

Latest Grants

7 Women's Fund Grants totaling **\$23,627** were awarded to support and empower women.

14 IMPACT Youth Grants totaling **\$18,813** were awarded to benefit local youth.

8 Spring semester Teacher Mini-Grants totaling **\$10,940** were awarded to educators serving Ashland County schools.

9 Strategic Grants totaling **\$50,526** were awarded in the second half of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

77 Donor Advised Fund Grants totaling **\$237,896** were awarded in the second half of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Find complete lists of recent grant and scholarship recipients at www.ashlandforgood.org.



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A Century-long Legacy of Educational Impact

As a first generation college student, Kelly Gray believed education was a key to a brighter future. She just wasn't sure where the money for school would come from.

It was her guidance counselor at Mapleton who encouraged Gray to apply for a Hess Loan when she graduated high school in 1981. The funding helped Gray complete her three-year nursing program at Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing.

Each spring, Gray recalls, it was the Hess dollars that helped her to pay second semester tuition, finish the year and stay in school.

This was exactly what Dr. Gilbert Hess had in mind when he established a \$100,000 trust fund through his will for the purpose of providing local students with educational loans.

Hess was a veterinary surgeon and pharmacist who became widely known as the founder of Hess & Clark, an Ashland-based stock food manufacturing company that was the largest of its kind in the world.

Reporting in the local newspaper upon Hess's death in 1923 indicates that locally, he was equally well-known as a philanthropist.

"His heart was quick to respond to calls of need," the article read. "Great numbers will rise up to call him

blesed. Quietly and unostentatiously his helpful spirit found expressing in noble deeds."

Now, 100 years after Hess's death, these loans have helped hundreds of students fulfill their educational ambitions.

Like all Hess loans, Gray's was interest-free while she was in school, as well as the first year after graduation.

"I actually was able to pay it all back before the deadline, so I didn't accrue any interest," Gray said. "I don't think it was until after graduation that I realized what a blessing that was."

Gray paid off her loans while working as a night shift nurse at Samaritan Hospital. She went on to advance in both her education and her career, earning a doctoral degree in nursing and working her way up to vice president at North Central State College.



Inside this Issue



Education Issue - It's a milestone year for our educational programs as we set a new record for scholarship awards and observe the 100th anniversary of low-interest Hess Educational Loans. See how we're investing in tomorrow's leaders.



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Cutty's Corner



HELLO, FRIENDS...

Hope your summer has gone well, and that it hasn't been too hazy or lazy!

That is certainly not the case at your community foundation, as we're busily wrapping up another hugely

successful June 30-ending fiscal year, our 28th and counting. Thank you to all of you who have made that achievement possible.

One of the keys to our continuing impact for good in our Ashland County communities has been the remarkable success of our educational programs, under the careful directorship of Lanie Hartge, who is in her 18th year of service at ACCF.

This year we awarded a most-ever 299 scholarships for a highest-ever \$463,930 to area students in pursuit of their educational attainment goals.

In this issue of our newsletter, you'll also read about the amazing foresight of Dr. Gilbert Hess, of Hess & Clark historical renown, who established an educational loan fund back in 1923, which, one hundred years later, is still

making an impact on Ashland County students!

While ACCF has only been stewarding these Hess Loan Fund dollars for the past 25 years, we can only imagine the number of students who have benefited at some level from this generous and forward-looking gift.

Dr. Hess's story makes us appreciate the value of creating permanent endowment to sustain areas of interest, whether that be education or something else close to a person's heart. Endowment can also be established at Ashland County Community Foundation to provide for the future of organizations who may be serving the needs of our community on a daily basis.

It's what we mean when we say that we're "Here for Good!"

We're extremely fortunate to have generous, caring donors like Dr. Hess in our midst today. Many of you are doing what is needed to keep our community moving forward.

Please know that we appreciate you, as we work together to improve the quality of life in Ashland County.

Have a great day!

Jim Cutright
President/CEO

For the past 25 years, Ashland County Community Foundation has managed the Hess Loan fund. The loan fund is overseen by Educational Programs Director, Lanie Hartge, and our Educational Programs Committee.

Applications for Hess Loans are accepted three times annually, with deadlines November 1, February 28 and June 15. The applicant's household net worth must be less than \$250,000, the applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and the applicant must live in Ashland County or have graduated from an Ashland County high school or home school. More information can be found at www.ashlandforgood.org/educational-loans.

HESS

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In her work at NCSC, Gray has directed many students to the Hess loan program. She has seen the power those loans have to change the trajectories of students' lives.

"Without that loan opportunity, there are students who would probably walk away from school," she said. "It's so exciting that someone who sought so long ago to make a difference was able to impact hundreds of students, and each of them has impacted hundreds more lives with their education.

"That's the excitement of philanthropy. You don't have to have a million dollars. You just have to have a heart and a vision."

Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

We recently awarded **299** scholarships totaling **\$463,930** to students across the region. This was a record year for our scholarship program with the largest number of scholarships awarded to date, thanks to the generosity of caring donors in our community. Notably, we awarded 36 scholarships from a new fund created through the generous estate plan of Ashland native and Savannah resident **Warren Applegate**, a U.S. Marine veteran and computer programmer who valued education and wanted to help local students succeed. Recipients of the scholarships awarded in 2023 for the first time are pictured below, and a complete list of scholarships can be found on our website at www.ashlandforgood.org.



Ramey Adkins
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Caley Biddinger
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Gisella Blake
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Megan Blough
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Jayden Carrick
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Hailey Lang
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Gilana Lewis
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Joshua Martin
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



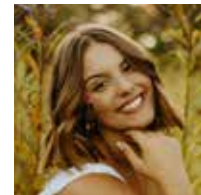
Morgan Meeting
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Jonathan Metzger
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Jacie Caudill
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Gabriella Elges
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Elizabeth England
Loudonville High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Dylan Fenton
Loudonville High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Lauren Fox
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Vanessa Miller
Loudonville High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Christopher Paterson
Loudonville High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Chloe Potts
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Anna Sas
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Emma Schaefer
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Isaac Gessner
Loudonville High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Blake Gibb
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Olivia Hickey
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Colin Hillman
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Marissa Heldenbrand
Hillsdale High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Serenity Shenberger
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Courtney Stewart
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Rylee Steigerwalt
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



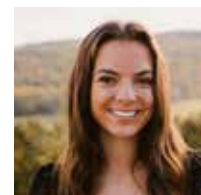
Layne Stitzlein
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



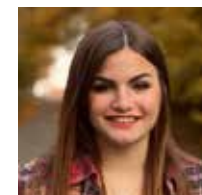
Hannah Teel
Hillsdale High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Jake Hoverstock
Hillsdale High School
Debra Slater Memorial
Scholarship



Aubrey Hubler
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Jalyn Johnson
Ashland County-West
Holmes Career Center
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Hope Keener
Mapleton High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Gavin Knox
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Riley Twining
Hillsdale High School
Nate Shafer Memorial
Scholarship



Garren Ward
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Peyton Zickefoose
Ashland High School
Warren Applegate
Scholarship



Scan the QR code at left to view the full list of scholarships and recipients.

Since 1995, we have awarded **3,595** scholarships totaling **\$4,177,004**. Thank you to the donors who make these scholarships possible, and congratulations to all the 2023 scholarship recipients!