

**CLARENCE AND CORNELIA LUDDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HISTORY**

The Ludden Memorial Scholarship was established in the name and memory of Clarence and Cornelia Ludden, who lived in the Lynden Community from 1936 until their death in 1983 and 1989 respectively. The Ludden's resided at 591 Polinder Road for virtually all those years, where they dairy farmed on 34 acres.

Clarence Ludden was born in Brunswick, Missouri in 1907, son of a farmer. He moved to Slayton, Minnesota during the Great Depression in 1933 and found work with Gerrit and Tina Reitsema, who were crop farmers. Clarence eventually married one of their daughters, Cornelia. Clarence always credited his father-in-law for teaching him sound farming techniques such as timeliness, thoroughness, and neatness.

Cornelia had an uncle, Abel Grommers, living in Lynden. He offered to sell them his farm if they would come out west. In 1936, immediately after their marriage, they drove to Washington to begin their life together. They came with nothing but their suitcases.

The Ludden's were excellent farmers. They were very systematic, prompt, and careful. They did not call a lot of attention to themselves. They were common folks, unpretentious, humble-the kind of people that make good neighbors. Their goodness contributed to our community. They farmed with a sense of stewardship.

Clarence and Cornelia had a wholesome relationship with each other, often kidding each other, but always loyal. They always had a cordial relationship with their neighbors, exchanging work and equipment back and forth especially for silo filling and haying. They loved the Lynden Community, and contributed to it in diverse ways. Clarence was probably most noted for his many years as the successful softball manager for Northwest Washington Implement Company. Cornelia crocheted and shared her work with her friends. They enjoyed playing cards with their friends in the Eagles group.

Never having children of their own, they were interested in other's children. They cared about the children in their neighborhood, who in turn respected and appreciated them. In that spirit, Clarence and Cornelia left their entire estate for a scholarship fund to benefit young people in our community. The net income of the trust is to be distributed each year to graduates of Lynden and Lynden Christian Schools. They asked that the scholarship be awarded according to need, character, and citizenship to students going to both vocational schools and colleges.

This trust represents the kind of people they were, quiet contributors to their community. Thus even in their death, the blessings they received are passed on. The young people who receive these scholarships will be the living memorials of Clarence and Cornelia Ludden.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION. PRINT OFF PAGES 2 AND 3. SUBMIT COMPLETED
APPLICATION TO MRS. MEHLHOFF IN THE LHS HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND CENTER (HSBC)**

**BY APRIL 17, 2026
NO LATER THAN 2:30 PM.**

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APPLICATION FORM

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS BEING OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO PURSUE CAREER AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE (CTE) CAREERS THAT **SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY** AND WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THESE CLASSES AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER.

STUDENT NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

High school grade point average: _____ (minimum GPA required 2.5)

A. LIST ANY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CLASSES TAKEN. THESE MIGHT INCLUDE AGRICULTURE, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE, CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE)

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B. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE SCHOLARSHIP TO PROMOTE THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IN THE FUTURE?

C. LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DURING HIGH SCHOOL.

D. LIST YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

E. LIST ANY PERSONAL AND/OR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

F. GIVE **TWO** EXAMPLES OF HOW YOU DEMONSTRATED A POSITIVE WORK ETHIC IN WORK, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY, OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY.

CHECK LIST

COMPLETED APPLICATION

TRANSCRIPT

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- FUTURE PLANS TO ENHANCE THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY THROUGH TECHNICAL SKILLS, AGRI-BUSINESS, ETC.
- CTE CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION IN HIGH SCHOOL
- POSITIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- FINANCIAL NEED

TIMELINE:

- APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 17, 2026
- RETURN TO LHS HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND CENTER (HSBC) BY 2:30 PM
- PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AFTER FIRST QUARTER OR SEMESTER OF POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION PROVIDED STUDENT MEETS CRITERIA.
- SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MUST BEGIN POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION BY FALL TERM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.