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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Scholarship application deadline is  
**February 1st.** For available  
scholarships and to download the  
application, go to  
[custercountyfoundation.org](http://custercountyfoundation.org).

#### **YOUR OPINION MATTERS**

Please take a few minutes and  
complete a survey to tell us about  
your perception of the Custer  
County Foundation. We always  
strive to meet the needs of our  
community and your input will  
help. All responses are anonymous  
and voluntary. You can scan the  
below QR code and directly link to  
the survey or visit online at:  
[www.gicf.org/survey](http://www.gicf.org/survey)



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### **Foundation raises over \$140,000 at Annual Gala & Auction!**

The Custer County Foundation held its 15th Annual Gala & Auction on Saturday, December 14th at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow. The evening was deemed a success! Preliminary numbers show around \$140,000 was raised! The Foundation sincerely appreciates the generosity of the many businesses and individuals throughout Custer County. **THANK YOU** for making it possible to have a successful event!

As guests arrived, they had the opportunity to purchase keys for \$10 each. After all keys were sold, guests tried to unlock one of three glass jars containing cash prizes donated by A to Z Lawn Pro & Landscaping (\$250), Arrow Aviation, Inc. ~Casey & Melissa Williams (\$500), and Edward Jones, Gateway Motors/Sandhills Motors, and Palmer Monument(\$1,000).

Bubbles & Bling was back this year. This involved live auctioning five glasses of champagne, in which one glass contained a .64 carat diamond worth \$3,145 and four other glasses contained a cubic zirconia stone. The diamond being featured was hand-selected by a personal representative from Hawthorne Jewelry in Kearney, who traveled to Antwerp, Belgium--the diamond capital of the world! Roy Yanagida picked the correct number when he purchased his glass and was the winner of the .64 carat diamond.

Other highlights of the evening included the ever popular "Heads or Tails" game. For \$10/bead necklace guests had the opportunity to win \$500 cash by simply choosing either "heads" or "tails" at the toss of a coin. Jenny Fox beat out the competition and was the lucky winner of the \$500.

Rebel Hunt was the lucky winner of the stunning 1/2 cwt 14kt, yellow gold, solitaire diamond earrings donated by Sargent Irrigation Company.

The evening would not have been complete without the drawing for the choice of a Polaris Ranger Side by Side OR a \$6,500 travel voucher with \$1,000 cash sponsored by Ag-Land ATV and Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters. And the winner was... Darren Tobey of Broken Bow! Darren chose the Travel Voucher.

Proceeds from the evening will be incorporated into the funds of the Foundation and returned to Custer County in the form of grants for charitable organizations and scholarships for non-traditional students.

An exciting announcement was made regarding a donation from the Yanagida family. Roy Yanagida and his family made a \$200,000 donation and is challenging the Board of Directors to raise another \$100,000 in which Roy and his family will match. This challenge match could potentially raise \$400,000 or more. We are excited to announce over \$4,700 was donated by guests attending the Gala, bringing the total raised to the challenge match to over \$33,000.





## 2020 YANAGIDA CHALLENGE MATCH!

In 1991, Roy Yanagida, together with other Custer County business leaders, had the foresight to create the Custer County Foundation. Since its inception, the Custer County Foundation has distributed over \$4.8 million to Custer County students through college scholarships, and to Custer County residents of all ages through grants to nonprofit organizations.

Roy has now decided to make another generous donation, and has issued a challenge match to the businesses and individuals who love Custer County and have benefited from living in this community. It is Roy's vision to ensure that the Foundation continues to have a positive impact upon the youth and other worthy organizations in Custer County well into the future. **To kick off this challenge match, Roy has already generously donated \$200,000. In addition, for the next 12 months, Roy and his family are generously matching every donation to the Yanagida Challenge Match dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$100,000! This challenge match could potentially raise \$400,000 or more!!** This will certainly help the Foundation continue to have a positive impact on Custer County.

Roy is asking you to join him in this challenge match and to make a pledge to the Foundation. As Roy would say, "you give with your heart." It is the hope of the Yanagida family that you, too, will give from your heart, and will join them in their effort to help secure the future of the Foundation and the life we love in Custer County.

**We are happy to announce that over \$33,000 has already been raised!!**

Please help us capitalize on this generous gift by making a contribution to the Yanagida Challenge match. Please fill out the below Challenge Match Form and return to the Custer County Foundation.

Thank you, Roy and the Yanagida family, for this amazing gift!

**Yes!** I want to participate in the challenge match!



☐ Enclosed is my challenge match donation.

☐ I am interested in learning more about this challenge match please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I wish to make a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in installments of \$\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_ (years, max 3 years).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you would like it to appear in Custer County Foundation Publications.)

