

Lester Husted Memorial Scholarship

Lester Husted was a school psychologist who spent 31 years serving the Grand Island Public Schools as part of the Central Nebraska Support Service Program. Lester was known for his gentle nature and ability to put students and parents at ease. He was caring and empathetic and is described by others as someone who ‘knew how to talk to people.’ Lester had a passion for students with special needs and advocated for them on a daily basis. He was also well respected among his colleagues and his supervisors, many who would seek out his advice and dialogue. He was a mentor to a countless number of professionals and a leader of many educational initiatives throughout his career. Lester was well known for his motto, “In God we trust, all others must have data.” Lester constantly invested in students, and this scholarship, focused on future educators, is Lester’s legacy.

The Lester Husted Memorial Scholarship is a one-year award and will be given in the amount of \$1,000 or the value determined by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation Board. The scholarship is intended for students who work hard and need additional support to pursue their education.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High, Central Catholic High, Centura High, Grand Island Northwest High, Heartland Lutheran High, Palmer High or Wood River High
- Must demonstrate ability to work hard for desired goals
- Must major in Special Education, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling/Psychology, Behavioral Sciences (preference will be given to students seeking a degree in special education).
- A high school GPA of 2.5 or better

To Apply

Complete the online application form at www.gips.org/foundation/scholarships

Selection Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee appointed by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Terms of Payment

The scholarship will be paid through the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation to an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university. Payments of up to \$500 per semester (or other amount determined by the Foundation Board) will be made. The student must provide proof of enrollment to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation each semester.

