

January 18, 2012

Armin & Ida Ruff Family Memorial Scholarship

Selection Criteria: A North Platte High School Senior who is a dependant of a North Platte Public School District classified employee or contracted food service employee. This scholarship intent is to allow a student the ability to fulfill their dream of higher education at an institution of their choice. Preference will be given to a student who is in the top 50% of their graduating class.

Recipients will be judged based on their scholarship application and based on a short essay that answers the question:

How will the Ruff Family Memorial Scholarship help fulfill my dreams of higher education?

Limitations: One student per year, beginning in spring 2012. This scholarship is open to students attending a higher institution of their choice (academic, professional, vocational). It is non-renewable.

Amount: \$500 per year

Selection: A member of the Ruff family will choose the scholarship recipient.

History: In 2012, the Armin & Ida Ruff Family Memorial Scholarship was established to pay tribute to the encouragement and support provided by Armin & Ida Ruff to the educational endeavors of their children and grandchildren. Their five children graduated from North Platte High School between the years of 1959 and 1972, while seven of their grandchildren are also NPHS graduates. Ida was forced to discontinue her schooling because of the need to work following completion of the eighth grade; this was a life-long disappointment to her. As she and Armin were raising their young family, they became determined that nothing would deter their children- and later their grandchildren-from pursuing their goals for post-secondary education. In order to help meet the financial costs of higher education, Ida became an employee of the North Platte Public School system as a school cook. Both Armin and Ida were deeply involved in the education of their family. It is our hope that this scholarship will honor them by providing support to a NPHS graduate to reach the dream of obtaining post-secondary education.

The North Platte Public Schools Foundation, Inc. (NPPSF) will manage and administer the Armin & Ida Ruff Family Memorial Scholarship and income may be added to the fund's principal at anytime. The donor understands that a reasonable fee shall be retained annually by the North Platte Public Schools Foundation, Inc. to offset administrative expenses as set in the gift receipt policy. If a time occurs when there is less than \$500 of principal remaining in the Armin & Ida Ruff Family Memorial Scholarship fund prohibiting the distribution of the scholarship as described, the remaining balance will be transferred into North Platte Public Schools Foundation's general fund unless a lesser scholarship amount is chosen and directed by the Ruff family.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

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