

BUHL PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

ENDOWMENT FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Angela Hoops Memorial Fund

In 2009 Angela Hoops, Buhl High School counselor, passed away unexpectedly. Several donations were made in her memory, including \$10,000 from her mother, to establish a memorial scholarship. The Angela Hoops Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Buhl High School graduating senior. A selection committee, with the assistance of the counselor's office, selects a recipient who meets the specific criteria for the scholarship.

Cassidee Kippes Memorial Scholarship

In 2018 Cassidee Kippes, a Buhl High School graduate, passed away in a car accident. Several donations were made in her memory, including \$14,500 from a GoFundMe account, to establish this memorial scholarship. The Cassidee Kippes Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Buhl High School graduation senior. Based on specific criteria, the family of Cassidee selects the recipient for this scholarship.

Charles Boring Scholarship Fund

In 2005, Buhl Rotary member Charles Boring passed away. Several donations were made in his memory, including \$6,000 from Buhl Rotary in 2010, which endowed the fund. A scholarship is awarded annually, with the recipient selected by Buhl Rotary.

Dale and Pat Thornsberry Scholarship Fund

In 2015, Dale Thornsberry, a career educator and former Buhl High School principal, passed away. Several donations were made in his memory for a Dale Thornsberry memorial scholarship. His wife, Pat, contributed \$4,600, which endowed the fund. Pat, long-time educator in the Magic Valley, passed away in

2017, and in 2018 her fund was combined with Dale's to create the Dale and Pat Thornsberry Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Buhl High School graduate, with the recipient selected by the counselor's office.

Eckert/Elkin Endowment Fund

In 2001, the Eckert and Elkin families established this fund in memory of their parents, Maurice and Wanda Eckert. Each year, \$1,000 is contributed to the Buhl High School Tribe Pride Fund. The Eckert/Elkin families continue to donate to this fund in honor of family and friends who have passed away.

Garrison Herzinger Memorial Scholarship

In 2009, Garrison Herzinger, a student at Buhl High School, passed away. Several donations were made, and his family contributed additional funds to endow the fund and establish a memorial scholarship. Garrison was active in FFA, and the scholarship criteria reflects involvement in FFA. The Garrison Herzinger Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually with family members involved in selecting the recipient each year.

Henry H. Langdon Memorial Scholarship

Henry Langdon passed away in 2016, leaving his estate to benefit Buhl and Castleford students through an annual scholarship. In April 2017, \$100,000 was received from his estate, along with three additional smaller contributions. The Henry H. Langdon Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually based on criteria established by Henry himself, with the recipient(s) selected by the counselor's office.

George & Mary Lou Atkins Memorial Scholarship

In 2005, the three children of George and Mary Lou Atkins, long-time community members, established this memorial scholarship. The family set the scholarship criteria, with Rob Atkins serving as the primary contact. The George and Mary Lou Atkins Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually based on criteria developed by the family. Rob Atkins is the primary contact and the family continues to work with the counselor's office to select a recipient.

J.P. and Margaret Hamilton Scholarship

In 2001, Margaret Hamilton and family established the J.P and Margaret Hamilton Scholarship. In 2007 J.P. passed away and Margaret passed away in 2020. Both were long-time community members and local business leaders. Several donations from friends and family members have been added to the scholarship. The J.P. and Margaret Hamilton Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving student based on criteria set by the Hamilton family, who continue to select the recipient.

John M. Barker Rotary Memorial Scholarship

The John M. Barker Rotary Memorial Scholarship was established in January 2001. The endowment has received contributions from the Buhl Rotary Club, its members, and the John M. Barker family. An annual scholarship is awarded to a Buhl High School senior. John M. Barker was a long-time community member and businessman. He also served in the Idaho State Senate from 1967 to 1984.

John Kohntopp Memorial Scholarship Fund

The John Kohntopp Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2018 following the untimely passing of John Kohntopp, a Buhl High School graduate. John was active in agriculture and FFA and attended college in Unity, Oregon, Nampa, Idaho and Eldo, Nevada. Numerous donations were received and his parents contributed additional funds to establish an endowed scholarship. The John Kohntopp Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Buhl High School senior meeting the established scholarship criteria. Carolyn, served as the primary contact for the fund. Following Carolyn's passing, her husband, Dean, now serves as the contact for the scholarship. The Kohntopp family works with the counseling department to select a recipient for the scholarship.

