## **Claire and Evelyn Hermes Merit Scholarship Fund**

Fund 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- Dependability

## Return completed form by May 1 to:

Fairmount Public School 400 E Main Ave Fairmount, ND 58030



## **Student Information:**

Name of Student		Security Number	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address	Contact Phone Numb	er	
Parent's Name	Parent's Telephone Number		
Home Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
High School /College Name	City & State		Year Graduated or Attended
Principal's Name (If High School)	Rank: (# out of #) (High School Only)		GPA
Post-Secondary school you plan to attend	Planned Degree / Major		

Composite :	ACT SCORES (AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAM) (High School Only) : EnglishMathematics Reading Science ReasoningWriting
areer goals after post-secon	ndary education:
on-academic activities and s ttach extra pages if necessary)	special interests (work experience, honors, athletics and other activities):
ease give a brief, (two page	e maximum) essay on the importance of education in your life: (Attach extra pages)
This form must be complete Applications not accompa	ed, signed and returned in order to be considered for a grant. Please include a recent photograph, if available. Inied by a current transcript will not be considered.
Signature of Student:	Date/