Savings	\$
Income you plan to earn while attending college	\$	Income you plan to earn while attending college	\$
Gifts from parents/family	\$	Gifts from parents/family	\$
Loans	\$	Loans	\$
Grants/Scholarships	\$	Grants/Scholarships	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

What educational loans do you already have and in what amounts?

*(for students currently enrolled in college only)*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Siegfried Petersen Scholarship Narratives

Please supply your response to each of the following. Answers should be **typed** and limited to **one page** for each question.

**1)** Siegfried Petersen, the contributor of this scholarship, immigrated to the United States from northern Germany in 1927 at age 18. He was the youngest of nine children and with his father and one brother already casualties of World War I he felt his future in Germany was dismal. Siegfried's father's second cousin, Edward Lorenzen of Olin sponsored his trip to the United States at a cost of \$196.20 and had \$25 waiting for Siegfried when he arrived in New York. When Mr. Petersen arrived in Olin he immediately repaid his cousin the \$25 and had \$2.56 left in his pocket, enough to buy a pair of work shoes and have a little change left. Mr. Petersen never married nor had any children. He worked in Cedar County for many farmers and enlisted in 1942 and served this country in Africa and Italy during World War II. When he returned to Bennett after the war he rented a farm and in 1956 bought 160 acres for \$365 an acre. Mr. Petersen left his estate to many charitable organizations in Cedar County including this endowment for a scholarship.

What lessons do you feel can be learned by examining a life like Siegfried Petersen's and how will you use these lessons as you pursue your own education?

**2)** Give the committee a personal profile of yourself. Responses must include but are not limited to:

- What is your career goal?
- What has your community involvement been up to this time and what do you anticipate it to be in the future?
- What are your personal strengths and/or weaknesses?
- What one person has had the greatest influence on your life and why?
- What are your favorite hobbies?
- What has been your greatest personal challenge thus far in your lifetime and how have you overcome this challenge?

