



Lincoln County Foundation

Scholarships Available For Taft High School- Class of 2026

The Baum-DeMarco Engineering Futures Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: The Baum – DeMarco Engineering Futures Scholarship was established by two Newport residents who have enjoyed successful careers in engineering and want to empower the next generation of innovators. This scholarship supports graduating high school seniors in Lincoln County who aspire to pursue engineering degrees and contribute to solving the challenges of tomorrow.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 3.5
- Interested in attaining a degree in engineering
- Submit essay: “Describe how engineering can help solve a challenge facing your community or the world, and how you hope to contribute.”
- One letter of recommendation from a STEM teacher or mentor.

Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County Scholarship

Value: \$2,500

Description: The Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center was founded in 1997 to offer child abuse intervention and assessment services in a safe, neutral and supportive environment, for children who are suspected of being abused or neglected. The Children's Advocacy Center is offering two \$2,500 scholarships open to all graduating Lincoln County seniors.

Requirements:

- Graduate of a Lincoln County high school
- Student must submit an essay: “Describe your goals and how you will give back to your community in your specified field of study.”

Claire Hall Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$500

Description: The Claire Hall Memorial Scholarship was established by friends to honor the life and legacy of Claire Hall, a longtime Lincoln County Commissioner who dedicated her public service to advocating for unhoused individuals, affordable housing, and LGBTQ+ rights. Claire courageously lived her truth by publicly coming out as transgender and worked tirelessly to create a more inclusive and compassionate community. This scholarship is offered in her memory to continue her commitment to equity, dignity, and opportunity for all.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- Submit essay: Describe the importance of LGBTQ+ rights in the United States today. You may discuss why equal rights and protections matter, how LGBTQ+ rights impact individuals and communities, and why these issues remain relevant in today's society.

Eugene Kaiser Scholarship

Value: \$500

Description:

Requirements:

- Graduate of Taft High School
- Potential Areas of Study or Career: Business or Accounting

Hagan Family Scholarship

Value: \$500

Description: The Hagan Family Scholarship was established in honor of Sheila Hagan, who dedicated more than 30 years of service to the Lincoln County School District. Throughout her career, Sheila was a passionate advocate for Special Education, working at the administrative level to strengthen programs and ensure meaningful support for students with special needs. Her leadership and commitment were pivotal in advancing opportunities and resources for Special Needs students across the district. This scholarship honors her legacy of service, compassion, and unwavering support for students and families.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- Interest in a career in the Special Education field
- Submit essay: "Describe your interest in the Special Education field and how you hope to make an impact with students with disabilities."

Karen Bondley Scholarship

Value: \$500

Description:

Requirements:

- Graduate of Taft High School
- Potential Areas of Study or Career: Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology

John & Mabel Hockema Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: The John and Mabel Hockema Scholarship may be used to fund the recipient's enrollment in any four-year college, junior college, community college, or trade school. The applicant may be a graduate of any Lincoln County high school, have a minimum of a 2.75 GPA and show an interest and appreciation of natural resources and the environment and participation in outdoor recreational activities.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 2.75
- Applicant shows an interest and appreciation of natural resources and the environment and participation in outdoor recreational activities.
- Essay: "Write a one-page essay describing the importance of outdoor recreational activities in your life and the importance of preserving our natural resources."

Lincoln City Rotary Scholarship

Value: \$2,000

Description: The Lincoln City Rotary Scholarship is sponsored by the members of the Rotary Club of Lincoln City, Oregon. Applicants must be a graduate of Taft High School, Career Tech High School, or the Lincoln City Seventh-Day Adventist School. Applicants must also have earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, documented community service and submit an essay on the "4-Way Test".

Requirements:

- Graduate of Taft High School
- GPA: 3.0
- Essay: Write a one-page essay describing how you could use the principles of the 4-Way Test in your life.

Lincoln County Bar Association Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: This scholarship was started by attorneys of Lincoln County. Lincoln County lawyers recognize what a long road it is to achieve the dream of being admitted to the practice of law. The Lincoln County Bar Association offers this scholarship, particularly for the first year, to Lincoln County students who have the potential to succeed. This scholarship is open to all high schools in Lincoln County, minimum of 3.25 GPA and write an extra essay.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 3.25
- Potential Areas of Study or Career- Law
- Essay: 500 words or less- “What contributions can I make to society in my practice of law.”

Lincoln County Board of Realtors Scholarship

Description: This scholarship is funded by the Lincoln County Board of Realtors. This scholarship is open to all graduating seniors of Lincoln County high schools and students enrolled in Home School. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 to apply and have evidence of community service. An extra essay will also be required to be eligible for this scholarship.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 3.0
- Essay: Write a 750-1000 word essay explaining “What does home ownership mean to you and how does it impact the community you live in?”

