

BRAINERD HIGH SCHOOL



# SCHOLARSHIP

*Recognition Night*

Wednesday, May 20th  
2026





# Brainerd Public Schools

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Welcome to the Brainerd High School Scholarship Recognition Program. The BPSF Scholarship Recognition Night is a special celebration honoring the graduating seniors of the Brainerd High School Class of 2026. Our seniors have worked hard throughout their high school years and have shown resilience, dedication, and a commitment to doing their best. Tonight's program celebrates their accomplishments while also recognizing the many community members and organizations who have supported them along the way.

The Class of 2026 has made an impact in academics, arts, athletics, activities, leadership, and service. These scholarships and awards reflect years of effort, perseverance, and growth. This evening is also an opportunity for Brainerd Public Schools to thank the families, staff, and community members who continue to invest in our students' success. That support comes in many forms such as: time, encouragement, mentorship, advocacy, and financial contributions and it plays an important role in helping students reach their goals.

Thank you to the community organizations that generously provide scholarships and to the volunteers who dedicate their time to reviewing applications through the BPSF blind-review process. A special thank you to the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation for its continued commitment to supporting students and programs throughout our district. This event would not be possible without the partnership between our schools, families, and community.

Finally, congratulations to the graduating Class of 2026. We are proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to the paths you will create in the future. Continue to work hard, lead with integrity, and make a positive difference wherever life takes you.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

*Dr. Karrie Boser*

Dr. Karrie Boser  
Brainerd High School Principal



# Scholarship Recognition Ceremony

## Welcome

Dr. Karrie Boser, Brainerd High School Principal  
Peter Grant, Superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools



## Brainerd Public Schools Foundation

Jessica Gangl, Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Executive Director

## Presentation of Scholarships & Recognition

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Scholarships  
Community & External Scholarships  
Military Awards

## Closing Remarks

Dr. Karrie Boser, Brainerd High School Principal

## Thank You

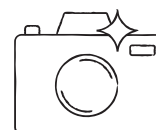
A shout out to the Class of 2026. We are excited to see where your next steps take you!

"Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." -Fred Rogers



## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Connect: Donors and students
- Come to stage when called
- Pause for photo moment
- Please hold applause



thank you  
TO OUR  
GENEROUS  
DONORS!

congratulations  
CLASS OF  
2026!

# The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation



Founded in 1987, the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation's (BPSF) mission is to enhance opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities and athletics for the students of the Brainerd Public Schools. Each year, BPSF awards numerous scholarships to graduating seniors. Students must complete a BPSF general scholarship application to be eligible to receive a BPSF hosted scholarship. BPSF is proud to be awarding nearly \$250K in scholarships this year! **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!**

<b><i>BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD</i></b>	<b><i>STUDENT</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>
Alan Cibuzar Memorial Scholarship	Ava Capelle	\$1,000
Alexis Laughton Prayer for Peace Scholarship	Troy Boeckermann	\$500
Allegra Marketing-Print-Mail Scholarship	Ayvree Marrion Morris	\$250
Alpha Delta Kappa Beverly Jondahl Scholarship	Ayvree Marrion Morris	\$400
Alpha Delta Kappa Bonnie Cumberland Scholarship	Donika Hebert	\$600
Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship	Ella Forbes	\$500
American Legion Post 255 Al Broman Memorial Scholarship	Audrey Hastings	\$1,000
American Legion Post 255 Dewayne Collins Memorial Scholarship	Elsie Predmore	\$1,000
American Legion Post 255 Frank Vadnais Memorial Scholarship	Austin Asher	\$1,000
American Legion Post 255 Henry C Mills II Memorial Scholarship	Grady Waage	\$1,000
American Legion Post 255 Steve Eide Memorial Scholarship	Cali Richter	\$1,000
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Lief Goedderz	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Emma Hinch	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Zachary Lipenga	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Timothy Maine	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Isabelle Ploof	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Cassandra Rennie	\$1,550
Anna W. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Landen Stoen	\$1,550
AP Capstone Scholarship	Owen Robertson	\$1,000
Arlo V. Renschler Memorial Scholarship	Willa Borchert	\$550
Baxter Elementary PTO Scholarship	Hailey Hanson	\$250
Baxter Elementary PTO Scholarship	Avery Horn	\$250
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Emma Jentsch	\$1,075
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Andrew Kargel	\$1,075
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Julia Phillips	\$1,075
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Sophie Silvernail	\$1,075
Bell Bank Scholarship	Alex Kuepers	\$500
BLAEDC Scholarship & CLC Matching Scholarship	MaKenzie Hanson	\$500 each
Bob and LaVonne Danzl Family Memorial Scholarship	Amber Fleischhacker	\$250
Bob Johnson Memorial Art Scholarship	Rocco Harrison	\$675
Bob Kinzel Memorial Scholarship	Owen Robertson	\$250
BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship	Chloe Patrick	\$1,000

