



2025 Scholarship Application Essay Prompts

All Scholarship Entries

This is the only essay required for the Soaring Eagles Scholarships and Class of 1969 Scholarship

Soaring Eagles Scholarships

The Ferndale Public Schools Foundation Scholarship is designed to support a dedicated Ferndale student who is eager to continue their post-secondary education. This scholarship aims to provide not only financial assistance but also an opportunity for a life-changing educational experience, empowering the recipient to achieve their academic and career aspirations. By investing in the future of Ferndale students, the foundation seeks to foster growth, opportunity, and success beyond high school.

Class of 1969 Scholarship

The Class of 1969 Scholarship is generously funded by alumni who cherished their time in the Ferndale School District and experienced the profound impact of a quality education. In recognition of the opportunities they were given, they have come together to support a Ferndale High School graduate in pursuing post-secondary education. This scholarship serves as a testament to their appreciation for learning and their commitment to helping the next generation achieve their academic and career goals.

Write a brief essay (usually 300-500 words) addressing one or more of the following topics.

- Describe a memorable experience that has had a significant impact on your life and outlook.
- Explain your passions and interests outside of academics. How have these interests influenced your goals or personal development?
- Describe a time when you faced adversity and how you persevered.
- Highlight your leadership roles and community involvement. Explain how your leadership experiences have impacted your community and personal growth.

Veteran Legacy Scholarship:

With a deep appreciation for those who have served, this scholarship is dedicated for students with military connections—whether they are veterans themselves, JROTC members, or have a parent, grandparent, or other relative who honorably served.



- What is your relationship to a United States Military Veteran?
- In less than 500 words, explain how this individual or these individuals has/have played a pivotal role in your life.
- How would you like to honor this individual?

Ferndale High School Women in Aviation Scholarship?

Dedicated to closing the gender gap in aviation, this scholarship funds the education and career-focused training of promising female aviators. It invests in the future of women in flight, ensuring their vital role in the next generation of aviation professionals.

- In 500 words or less, please respond to the following prompt. What moment or experience ignited your passion for aviation, and how has this passion fueled your journey?
- How long have you wanted to be a pilot?
- Where do you plan to complete your aviation education?

Ferndale Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship is generously provided by a former Ferndale student who attended Custer Elementary School and continued through Ferndale High School. Growing up in a low-income household, he received a generous scholarship that allowed him to attend Washington State University, an opportunity that shaped his future and inspired him to give back.

In recognition of the life-changing impact of educational support, he wishes to give back by offering this scholarship to a Ferndale High School senior facing financial barriers.

- Please answer the following prompt in 500 words or less. Describe a significant financial challenge you have faced and how you overcame it, showcasing your determination to pursue your educational goals despite these obstacles.

Sasha Nielsen Memorial FFA/Agriculture Scholarship Application

Established in honor of Sasha Nielsen and her deep passion for agriculture, this scholarship is dedicated to supporting a Ferndale High School student who shares her love for farming, agriculture, and the FFA. This award is intended for a student who is actively involved in FFA and aspires to pursue a future in agriculture, whether through higher education, trade programs, or



hands-on agricultural careers. Sasha's legacy lives on through this scholarship, inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders.

- Please respond to the following prompt in 500 words or less. Describe a pivotal moment in your life that ignited your passion for agriculture, and explain how this experience has shaped your career goals to contribute to the future of food production and farming/ranching.