

Congratulation 2026 Student Recipients of 39th Anniversary Anna Folkerts Husmann Scholarship

Who is Anna Folkerts Husmann?

Anna was born on September 15, 1897, near Scotch Grove, Iowa to Jacob & Christina Margaretha Husmann Folkerts. Anna was one of four children. Between 1905 and 1918 she experienced the death of her infant brother Elwill, her father, Jacob and older sister, Catherine. Due to these tragedies, she would only be afforded an eighth-grade education. Her mother, younger sister, Hattie and she each inherited one-third of a 73 acre family farm. In September 1919 she married Henry J. Husmann. Anna and Henry purchased the family farm and began a life together.

Childless, Anna's health was fragile and her eyesight diminished to the point she was unable to see at any early age. Her sister, Hattie assisted with farm chores until her marriage in 1930. Anna learned to adapt without eyesight doing chores by feel. She and Henry lived a frugal life without modern conveniences. There was no indoor bathroom. Her means to go to and from the outhouse was by stringing twine between the houses.

Anna was able to cook without eyesight. She would listen to recipes on the radio. Going by memory, she would make them on a wood fired cook stove. Her memory was sharp as a tack. But her husband's memory in later years was showing signs of forgetfulness, known as dementia, today. Anna called upon her nephew to assist her with finances as their conservator.

Henry was admitted to the Monticello Care Center and Anna moved to an apartment. He would die one year later on January 27, 1982.

Anna would continue living a frugal life without Henry. She would simply wash clothes in the bathtub then request help. She continued to enjoy gardening on the porch with planter boxes. In 1983, Anna with the help of family decided to sell the family farm. Anna, now 86 years old, makes a will with the wealth she and

Congratulations to our 2026

High School Graduates from Wayne Zion

Jake Behrends-son of Sonya and Matt Behrends

Alex Jamison-son of Shannon and Jason Jamison

Dane Owen-son of Deanna and Derek Owen

Paige Rickels-daughter of Lisa and Todd Rickels

Lilly Stoll-daughter of Matt Stoll, Katie and Karrsten

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Henry accumulated over their life together. One beneficiary was her church - Wayne Zion Lutheran. With input from her extended family, she would leave the church with a scholarship trust. This idea was shared with Pastor Harvey Gilbertson before putting into her will with his blessing.

On October 17, 1985, Anna Folkerts Husmann died at 88 years of age. Anna would leave a legacy of not letting tragedies, blindness, nor anything else keep you from living a life to the fullest. While she was not able to continue her education past the 8th grade, her hope is for others to pursue continuing education. Therefore, the Anna Folkerts Husmann Trust Fund/Endowment of Wayne Zion Lutheran Church was established with a principal gift amount of \$257,000.00.

Since 1986 the fund has given out over 718 scholarships totaling more than \$570,600 from the interest earned from the Anna Husmann's Trust Fund/Endowment to help others with post High School tuition, including a seminary scholarship to Wartburg.

It is the hope of Anna's relatives, her congregation and the scholarship committee that you will accept this gift to further your education and through your education grow and help others along life's way.

Congratulations to the students receiving the 39th annual Anna Folkerts Husmann Scholarship!



Anna Folkerts Husmann Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the 2026-2027 Anna Folkerts Husmann Scholarship!

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>College of Choice</u>
Jake Behrends	Wayne Zion	Iowa State
Marlee Chapman	Antioch Christian	Baylor University
Wyatt Christiansen	Bethlehem Lutheran	Kirkwood
Kyle Cox	Wayne Zion	Iowa State
Katherine DeMean	SS Peter & Paul	UNI
Alyssa Eckhardt	Olin Methodist	Kirkwood
Gabriella Franzen	Zion Lutheran	St. Ambrose
Grant Gassman	1st Presbyterian	Iowa State
Taylor Gassman	1st Presbyterian	St. Ambrose
Landon Hall	Wayne Zion	Iowa State
Brooke Heying	First Lutheran	Iowa State
Emerson Huston	Zion Lutheran	Kirkwood
Alex Jamison	Wayne Zion	U of Iowa
Carson Lambert	Wayne Zion	UNI
Kiara Mysak		Kirkwood
Cole Nietert	Wayne Zion	Clarke
Cord Nietert	Wayne Zion	Clarke
Dane Owen	Wayne Zion	Iowa State
Paige Rickels	Wayne Zion	UNI
Jacqueline Stadtmueller	SS Peter & Paul	UNI
Jessica Stadtmueller	Union Chapel Ministries	Taylor University
Lilly Stoll	Wayne Zion	U of W-Platteville
Ian Temple	Wayne Zion	U of Iowa
Grayson Weers	Wayne Zion	Iowa State