



**Stanzel Family Foundation, Inc.
Policy for Joseph & Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship Programs**

The Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship Programs make scholarships available to current high school graduates, general professionals, as well as health care or educational professionals with permanent residence within or who are enrolled in Schulenburg ISD or Weimar ISD.

Scholarships are provided at the direction of the Stanzel Family Foundation, Inc., established in 1989, by Joseph and Victor Stanzel (both deceased). They were co-founders and owners of Victor Stanzel Co., a model aircraft toy manufacturing company located in Schulenburg. Their seventy years of entrepreneurial endeavors affirm the importance of hard work, dedication, honesty, integrity, and focused vision.

Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarships provide financial assistance to a student in an institution of higher learning: technical, professional, or vocational field. The program provides continuous funding to the qualified student for undergraduate and postgraduate studies as long as satisfactory academic performance is maintained.



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE PROGRAM

Purpose

The Stanzel Family Foundation offers a scholarship opportunity to each qualified high school senior wishing to attend an institution of higher learning.

Eligibility

Every current graduating senior who has his/her residence permanently established within or enrolled in Schulenburg ISD or Weimar ISD is eligible to apply for a Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship.

How to Apply

Application forms and information letters are provided to the respective high school counselors early in January. Each student wishing to apply must answer all questions on the form, submit a high school transcript along with class standing, provide ACT and/or SAT test scores, and include the required signatures attesting to all data submitted. The completed application should be returned to the counselor. The Stanzel Foundation will maintain the confidentiality of the applications and documents provided.

Scholarship Program

The Joseph and Victor Stanzel Scholarship Program provides funding, through completion of the undergraduate degree program or to a maximum of five years, provided an acceptable grade point average is maintained. A one-semester break in continuity may be allowed if the student experiences extenuating circumstances.

*Funding may be provided for enrollment in a graduate program for a master's or a doctoral degree. If six months or more has lapsed since receiving the undergraduate degree, a student wishing to pursue advanced studies should reapply.

Evaluation by Scholarship Team

Awards are based on the criteria listed below:

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| A. Financial Need | D. Leadership Qualities |
| B. Academic Achievement | E. Communication Skills |
| C. Extra-Curricular Activities | F. Career Focus |

The final phase of the selection process is a short personal interview with each student. A request may be made to a member of the high school staff to provide pertinent academic performance information regarding the applicant. This information, qualifications, and character traits will help to determine successful applicants. The list of scholarship recipients will be presented to the respective school counselors prior to graduation.



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Notification

After notifying school personnel, each successful applicant will be sent a congratulatory letter from the Stanzel Family Foundation, Inc. A list of requirements, procedures, and instructions are provided with this letter.

Each candidate who was not awarded a scholarship will be sent a letter from the Stanzel Family Foundation, Inc. expressing regret.

Every student with a Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship will be sent an informative letter via email prior to the beginning of each semester. This letter contains specific instructions for renewal of the next semester's funding. Additional means of communication may include a text or call. If the Stanzel Foundation does not receive a response from the student, then the student will be considered voluntarily dropped from the program and will not receive another funding letter.

Funding Criteria

Each student awarded a Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship must abide by the following policies and stated directives in order to be eligible for funding. Criteria are based on a four-point (4.0) system. These criteria may be adjusted to accommodate varying situations and other systems:

Undergraduate

- A. Register for and complete a full course load
 - Bachelor's Degree – 12 hours or more
- B. Recipient must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
 - Funding on academic warning if overall GPA drops below 2.5
 - Funding is denied if the overall GPA in two consecutive semesters drops below 2.5
 - Funding is denied if overall GPA drops below 2.0

Graduate

- A. Register for and complete a full course load
 - Master's Degree – 9 hours or more
 - Doctorate Degree – 9 hours or more
- B. Recipient must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
 - Funding on academic warning if overall GPA drops below 3.5
 - Funding is denied if the overall GPA in two consecutive semesters drops below 3.5
 - Funding is denied if overall GPA drops below 2.0

Acceptance, continuation, and reinstatement in this scholarship program is at the discretion of the Stanzel Family Foundation Scholarship Team.



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Funding Payment

The recipient will receive payment from both the *Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship and the Gottlieb Scholarship as stated below.*

The *Joseph and Victor Stanzel Memorial Scholarship* provides for payment of \$1,000 per year payable to the student in equal amounts of \$500 at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Summer school funding is generally not provided. ~~in lieu of the fall or spring semesters.~~ If graduating in August, a student may request funding up to a maximum of \$500 with a minimum course load of 3 hours while still adhering to the \$1,000 maximum per year. However, semester systems different than the traditional bi-semester system will be handled on a case-by-case basis while still adhering to the \$1,000 per year maximum payments.

The *Gottlieb Scholarship* provides for payment of \$2,000 per year payable to the student in equal amounts of \$1,000 at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Summer school funding is generally not provided. ~~in lieu of the fall or spring semesters.~~ If graduating in August, a student may request funding up to a maximum of \$1,000 with a minimum course load of 3 hours while still adhering to the \$2,000 maximum per year. However, semester systems different than the traditional bi-semester system will be handled on a case-by-case basis while still adhering to the \$2,000 per year maximum payments.

Below are limitations on total funding:

Bachelor's Degree	-	\$15,000	-	ten semesters maximum
**(for students awarded 2020 forward)				
Master's Degree	-	\$4,000	-	four semesters maximum
Doctoral Degree	-	\$6,000	-	six semesters maximum

Note

**As of January 19, 2008, the doctoral degree portion of this scholarship program was eliminated effective with the graduating class of 2008. All scholarship recipients currently in the Joseph and Victor Stanzel Scholarship high school graduate program are grandfathered.*

**As of March 21, 2009, the master's degree portion of this scholarship program was eliminated effective with the graduating class of 2010. All scholarship recipients currently in the Joseph and Victor Stanzel Scholarship high school graduate program are grandfathered.*

***As of January 1, 2020, recipients awarded prior to 2019 and pursuing a Bachelor's degree will receive a maximum of \$15,000 minus \$500 for every semester prior to 2019. For example, a student awarded in 2018 would receive \$13,500 maximum.*