**Merrill Family Foundation 5M Scholarship**

**2025-2026 Post High School Application   
(Limited to Undergraduate Studies)  
DUE JUNE 1, 2025**

Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College Residence Address (if known)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated from High School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of completed credit hours\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 (if more space is needed, provide information as attachment to application)

Married  yes  no - If yes, list spouse name, occupation and employer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Names and Ages of Children (if applicable)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other family members currently attending college\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Annual income\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If applicant has any special circumstances that impact his/her financial status, please state them here (examples: physical handicap, medical bills, job layoff, financial debt or other financial hardships):

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List any scholarships, financial awards and/or student loans you currently hold or will receive in the fall of this year.

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**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

Intended College Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My tentative plans are to attend the following college:

College Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Expected or College Graduation Date-Associate’s Degree (month/year) ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected College Graduation Date-Bachelor’s Degree (month/year)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Probable Career\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(We understand that career paths may change.)

Academic Achievement Information: Current GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** **Most recent college transcript required with application (2.0 GPA minimum requirement). Limited to Undergraduate Studies.**

ETHNIC BACKGROUND (select one or more):

Required by IRS regulations

❒ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE ❒ HISPANIC OR LATINO

❒ ASIAN ❒ NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC

❒ BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ISLANDER

❒ WHITE ❒ OTHER

Job Experiences Outside of College – Military Experience (Include dates of employment)

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY:

(Attach sheet if you need additional space.)

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Explain why you desire to be considered a candidate for this scholarship. Include any circumstances that seriously affect your financial situation or your ability to achieve your educational goals.

(200 words or less. You may attach one additional page, one side, typed single or double spaced.)

Explain your career goals and why you are interested in pursuing these goals. (300 words or less. You may attach one additional page, one side, typed single or double spaced.)

I verify that the information submitted in this application is accurate and truthful and I understand that any false or inaccurate information may disqualify me for any scholarship funds. I understand this scholarship is for undergraduate educational studies only and adhere to this restriction.

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Applicant’s signature Date

**Should you have any questions completing this application, please contact Chris Hayek, Merrill Scholarship Coordinator, Fort Dodge Community Foundation at 515-408-4065, leave message if unavailable otherwise will be blocked.** **Mail application to Fort Dodge Community Foundation, Attn: Chris Hayek, 24 N 9th St, Ste B, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 or via e-mail chris@fd-foundation.org**

**Merrill Family Foundation 5M Scholarship**  
Administered through Fort Dodge Community Foundation

**Please check or write in correct response**

**Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I received an application because**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_One was sent to me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I requested one

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other (elaborate)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I lived in at one time (or always have) prior to college:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hamilton County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Webster County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Neither County

**I lived in or attended school at one time (or always have) prior to college (include grade level).**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Webster City School System \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hamilton County School System

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Hamilton County Private School System \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Fort Dodge School System

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Webster County School System \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Webster County Private School System

List other school system(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I have attended schools in Iowa for the following grades (k-12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I have attended schools outside of Iowa for the following grades (k-12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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If so, what state(s) and grades(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I graduated from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_High School in 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(year)**

**I was made aware of the Merrill Family Foundation 5M Scholarship from:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Pat Merrill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Newspaper (name of newspaper)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other (please elaborate):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with application form.**