

Foundations distribute \$500,000 in scholarships

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Investing in students in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity and Curry counties is one of the cornerstones of Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation — and that commitment continues in June with the awarding of 215 scholarships totaling \$469,600.

“It is a privilege to continue providing support for the success of thriving youth and families in our communities,” said Sydney Morrone, grants and scholarships manager for HAF and WRCF. “We thank our donors and partners whose generosity supports such deserving individuals and future leaders of our community.”

The scholarships, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, support graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate, graduate and vocational students seeking support for their post-secondary education.

“I was concerned about how to pay for all my tuition, and then I received this unexpected scholarship — I was flabbergasted,” said Del Norte High School senior Juel Kincheloe, who received the Dean Cantwell Memorial Scholarship, and the Bill and Juanita Thompson Scholarship. Juel will pursue environmental studies at Cal Poly Humboldt this fall. “I’m really thankful that (donors) contribute to all these kids and help us get into college.”

Trinity County high school senior Andrew Buell plans to use the money from the Wendy Drake Scholarship Fund to purchase the required laptop and cover traveling expenses to attend the technical college WYO Tech

in Laramie, Wyoming. Drake established the scholarship to support disadvantaged students who worked hard to graduate from high school.

“I struggled through high school and my upbringing wasn’t so good, but now I’m doing much better, and my future is much brighter,” said Buell, who plans to study automotive technology.

Funding for the scholarship program comes primarily from local schools, businesses, clubs organizations and individuals, Morrone said. Scholarship funds reflect new and established donors, and many of the funds are more than 30 years old, while others are as new as a few weeks.

Scholarships support students throughout the 2022-2023 academic school year and are offered to students pursuing any form of post-secondary education, including associate degrees, bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees and degrees and certifications from a career, vocational or technical school. While most scholarships are primarily intended for and offered to students in the foundation’s four-county service region, some scholarships are available to national or global applicants. Learn more about the program at [ScholarshipFinder.org](https://scholarshipfinder.org).