

March 1, 2025

Dear Senior:

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 Memorial Scholarship, the Helgeson Memorial Scholarship, the Mack & Judy Cole Memorial Scholarship and the Dale Watson Memorial Scholarship.

The Board awards the Perey Scholarship of \$2,500 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 \$2,400 based on the donation received from Mrs. Helgeson. The Helgeson Scholarship gives priority to student(s) who plan to major in business/computers. The \$500 Cole Scholarship is awarded by donations from the Cole Family. The Cole Scholarship gives priority to student(s) who plan to major in education and/or agriculture. Student(s) planning on entering a trade school will be given priority for the \$1,000 Dale Watson Scholarship. **ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED!**

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 subjects, coached football and served as principal, ending his career in Forsyth as superintendent of schools. Mrs. Perey taught K-12 music. She passed away in 2002. The Perey's arrived in Forsyth in the mid-1930s and left in 1962. Several alumni decided their memory should live in a scholarship.

The Perey Scholarship Fund has, for the past 20 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. The scholarship is also in memory of her son, Ryan Helgeson.

Judy Cole passed away in 2020 and her husband, Mack, passed in 2021. Mack and Judy were grandparents to Shane Cole. 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**. Mack was a highly regarded area rancher. Their family decided that Judy's work on the Perey Scholarship Board and both Mack and Judy's love for agriculture and education be kept alive through a scholarship in their memory.

Dale Watson, a longtime educator and coach at Forsyth High School, passed away in February of 2024. His family would like to keep Mr. Watson's love for the classroom and devotion to his students alive through this annual scholarship.

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 four scholarships.

Sincerely,

Terri Brown
Board Member

Board members: Judy Blakesley, Shane Cole, Pat Herold, Albert Martens, Pat Miller, Butch Schulenberg

Application Requirements

Emile & Helen Perey Scholarship - \$2,500+

Herbert & Ryan Helgeson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,400

Mack & Judy Cole Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Dale Watson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Please type your application.

Please give your completed application to Mrs. Treible in the High School Guidance Office by April 15.

All applicants will be considered, giving priority to those who pursue a specific secondary education to each scholarship as listed in the attached letter.

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

1. Your name, physical and mailing address and cell phone number. Please include parent names (and address if different from yours).
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 500 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.