<b>BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship	Sophia Sinclair	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship	Tori Dullum	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship	Nicole Jensen	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship	Laura Flategraff	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship	Kaycee Heemstra	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship	Isabell Bednarek	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship	Avery Duerr	\$1,000
BPSF CTE Scholarship	Avery Auel	\$1,000
BPSF CTE Scholarship	Courtney Peterson	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Cora Clough	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Addison Herriges	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Allison Thomes	\$1,000
Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association Scholarship	Evan Bolt	\$1,000
Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association Scholarship	Drew Herkenhoff	\$1,000
Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association Scholarship	Shawn Robin	\$1,000
Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today Scholarship	Kaiden Raske	\$250
Brainerd Trades and Labor Assembly Scholarship	Mason Gilbertson	\$500
Brainerd Trades and Labor Assembly Scholarship	Wyatt Simonet	\$500
Brandon Dahl Memorial Scholarship	Kara Schlegel	\$1,050
Brighter Days Foundation Scholarship	Elizabeth Adamson	\$1,500
C. Elmer and Lillian Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Austin Nichols	\$2,500
Carrie Krueger Memorial Scholarship	Ana Kotsmith	\$400
Class of 1945 Scholarship	Alexa Medeck	\$575
Class of 1946 Scholarship	Willa Borchert	\$575
Class of 1954 Scholarship	Casper Hanson	\$500
Class of 1961 Scholarship	Ryan Zhang	\$350
Class of 1969 Scholarship	Jadyn Turcotte	\$600
Class of 1975 Legacy Scholarship	Tate Oium	\$300
Class of 1976 Scholarship	Leah Soukup	\$1,050
Clayton Haglin Memorial Scholarship	Izzy Sedlachek	\$650
Clem & Vi Koering Memorial Scholarship	Rebekah Soukup	\$8,000
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Brayden Anderson	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Jackson Barth	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Emily Binsfeld	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Olivia Black Lance	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Arabelle Boesen	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Eli Borg	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Wyatt Brown	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Serena Caspers	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Micayla Caughey	\$1,500



**BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD****STUDENT****AMOUNT**

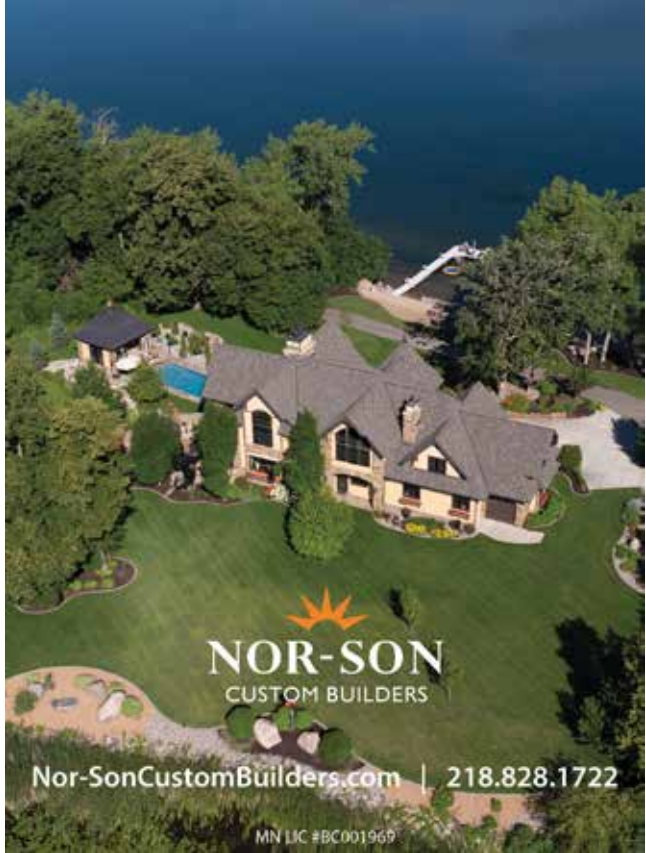
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Odin Sjoberg	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Joseph Smith	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Abigail Smith	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Natalie Smith	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Jediah Soxman	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Ethan Stay	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Sophia Sundberg	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Mia Sypnieski	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Jaxon Thesing	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Marcella Timmons	\$1,500
CTC Scholarship	Keira Goble	\$500
Daniel, William, & Mark Wheeler Memorial Scholarship	Izzy Sedlachek	\$850
David & Connie Maras Family Scholarship	Cassidy Otto	\$500
David Henschke Lakes Media Scholarship	Angelina Thomas	\$3,125
Deerwood Bank College Scholarship	Brianna Cherne	\$750
Deerwood Bank Technical College Scholarship	Beau Coonfield	\$750
Dennis Panzer Memorial Scholarship	Madeline Maurer	\$2,500
Dennis Panzer Memorial Scholarship	Kaiden Raske	\$2,500
Derrick Hanson Memorial Scholarship	Jonah Lake	\$250
Don Adamson Memorial Scholarship	Gabriella Bratney	\$20,000
Don Johnson Memorial Scholarship	Grace McArdell	\$250
Dr. Gene Bierhaus Athletic Scholarship	Peyton Priglmeier	\$870
Dr. Rudd Thabes - Suzanne Ribbel Scholarship	Madon Means	\$500
Duane Doucette VFW Athletic Scholarship	Arianna Halbert	\$350
Edina Realty Foundation Scholarship	Adrian Smith	\$500
Elaine Veit Memorial Scholarship	Micayla Caughey	\$300
Essentia Health Scholarship	Ada DeVries	\$1,000
Everett Nelson Music Scholarship	Grace Langner	\$575
Federated COOPS Scholarship	Triston Besett	\$1,965
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Brayden Anderson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Isabell Bednarek	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Reese Bertram	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Jack Boeckermann	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Troy Boeckermann	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Willa Borchert	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Tori Dillum	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Laura Flategraff	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Annie Foss	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Hailey Hanson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Ethan Hiebert	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Alex Kuepers	\$250

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- ✓ Sport/School Specific
- ✗ No personalized items

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**BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

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- Fred Casey Memorial Scholarship
- Garfield Elementary Scholarship
- Gary Gorman Memorial Scholarship
- Gene Sundberg Pilot's Scholarship
- Gordy Langness Scholarship
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- Harrison Elementary Scholarship
- Harvey Shew Memorial Scholarship
- Hershey Family Scholarship
- Irene M. Rugloski Memorial Scholarship
- Jack Fish Memorial Scholarship
- Jacob Borgstrom - We Stand with Jacob Scholarship
- Jake Haapajoki Wiffle Series Scholarship

