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**Fort Dodge Community Foundation**

*Serving Fort Dodge, Webster County and North Central Iowa*

24 N 9th Street Suite B

Fort Dodge, IA 50501 **Merrill Family Foundation 5M Scholarship – (High School Grad 2025)  
Scholarship Application 2025-2026**

**DUE JUNE 1, 2025**

Student’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ High School Name & Grad Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s address (if different from above)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Occupation & Employer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Occupation & Employer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Siblings\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Family Income \_\_\_ Below $25,000 \_\_\_ $25,000 - $40,000 \_\_\_ $40,000 - $50,000

For Need-based \_\_\_ $50,000 - $60,000 \_\_\_ $60,000 - $70,000 \_\_\_ $70,000 - $80,000

Scholarships \_\_\_ $80,000 - $90,000 \_\_\_ $90,000 - $100,000 \_\_\_ $100,000 & Above

Amount of financial assistance applicant will receive from parents\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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**Academic Achievement and Test Scores (required)**

GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Signature

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

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

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

I plan to attend the following college: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd choice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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

**Job Experiences Outside of School (Include dates of employment)/Military Experience**

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN HIGH SCHOOL:**

(Attach sheet if you need additional space.)

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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 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. With renewal scholarships, I understand it 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**](mailto: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.**