

Billings Community Foundation Awards Scholarships to Harlowton High School Graduates

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Pioneer Memorial Scholarship Fund



The Pioneer Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit students from Harlowton High School was set up by community minded people several years ago. The vision was to have a fund in place that would benefit students that wanted to pursue higher education.

And this is the rest of the story.

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The Scholarship Fund was set up at a financial institution, which through a series of mergers changed hands and ended up in Nevada. Over the years the original donors to the fund realized the fund was now being managed out of state.

The Billings Community Foundation was contacted to see what we could do to get the Fund moved back to Montana. After several months, phone calls and letters the Billings Community Foundation was proud to announce that the Fund was successfully moved back "home". It is now managed by Montanans who know where Harlowton is and who can be easily reached to answer any questions that might come up.

For the past three years the Harlowton High School administration has selected two students annually who have proven themselves deserving of a scholarship to

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assist them with their college education. They contact the Billings Community Foundation with the names of the students and what college the students will be attending and we in turn forward the funds to the college.

After the fund was moved back to Montana, the Billings Community Foundation received some very special gifts to the fund. A young couple in Two Dot designated the Scholarship Fund for family and friends to give to for their wedding. Instead of receiving gifts, the couple asked that donations be made to one of three charities and the Scholarship Fund was one of the charities. Donations came in from around the country! A great example of a very special way to give back to the community!

The Pioneer Memorial Scholarship Fund is a great example of how the Billings Community Foundation reached out beyond our stated geographical focus area to help a local community. It shows the creativity and responsiveness of BCF and how we can possibly assist you.



Set Up Your Scholarship Fund

You can set up your own Scholarship Fund for a qualified education institution! (school must choose recipients.) Or maybe, you have a non-profit organization you are passionate about. Are you interested in the Arts, or health issues of the community? Do you care about kids and their activities? Let the Billings Community Foundation work with you to leave a legacy to our community for years to come. We can be reached at

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