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Logan Kuepers	\$250
Owen Olsen	\$250
Chloe Patrick	\$250
Danika Ramler	\$250
Owen Robertson	\$250
Dana Skaaland	\$250
Adrian Smith	\$250
Allison Thomes	\$250
Marcella Timmons	\$250
Avery Vagts	\$250
Leopold Famoso	\$1,875
Thomas Rhode	\$250
Lukas Lind	\$1,000
Landon Gangl	\$1,000
Duncan Glassmann	\$750
Joseph Smith	\$750
Wyatt Hoppe	\$300
Avery Peterson	\$250
Preston Miller	\$20,000
Gabriella Bratney	\$825
Laili Lakin	\$850
Madon Means	\$275
Avery Vagts	\$500

**BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Jan Koski Memorial Scholarship	Zofia Ostrowski	\$300
Joe Dwyer Memorial Scholarship	Tiana Herron	\$1,500
Joey Halvorson Legacy Scholarship	Callie Skoglund	\$250
John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship	Jason Feigum	\$850
John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship	Analiese Garding	\$850
Jon Jelacic Memorial Athletic Scholarship	Reese Bertram	\$1,000
Judy Bialka Memorial Scholarship	Gabrielle Kubesh	\$1,000
Kirsten R. Olson Memorial Scholarship	Adrianna Van Auken	\$250
Lakes Area BMX Scholarship	Kadynce Newenhouse	\$500
Larry Strand Memorial Scholarship	Matthew Simpson	\$250
Leonard Ole Howard Memorial Scholarship	Isabelle Ploof	\$250
LINDAR Corporation Scholarship	Evan Gorny	\$2,000
Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship	Wyatt Czeck	\$300
Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship	Cole Popp	\$300
Mac Carkhuff Athletic Memorial Scholarship	Allison Thomes	\$1,150
Madi Finnegan Memorial Scholarship	Amber Fleischhacker	\$1,525
Mark Embretson Memorial Scholarship	Taytum Goble	\$1,000
Matthew Gaffney Memorial Scholarship	Daxum Hastings	\$325
Maynard Ketterling Memorial Athletic Scholarship	Savannah Mendel	\$400
MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union Scholarship	Lindsay Hunt	\$500
MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union Scholarship	Jack Liebel	\$500
Mike and Carol Smith Music Scholarship	Timothy Maine	\$275
Nisswa Women's Club Scholarship	Taylor Manecke	\$1,500
Nisswa Women's Club Scholarship	Hailey Petrie	\$1,500
Nor-Son Construction Scholarship	Taite Knapp	\$1,500
Old National Bank Scholarship	Baylee Fasching	\$500
Patricia Marchel Memorial Scholarship	Fern French	\$250
Rachel Reabe Nystrom Memorial Scholarship	Brianna Cherne	\$500
Reese/Webb Memorial Scholarship	Callie Skoglund	\$1,000
Riverside Elementary PTO Scholarship	Claire Reilley	\$250
Roger C. Vergin Track & Field Scholarship	Travis Albrecht	\$1,000
Roger C. Vergin Track & Field Scholarship	Natalie Smith	\$1,000
Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship	Hattie Duininck	\$1,250
Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship	Landon Gangl	\$1,250
Ruth Padgett Memorial Scholarship	Angelica Lange	\$500
School Board & School Administrators Scholarship	Hailey Petrie	\$250
Smile Scholarship	Caleb Borders	\$1,000
Smile Scholarship	Alayna Svendsen	\$1,000
Steven Kuhn Memorial Scholarship	Elsie Predmore	\$250
Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Shaylea Dinh	\$1,400
Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Drew Haakonson	\$1,400

## **BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship  
Susan Pettit Memorial Scholarship  
Tamie Swanson Memorial Scholarship  
Tammy Bluth Memorial Scholarship  
Thelen Heating & Roofing Scholarship  
Tyler L. Spaulding Scholarship  
Visit Brainerd Scholarship  
William Dammann Athletic Scholarship  
William Eng M.D. & Family Scholarship for the Most Improved

