

# **Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship**



**Jack L. Carlson**  
**1950 - 2003**





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The Dickinson Public Schools Foundation, Inc. mission statement is *“to provide private, financial support to enrich the quality of education in the Dickinson Public Schools.”*

The Jack Carlson family requested that the Dickinson Public Schools Foundation, Inc. include a scholarship fund in their programs. The scholarship fund provides an opportunity to assist graduating Dickinson High School students with their education. The Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship is an annual \$1,000 scholarship established by his family, in his honor, to continue his legacy “of making a difference in the lives of young kids.”

The Foundation is proud to manage the scholarship fund program. It benefits graduating students as they further their education. Because scholarship recipients are local students who have attended Dickinson High School, we have a vested interest in their success. We will see the results as the scholarship recipient’s graduate from college and enter the work place.

Past recipients of the Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship are: Jeremy Burgard, Joshua Krieg, Brittney Uttech, Joan Selle, Skylar Beaudoin, Challis Williams, Megan Michaelson, Kara Froelich, Dallas Zastoupil, Meleah Leiss, Levi Jordheim, Rachel Lantz, Marc Michaelson, Sarah Dobitz, Dawson Dutchak, Lauren Jorda, Audrey Rodakowski,, Brady Yoder, Grant Bittner, and Benett Carlson.

Applications are available from the Dickinson High School counselor’s office.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

Eligible applicants are Dickinson High School seniors. Applicants must complete the application form and essay questions.

The application deadline is April 1, 2024. Applications should be turned in to the DHS counselor’s office.

The scholarship award will be given at the Spring Sports Award Program. The date and special event will be announced. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified in advance and is encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the DHS counselors at 456-0030.

Sincerely,

Karen Heidt, Dickinson Public Schools Foundation Director of Development



# Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship



Jack Carlson was born November 1, 1950, in Cando, North Dakota. He graduated from Cando High School and then continued his education at Valley City State University where he graduated in 1972, with a teaching degree in Mathematics and Science. Jack married Kathie Osborn of Cando, North Dakota on March 21, 1970. He took his first teaching and coaching job at Dickinson Trinity High School in the fall of 1972 and in the fall of 1978, he began a 25 year career at Dickinson High School.

During his tenure at Dickinson High School he was an assistant football coach and he became the head Track and Field Coach in the spring of 1985. Jack amassed many victories and accomplishments over the years, but among those he was most proud of were five North Dakota State Track and Field Championships, three North Dakota Track and Field Coach of the Year awards, being honored as the 2003 National Track and Field Coach of the Year, being the 2002 President of the North Dakota High School Coaches Association, and being elected into the Class of 2004 National Coaches Hall of Fame. But, what he was most proud of was that he was able to coach his four sons: Chris, Kyle, Devin and Casey. Jack was one of the few people that could honestly say that he loved what he did: teaching, coaching and making a difference in the lives of young kids.

Jack touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with. Most of all, he loved being a husband, a father and grandfather. He always had that famous smile on his face and a hand stretched out when anyone needed help.

In the fall of 2002, Jack was diagnosed with cancer. At that time, his doctors told him that he should be doing whatever he always wanted to do with his life. He told the doctors that he was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing: teaching and coaching. Jack vowed to go back to his students and athletes in the spring. Because of Jack's positive attitude and determination, Jack did just that. He returned to the classroom and on the track for his final spring semester as a Dickinson High School educator and coach in the spring of 2003.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Jack, surrounded by his wife and four sons, lost his battle with cancer. The Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship, an annual \$1000 scholarship, was set up by his family, in his honor, to continue his legacy of making a difference in the lives of young kids.

"You didn't have to be a star for Jack," said Dave Michaelson, who assisted Carlson as a track coach. "No matter who you were, if you were a student of his, he would do all he could for you, whether it was on the field, on the track or in the classroom."

But it was the success as an educator that provided Carlson with his greatest sense of accomplishment, "There were a lot of things that were more important to him than winning," Michaelson said. "There was so much he taught us about life. He used to tell his athletes that good things happen to good people."



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## Application: Part I

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Activities:** Please check or list all activities or list in which you have participated.

Baseball	9	10	11	12
Basketball	9	10	11	12
Cross Country	9	10	11	12
Football	9	10	11	12
Golf	9	10	11	12
Gymnastics	9	10	11	12
Hockey	9	10	11	12
Soccer	9	10	11	12
Swimming	9	10	11	12
Tennis	9	10	11	12
Track	9	10	11	12
Volleyball	9	10	11	12
Wrestling	9	10	11	12
Band	9	10	11	12
Chorus	9	10	11	12
Orchestra	9	10	11	12
Softball	9	10	11	12
Speech	9	10	11	12
Drama	9	10	11	12
Student Council	9	10	11	12
Publications	9	10	11	12
Cheerleading	9	10	11	12
Swimming	9	10	11	12

List other activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Jack L. Carlson Memorial Scholarship



**Application: Part II** *(Please respond to the following essay statements. You may attach the answers to the application. Please limit your answers to one page.)*

1. Please discuss an event in your life that you were able to overcome or accomplish with hard work, a positive attitude, and determination.

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2. Please describe your future plans and career goals after graduation.

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**Application deadline is April 1. Please submit to DHS Counselor's office.**