

March 15, 2021

Dear Seniors;

On behalf of the Perey Scholarship Board of Directors, I invite you to review the attached application instructions and to consider applying for the Perey Scholarship, the Helgeson Memorial Scholarship and the Judy Cole Memorial Scholarship.

The Board awards the Perey Scholarship of \$2,000 to at least three students who plan to major in education. If the recipient has chosen another major, the scholarship may be of a different amount. The Helgeson Scholarship is awarded based on the donation received from Mrs. Helgeson. The Cole Scholarship is awarded based on the donations received specifically marked for that scholarship. It will be awarded to student(s) who plan to major in education and/or agriculture.

The Perey Scholarship was initiated in 1996 upon the death of Emile Perey who, along with his wife Helen, dedicated a combined total of nearly 60 years to the young people enrolled in Forsyth Public Schools, Emile taught various subject, coached football and served as principal, ending his career in Forsyth as superintendent of schools. The Pereys arrived in Forsyth in the mid-1930s and left in 1962. Several alumni decided their memory should live in a scholarship.

Mrs. Perey taught music, K through 12, and left a legacy of outstanding musicals and operettas as well as memorable Christmas programs. Both Emile and Helen were not only teachers but also advocates and friends to three decades of students. Mrs. Perey passed away in 2002.

The Perey Scholarship Fund has for the past 17 years administered donations from Allene Helgeson in memory of her late husband, Herbert Helgeson who attributed his success in the business world to the education he received at Forsyth High School.

Judy Cole (grandmother to Shane Cole, Board Member) passed away in 2020. Judy served on the Perey Scholarship Board for many, many years and the scholarships were of utmost importance to her. She was highly active in keeping past graduates up to date through the annual donation newsletter – **The Report Card**. Her family decided that her work on the Perey Scholarship Board, her love for education and agriculture be kept alive through a \$1,500 scholarship in her memory.

When discussing guidelines for all the scholarships, the Board agreed that the student's goals and accomplishments should outweigh academic achievement. In other words, a student with a 2.5 GPA is as eligible for the scholarship as a student with a 4.0. Your application will be considered for all three scholarships.

Sincerely,



Terri Brown
Board Member

Board members: Butch Schulenberg, Stevi Schuster, Albert Martens, Shane Cole, Lynn Perey, Pat Miller, Judy Blakesley, Terri Brown

**Application Requirements for the Emile & Helen Perey
Scholarship, the Herbert Helgeson Memorial Scholarship and the
Judy Cole Memorial Scholarship**

Please type your application.

Please give your completed application to Mrs. Brown in the high school office by April 30.

The selection committee will look closely at applicants' civic and school activities and accomplishments which may outweigh academic achievements.

Applications must include the following: **(Each on a separate page)**

1. Your name, address and cell phone number.
2. Name and address of college/university you plan to attend
3. List of academic achievements,
4. List of extracurricular activities/achievements,
5. List of community involvement. (Please note if you were employed during any of your high school years),
6. School certification (Registrar, Counselor, Principal) of transcripts, attendance, etc. (Copy of transcripts must be included),
7. Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and one from someone other than a family member who is not affiliated with the school,
8. On a separate sheet, in not more than 400 words, tell what field of study you intend to pursue, why you made this choice and how you intend to use this course of study to educate others (particularly if you are not majoring in education).