## **STUDENT**

Levi LeMieur  
Dana Skaaland  
Cora Clough  
Tristan Rollins  
Benjamin Fields  
Dominyk Lerma  
Nathan Nybeck  
Holly Bergin  
Dylan Wenshau

## **AMOUNT**

\$1,400  
\$600  
\$4,000  
\$300  
\$1,500  
\$2,000  
\$500  
\$450  
\$250



## **How do I claim my BPSF scholarship award?**

AFTER your first semester of college is complete (final grades are posted), you can submit your online request for payment. [bpsf.org/scholarships](http://bpsf.org/scholarships)

You will need:

1. Your college's Financial Aid Office mailing address
2. Student ID number
3. Unofficial college transcript showing end of semester posted grades with your name printed as part of the document

**\*\*Please mail a thank-you note directly to the scholarship donor within 30 days.\*\*** Donor thank you information can be found in your scholarship award packet. (Red paper)

If you have questions, please call BPSF at 218.454.6923 or email [jessica.bpsf@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.bpsf@gmail.com)



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# BPSF

**Brainerd Public Schools Foundation**

## WHAT IS BPSF?

The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that exists to support the students of the Brainerd Public Schools in various ways; including scholarships and providing 4A Grants to staff and coaches. The 4A Grants cover academics, activities, arts and athletics.

## Community & External Scholarships

Many local and statewide organizations, businesses and individual donors generously sponsor scholarships for Brainerd Public Schools seniors. The following students filled out an application, separate from BPSF, for each of these community & external scholarships.

<b>COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$2,000
American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Gabriella Bratney	\$1,000
American Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Kamryn Kraemer	\$500
Beacon Scholars Scholarship	Ava Capelle	\$16,000
Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship	Landon Gangl	\$1,500
Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship	Drew Haakonson	\$1,500
Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship	Emma Neuwirth	\$1,500
Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship	Marcella Timmons	\$1,500
Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship	Emma Neuwirth	\$1,000
Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship	Logan Kuepers	\$250
Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship	Owen Olsen	\$750
Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship	Chloe Patrick	\$1,000
Brainerd Lions Scholarship	Addison Herriges	\$1,000
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Zaiden Badger	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Kirsten Cordie	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Autumn Hudalla	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Ava Kroenke	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Kelly Le	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Kai Lukanen	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Timothy Maine	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Wesley McKee	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Kadynce Newenhouse	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Julia VandenAvond	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Cheyenne Welliver	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Judah Wermers	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary S.T.R.I.V.E Scholaship	Drake Zsedenny	\$500

**COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
CWP Operation Round Up Scholarship	Brayden Anderson	\$1,000
CWP Operation Round Up Scholarship	Isabell Bednarek	\$1,000
CWP Operation Round Up Scholarship	Brianna Cherne	\$1,000
CWP Operation Round Up Scholarship	Sophia Menghini	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Wyatt Brown	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Madeline Maurer	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Cassidy Otto	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Danika Ramler	\$1,000
Garrison Area Lions/BLA Community Foundation Scholarship	Gabriella Bratney	\$1,500
Glen Gustafson - Brainerd Sports Booster Scholarship	Tiana Herron	\$500
Glen Gustafson - Brainerd Sports Booster Scholarship	Madon Means	\$500
Heather Star Habeck Kixter Memorial Scholarship	Gabrielle Kubesh	\$300
Kiwanis Brainerd Designated Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$1,000
Kiwanis Jean Collins District Designated Scholarship	Leopold Famoso	\$1,000
Luthern Church of the Cross Scholarship	Brayden Anderson	\$500
Luthern Church of the Cross Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$500
Luthern Church of the Cross Scholarship	Kaiden Raske	\$500
Marshall H. & Nellie Alworth Memorial Scholarship	Wyatt Brown	\$24,000
Marshall H. & Nellie Alworth Memorial Scholarship	Ava Capelle	\$24,000
Marshall H. & Nellie Alworth Memorial Scholarship	Thora Hiltner	\$24,000
Merrifield Marathoners Scholarship	Emma Hinch	\$1,000
Merrifield Marathoners Scholarship	Sophie Silvernail	\$1,000
Merrifield Marathoners Scholarship	Jediah Soxman	\$1,000
Miss Nisswa Youth Scholarships	Hailey Nash	\$3,200
Miss Nisswa Youth Scholarships	Addison Herriges	\$1,700
Nisswa Elementary PTO Scholarship	Callista Anderson	\$1,000
Nisswa Elementary PTO Scholarship	Kaiden Raske	\$1,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Wyatt Brown	\$2,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Landon Gangl	\$2,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Addison Herriges	\$2,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Tiana Herron	\$2,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Kamryn Kraemer	\$2,000
Nisswa Lions Scholarship	Caleb Rademacher	\$2,000
Nisswa Lion Scholarship	Kaiden Raske	\$2,000
Sertoma Liftathon Stephen G. Nunnink MPPPO Scholarship	Travis Albrecht	\$1,000
Sertoma Sunrise Liftathon Volunteer Essay Scholarship	Cooper Katzenberger	\$1,000
University of Minnesota Crookston Scholarship	Baylee Fasching	\$750

# Military Awards & Certificates

The following students are being recognized by the various military branches for their academic, athletic, and musical accomplishments or their commitment to serve their country through the armed forces.

<b>MILITARY AWARD or CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Minnesota Air National Guard	Cooper Katzenberger	\$98,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Jack Boeckermann	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Weston Heldt	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Katelynn Hoheisel	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Alexander Kosloski	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Logan Kuepers	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Ella McCulley	\$90,000+
Minnesota Army National Guard	Austin Waldvogel	\$90,000+
United States Military Academy at West Point	Ava Haskell	\$350,000+



Thank you for supporting our schools!



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# 4A Grants



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DISTRICT WIDE

BPSF is proud to announce over \$93k was awarded during our three 4A Grant cycles in 2025/26. The Foundation commits a portion of our funds each year to the 4A granting program, in addition to utilizing dollars from donor-advised grants, 4A grant-specific funds, and an annual grant from the Innovative Schools Project. We sponsor innovative projects requested by Brainerd Public Schools educators and coaches that enrich and enhance the high-quality education our students receive across the district.

## BPSF meet the staff



Thank you to our dedicated fund holders and BPSF supporters. Your continued commitment to Brainerd Public Schools and its students makes it possible to grow our impact year after year through grants, scholarships and other initiatives. Your generosity is truly shaping brighter futures. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. We are incredibly proud of all you've achieved!

*J. Gangl*

Jessica Gangl  
Executive Director

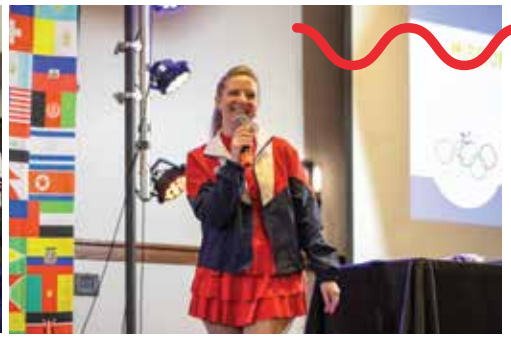


One of the most rewarding parts of my work with BPSF is participating in the scholarship process. It's inspiring to see these funds make a meaningful difference, thanks to generous donors whose gifts each have a unique story behind them. Every senior brings their own story too, and it's a privilege to celebrate their journey ahead. Congratulations Class of 2026!

*Stef DeVries*

Stef DeVries  
Administrative & Marketing Coordinator





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