Kara Leth Fund

The Kara Leth Fund was established in 2000 in memory of Kara Leth, a Buhl High School student. Her parents, Rob and Cathy Leth, created an endowment to support the music and drama departments, with a focus on music. Some funds

have been used to support the music department, including the purchase of attire.

Karen M. Johnson Trust Fund

The Karen M. Johnson Trust Fund was established following her passing, with the Foundation named as a recipient of a portion of her estate totaling approximately \$38,000. There being no specific criteria for the fund, it was designated for the Foundation's greatest needs. The trust fund was used to purchase a timpani set for the music department in the amount of \$12,900. The remaining funds are used to support the greatest needs of the Foundation.

Keegan Felton Fund

Keegan Felton, a Buhl High School graduate and University of Idaho senior, passed away unexpectedly in 2017. This fund was established in his memory to support students interested in drama. The drama department, headed by Mr. Blazskiewicz, determined the best use of the funds. Following the retirement of Mr. Blazskiewicz, the family was contacted in 2026 and their decision was to give an annual scholarship.

Mabel Bishop Memorial Scholarship for Excellence Endowment Fund

In April 1997, the Mabel Bishop Memorial Scholarship for Excellence Endowment Fund was established in memory of Mabel Bishop, a Buhl High School School English teacher for more than 40 years. Several donations were received in memory of Mrs. Bishop and the family donated additional funds to create an endowed fund. Following the passing of Tom Fleming, son-in-law and later Tim Fleming, grandson, additional donations were contributed to the fund. The Mabel Bishop Memorial Scholarship for Excellence is awarded annually to a Buhl High School senior planning to pursue a career in teaching or journalism. Pam Osterkamp works with Gloria Fleming to select a recipient who meets the established criteria.

Marianne Barker Scholarship Endowment Fund

In 2001, Marianne Barker donated investment funds to establish this scholarship endowment in honor of the Barker women who have influenced her life.

Preference is given to Buhl High School graduates who are juniors or seniors at an Idaho institute of higher education. In 2024, Marianne approved consideration of graduating seniors if no eligible college applicants apply. A one-page summary of their academic goals, career objectives, and personal passions is required as part of the application.

Ride for Cindra Brinkman Fund

In 2007, Lilly Kaster organized several fundraisers to establish a memorial scholarship in honor of Cindra Brinkman Henson, who worked for the Buhl School District as a paraprofessional. The Ride for Cindra Scholarship is awarded annually to a Buhl High School senior. Lilly Kaster is the contact and remains involved with the scholarship and works with the counselor's office to select the recipient.

Ted Sandmeyer Fund

The Ted Sandmeyer Fund was established following his passing, with his estate contributing \$500,000 to the Buhl Public School Foundation. There were no stipulations regarding the use of the funds.

Ted & Kitty Ahlm Fund

In December 1999, Ted and Kitty Ahlm, long-time community members, donated shares of Trus Joist stock to create this endowment. An annual scholarship is awarded to a Buhl High School graduate attending an Idaho institution of higher education. The fund has since been blended into the BPSF scholarship, and a scholarship continues to be awarded in Ted and Kitty Ahlm's name.

Trish Wetzstein Scholarship Fund

In 2011, the Trish Wetzstein Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Trish Wetzstein, an English teacher at Buhl High School. Numerous donations were made, including several thousand dollars from Arnie Wetzstein to endow the fund.

An annual scholarship is awarded, with the recipient selected by the counselor's office.

Popplewell Family Scholarship Fund

In 2015 several donations were made following the passing of Lee Popplewell to establish this memorial scholarship, created in honor of Lee and Geneva Popplewell and perpetuated by the Popplewell family. Lee was a teacher, principal, coach, and school board member, and Geneva taught English and Yearbook at Buhl Middle School. Popplewell Elementary was named in their honor in 1980. An annual scholarship is awarded, with the Popplewell family involved in the selection of the recipient. Preference is given to students who are multi-sport athletes and to students who have committed to the University of Idaho, though other schools will be considered.

Bill and June Nungester Scholarship Fund

In 2021, following the passing of Bill and then June Nungester, a scholarship fund was established in their memory. An annual scholarship is awarded, with the recipient selected by the counselor's office. Bill Nungester was one of the original founders of the Buhl Public School Foundation.

Guns vs. Hoses Fund

The Guns vs. Hoses Fund was established in 2021. The fire department held annual fundraisers to build the fund, and in the summer of 2024, sufficient funds were raised to endow it. An annual scholarship is awarded, with the fire department involved in selecting the recipient according to specific criteria.