

Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship

Introduction:

Dr. Henry C. Mueller established a dental practice in Chamberlain, SD that lasted 33 years. Dr. Mueller helped thousands of people of all ages, races, and creeds. He was active in the community and served as president of the Chamberlain School Board. Dr. Mueller endured many personal tragedies, including the loss of three children and two wives, yet Dr. Mueller was still one of the most honest and caring men there was. He was truly one of "The Greatest Generation".

Henry Claus Mueller, son of immigrant parents, was born in Jersey City, NJ in 1910. After WWI, the Mueller family homesteaded northwest of Draper, SD. They farmed there for many years. Henry's mother passed away when he was a young boy. During the Great Depression, Henry stayed at home to work on the farm so his younger brother and sister could attend college. In 1932, Henry boxed in the Golden Gloves, becoming the state heavyweight runner-up. Henry boxed bare-footed, as he could not afford the boxing shoes that would fit his feet. He enrolled at the University Of South Dakota, where he played football. He worked his way through dental school at Creighton University of Omaha, NE. After graduating from Creighton, Henry joined the army during WWII, serving as a captain. He served three years at a POW camp in Texas, as he could speak German. While in Texas, he married a teacher from Wood, SD. After the war, Henry and his wife moved to Chamberlain, SD, where Henry started his successful dental practice.

This scholarship is established and supported by Jack Mueller, son of Dr. Henry C. Mueller. Jack Mueller has created this scholarship in commemoration of his late father, as Dr. Mueller was a great and kind man who gave much to his community. Jack knows his father would want to continue to give to the community.

This scholarship is to provide funds for a Lyman County School District #42-1, 2024 or later graduate wishing to pursue a teaching career.

The epitaph on Dr. Henry C. Mueller's grave (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1838):

**Lives Of Great Men All Remind Us
We Can Make Our Lives Sublime
And, Departing, Leave Behind Us
Footprints On The Sands Of Time**

Criteria to be considered when selecting student:

This scholarship is to support one willing to commit to a teaching career. Weight is given to the applicant's high school performance and work history. However, special consideration will be given to an applicant's expressed interest in pursuing a teaching degree considering the quality and care shown in their essay, application, and letters of recommendation.

The Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship has not been established to reward those with the best grades or superior work history. The Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship has been established to support an applicant with the *necessary determination and heart* to be a successful teacher. Any Lyman County School District #42-1, 2024 or later graduate seeking a teaching degree should pursue this scholarship.

The scholarship committee established by Lyman County High School and the sponsor of the Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship will select the scholarship student.

Priority will be given to those attending in-state institutions. If there is more than one applicant, financial need may be considered.

The scholarship is intended for a student who is genuinely focused on achieving a bachelor's degree in education. It is not meant to be used as a "stepping stone" to a different degree. If the recipient drops out of the teaching program, disbursement of any monies shall stop.

Disbursement of scholarship:

To be considered for the Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship, the applicant must be accepted into a teaching program at a community or public college or university, and provide proof of acceptance. Scholarship disbursement is made directly to a Financial Aid Officer at the institution the student is attending. Disbursement can be made for up to four years, as long as the applicant is in good standing with the institution and meets the GPA requirement of at least 2.5 and completes 12 credit hours per semester as required by this scholarship.

First payment is to be made at beginning of the first semester. Subsequent payments will be made after each review of semester grades. Applicant must reapply for the scholarship each semester. Reapplying merely means the student must contact Jones County High School with the appropriate materials demonstrating the student has met the minimum requirement of at least a 2.5 GPA and at least 12 credit hours completed each semester.

The scholarship is valued at \$10,000.00 and will be distributed according to length of education. For a four year degree (bachelor's degree), applicant may have access to scholarship funds according to the following table, as long as GPA and appropriate credit hours are maintained.

Year 1	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00 per semester)
Year 2	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00 per semester)
Year 3	\$3,000.00	(\$1,500.00 per semester)
Year 4	\$4,000.00	(\$2,000.00 per semester)

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The Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship will be offered to one 2024 or later graduate of Lyman County School District #42-1. The scholarship consists of \$10,000.00 paid out over eight semesters for a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in teaching.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Parents' Names:

Name of college/institution: _____

Has student been accepted? _____

High School GPA: _____

Requirements:

- 1. To be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must be accepted into a community or public institution of higher education and the applicant must pursue a bachelor degree in teaching.**
- 2. To receive this scholarship, the applicant must be accepted into an education program and provide proof of acceptance.**
- 3. The applicant must be a 2024 or later graduate of Lyman County School District #42-1 with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, pursuing a teaching degree on a full-time basis (12 credit hours per semester). Priority may be given to those attending in-state institutions.**

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet:

- 4. An essay of 600-1000 words on the nature of the applicant's interest in pursuing a teaching career, including such points as:**
 - A short summary of how receiving the Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship would benefit you (the student) and why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship.
 - The student's thoughts on how a teaching career would benefit them.
 - In what ways does the student believe they would contribute to education and the teaching profession?
- 5. Two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be from those within the education system, if the applicant has access to such references. However, references from any well-respected community member are acceptable.**
- 6. Please list any form of financial aid already awarded or that will be received, including grants, scholarships, etc.**
- 7. Please list any jobs you have held during your high school years.**
- 8. Lyman County School District #42-1 will announce the scholarship deadline.**

I have read and understand the requirements, which are part of the Dr. Henry C. Mueller Scholarship. If accepted as a recipient, I will abide by the guidelines.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____