

Dr. Melody Smith Scholarship Fund

- Purpose:** This fund was established in recognition of Dr. Melody Smith by the St. Joseph School District Foundation to provide academic scholarships to graduates of the St. Joseph School District pursuing a degree in education.
- Criteria:** To be eligible for the scholarship, students must meet the following:
- Students eligible for assistance shall be graduating seniors of the St. Joseph School District intending to pursue a degree in education through a four-year college/university.
- Students' High School attendance must be no less than 94% with preference given to 96% and higher.
- Students must provide an Essay of intent for program including community involvement, personal attributes and how those attributes will apply to teaching and your goals and timeline for completion.
- Preference will be given to students participating in the Grow Your Own Program through the St Joseph School District.
- Guidelines:** The scholarship is recurring for up to two years, payable in August and January. Before processing the payments, the following information will need to be sent to the Community Foundation during the **sophomore year of college**:
- Verification of acceptance into the Education Program from the Program Director (or a copy of the education major/minor form signed by the student and academic advisor)
 - Letter from the University verifying your enrollment for the upcoming semester including the student ID number
 - Verification from the university that the student is maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Amount:** Minimum of \$1,000 annually, for up to two years payable in August and January. The second installment will be released upon proof of good academic progress (transcript required as proof) and enrollment in the declared education program.
- Deadline:** March 1

Apply through Scholar-Link at cfnwmo.org

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