Lincoln County Master Gardeners Association Scholarship

Value: \$4,000- Paid out \$1,000 per year for four years

Description: This scholarship is available to graduating seniors of all Lincoln County high schools, sponsored by the Lincoln County Master Gardener Association. The LCMGA is dedicated to educating and supporting Lincoln County residents by providing leadership in the use of effective and environmentally responsible horticultural techniques. An additional essay will be required to apply for this scholarship.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- Essay: An essay of no more than 500 words explaining how your choice of academic pursuits would reflect the purpose of Lincoln County Master Gardener Association: the LCMGA is a service organization supporting the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service Master Gardener Program and dedicated to educating and supporting Lincoln County residents by providing leadership in the use of effective and environmentally responsible horticultural techniques.

Lincoln County School District Administrators Scholarship

Value: \$500

Description: Each year, the Lincoln County School District administrators sponsor the Lincoln County School District Administrator Scholarship. This scholarship is open to all graduating seniors in Lincoln County who are planning to enter the education field.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- Plans to study in the educational field

Mechanics Student Grant

Value: \$1,000

Description: The Mechanical Student Grant's purpose is to provide a scholarship to a Lincoln County high school graduate who intends to enroll in a community college or trade school in the automotive field. Donations from the Bay City Cruisers fund most of this scholarship. An extra essay regarding your career plan in the automotive field is required.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- Graduating HS senior planning to enroll in a mechanics program
- Essay: What are your plans in the automotive area?

Michael Fossey Memorial Engineering Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: The Michael Fossey Memorial Engineering Scholarship honors the legacy of Michael Fossey, a successful engineer and Oregon State University graduate. This \$1,000 scholarship supports aspiring engineers attending Oregon State University, fulfilling Fossey's wish to inspire the next generation in the field.

Requirements:

- Graduate of a Lincoln County high school
- 3.0 GPA
- Major in Engineering
- Attend Oregon State University
- Student must submit an essay: "Write a one-page essay answering the following questions: 1. What would you want Mr. Fossey to know about you? 2. What is an inspirational experience/time or moment you would share with Mr. Fossey?"

Newport Fire Chiefs McManus and Rowley Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$3,000

Description: This scholarship was established in the memory of two legendary Newport Fire Department Fire Chiefs Dennis McManus and Don Rowley. This scholarship is to help a student entering the Fire or EMT Services.

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 2.50
- Potential Areas of Study or Career: Fire or EMT Services
- Essay: Write an one-page essay with information specific to long term goals surrounding your work in the Fire Sciences or EMT services and what area you plan to focus on.

Oregon Hunters' Association- Lincoln County Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: OHA awards scholarships to applicants based on the criteria identified herein while pursuing areas of study and careers that support OHA's mission of "Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage."

Requirements:

- Graduate of any Lincoln County high school
- GPA: 3.0
- Owned a hunting or fishing license at one time
- Write a one-page essay on one of the following topics:
 - Explain how you would protect Oregon's wildlife and habitat
 - Explain how you would promote and protect the hunting heritage of Oregon
 - Explain the role of hunting and sportsmen in Oregon's wildlife management.

Retired Sheriff John O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$2,500

Description: John O'Brien was appointed Sheriff in 1994 and was later elected. John began as a deputy in Lincoln County in 1973 and worked his way up the ranks to Sheriff. He retired in 2003. This scholarship was established in his honor to help students interested in the field of Criminal Justice.

Requirements:

- Graduate from any high school in Lincoln County
- GPA: 3.0
- Potential Areas of Study or Career: Criminal Justice
- Essay: Write a one-page essay with information specific to long term goals surrounding your work in the Criminal Justice profession and what area of the criminal justice system do you plan to focus on.

Robin Jacobson Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$1,000

Description: Robin Jacobson was a wonderful person who worked with students for the Lincoln County School District for many years. Her students loved her. This scholarship was established in her honor for all of her dedication to the students of Lincoln County.

Requirements:

- Graduate from any high school in Lincoln County. This includes students that complete a GED program.
- GPA: 2.50

Walter Behrens Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$5,000

Description:

Requirements:

- Graduate of Taft High School
- Applicant must attend a post-secondary school in Oregon
- Essay: Write an essay of 500 words or less answering the following questions:
 1. Write about who you are. (Integrity and Character)
 2. How have you demonstrated service and leadership in your school and or community?

