

Claire & Evelyn Hermes Merit Scholarship

Background:

Established in 2011 by the children of Claire and Evelyn Hermes.

The Claire and Evelyn Hermes Merit Scholarship is established to provide financial assistance to graduating seniors, college freshman, college sophomores and/or college juniors from Fairmount, ND Public High School to continue their post-secondary education.

Claire Hermes was born and raised in Fairmount, ND. After graduating from Fairmount High School, he farmed on the family farm. He met Evelyn Geisen, originally from Bisbee, ND when she was a business teacher in Fairmount. In 1949, they married. They raised 7 children on the farm; Becki, Claire Jo, Pam, Greg, Amy, Laurie and Mary.

In 1968, Evelyn returned to teaching at Fairmount High School as an English teacher. She was an avid mentor for the speech and drama clubs that won numerous awards each year. She taught until 1982 and then continued as the school guidance counselor until 1992. While his children were in school, Claire was a member of the Fairmount School Board for 15 years. He also served as a member of the Richland County School Reorganization Committee and County School Board.

Claire and Evelyn firmly believed the best way to help yourself was by educating yourself. Growing up in the Hermes household, the value of education was continually stressed. A 4-year college education was expected and encouraged. Each child was able to achieve that with loans, grants, scholarships and hard work.

Claire and Evelyn touched many lives in Fairmount with their tenures in education and we hope this scholarship can continue to encourage and assist others achieve their educational goals. Claire and Evelyn believed in the value of a college education and we honor their belief with this scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must have a GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0=A scale.
- High School Seniors, College Freshmen, College Sophomores and/or College Juniors may apply.
- Preference will be given to students who exhibit the following characteristics: Leadership, Community Service, Self-motivation, Respect for others, Honesty, and Dependability.



Return Completed Form by April 1 to:

Fairmount Public School, 400 E Main Ave Fairmount, ND 58030

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Name of student: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Parent/Guardian (1): _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian (2): _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Principal Name: _____ GPA: _____

Post-secondary school planning to attend: _____

Planned Degree: _____ **Major:** _____

ACT Scores (American College Testing Program)

Composite: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____

SAT Scores

Composite: _____ Reading: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

Career goals after post-secondary education:

Activities & special interests (work experience, honors, and other activities):



This scholarship is administered by the North Dakota Community Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact their main office in Bismarck at 701-222-8349.

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(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Other than financial need why do you think you should receive this scholarship:

Statement of financial need: Many scholarship awards are based on financial need. The committee choosing the recipient must rely on the information in this application in order to make a wise choice. Please include any pertinent information to help the committee make a decision, such as: amount of any financial aid you may receive from your family, government student loans, number of siblings in college, special financial situation which may affect your ability to pay for college, government grants you may be receiving and other scholarships you may have already been awarded.

Family Support: _____	Number of Siblings Attending College: _____
Government Grant: _____	Government Grant: _____
Student Loan: _____	Other Loans: _____
Scholarship: _____	Scholarship: _____
Scholarship: _____	Scholarship: _____
Other Financial Information: _____	
Other Financial Information: _____	

This form must be completed, signed and returned in order to be considered for a scholarship.
Applications not accompanied by a current transcript will not be considered.

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____