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**Please make checks payable to Custer County Foundation & return to:**

**PO Box 304 • Broken Bow, NE 68822**

*Thank you!*

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity and your gift, in most cases, will qualify for a federal income tax deduction. As required by law, it is important to acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

## 2019 Fall Grant Recipients

The Foundation awarded \$61,700 to 13 Custer County organizations this Fall and \$500 to a non-traditional student. Following is a list of organizations selected to receive a grant:

- All-Inclusive Playground, \$20,000 pledge: To help construct an all-inclusive playground at Melham Park.
- Anselmo-Merna Parent Teacher Organization, \$800: To help with Rachel's Challenge all school assembly.
- Ansley Agricultural Education Department, \$3,600: To help purchase new welders for the agricultural education department.
- Broken Bow Backpack Program, \$4,000: To help send food home with children over the weekend.
- Callaway Educational Foundation, \$1,000: To provide standing work stations for elementary students.
- Callaway Good Life Center, \$5,000: To update the Electronic Health Record SQL Server.
- Comstock Community Garden, \$300: To help provide supplies for the Comstock Community Garden.
- Custer CAPABLE Corp., \$5,000: To help with implementation of the CAPS program.
- Custer Care, \$2,000: To provide tablets for Home Care Staff.
- Custer County Historical Society, \$3,500: To help with the archive collection of microfilm for Custer County.
- Finch Memorial Library, \$4,500: To help install a new HVAC system.
- Healing Hearts & Families, \$3,500: To help provide educational material and counseling services to clients.
- Sargent Fire Department, \$8,500: To help provide new bunker gear.

Any nonprofit group that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy is eligible for making a grant application from the Custer County Foundation. Guidelines and the application form can be found at [custercountyfoundation.org](http://custercountyfoundation.org). The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of the communities. The Foundation is, and will continue to be, a leader in meeting the needs of this county head on. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year and will be considered at the end of two deadline dates: April 30th and October 31st.



## New Scholarships Available

The Custer County Foundation is excited to announce five new scholarships that were established for high school seniors and college students. **Applications are due February 1st.** Please visit our website: [custercountyfoundation.org](http://custercountyfoundation.org) to view all the scholarships available and to access the application. Below is a list of the new scholarships available. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who recently established these scholarships.

### AgLand ATV Mechanical Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a senior at a Custer County High School.
- Must be pursuing a degree in a mechanical related field.

### AgLand ATV College Mechanical Scholarship, \$1,000

- Must be a graduate of a Custer County High School.
- Must currently be enrolled in a mechanical field.
- If no college applications are received, it may be awarded to a Custer County high school senior.

### Arrow Seed 4-year Scholarship, \$8,000

- Payable \$2,000 a year for 4 years.
- Major must be in an Agricultural related field. Preference is given to Agronomy or Horticultural field.
- Scholarship ceases if major is changed to a non ag related field.
- Any Custer County high school senior is eligible to apply.
- Must have a 3.0GPA in high school and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in college.
- Verification of GPA and major must be submitted prior to the scholarship being awarded.

### Arrow Seed 2-year Scholarship, \$4,000

- Payable \$500 a quarter for 8 quarters (2 years).
- Major must be in an Agricultural related field. Preference is given to Agronomy or Horticultural field.
- Scholarship ceases if major is changed to a non ag related field.
- Any Custer County high school senior is eligible to apply.
- Must have a 3.0GPA in high school and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in college.
- Verification of GPA and major must be submitted prior to the scholarship being awarded.

### Custer County Corn Growers, \$500

- Senior at a Custer County high school.
- Available for a 2-year/associate or 4-year/bachelor degree.
- Field of study: Agriculture.
- Preference will be given to a student who plans on returning to Custer County.

### Pat Downey Memorial Scholarship, \$500

- Must be a senior at Anselmo-Merna High School.
- Must be pursuing a degree in an Agriculture related field.
- If no Ag students apply, scholarship may be awarded to an A-M student not going into an Ag related field.

### Lance Lovitt Memorial Scholarship, \$500

- Must be a senior at Ansley High School.
- For a 2-year/associate or 4-year/undergraduate degree.
- Must have a high school GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Scholarship to be paid second semester of Freshman year (1st year).



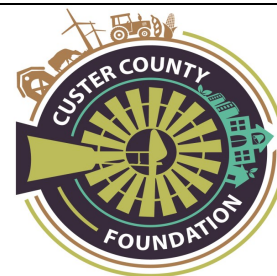
## Sustaining Members

The Custer County Foundation is extremely grateful for the generous contributions of our sustaining members in 2019! THANK YOU for directly supporting the Foundation with your membership donation and helping us reach our goal. Your gift ensures that we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents of Custer County.

The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, create opportunities for a greater impact.

The Foundation thrives today because of past and present Custer County residents who have a strong desire to give back to communities where they have lived, prospered, worked, and played. These generous donors help our Custer County communities excel. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today!

**When we circle together,  
we CAN make a difference!**



### Diamond Membership

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### Other

Shannon Hendrickson  
Shane Scott  
Stan & Nancy Sedlacek  
Donna & Darrel Sybrant

*We sincerely apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted from our list, which reflects what was current as of December 31, 2019. Many donors wish to remain anonymous. Please contact our office if your listing needs to be updated.*

### Gold Membership

Larry & Renea Coleman  
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**Yes!** I want to support the efforts of  
the Custer County Foundation!

### Individual • Family • Business MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000+	<b>DIAMOND</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$999	<b>PLATINUM</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250-\$499	<b>GOLD</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$249	<b>SILVER</b>
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"Preserving Our Heritage...  
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### **Our Mission**

**The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit community trust which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. The funds are administered in the areas of health, arts and culture, social welfare, environment, education, and civics.**

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