

Elmo & Laverne Meiners Scholarship

History: The Elmo and La Verne Meiners Scholarship Foundation was formed on December 1, 1969. The purpose of the foundation was to provide interest-free loans to college-age dependents of M & W Gear Company (presently Alamo Group (IL) Inc.) employees. M & W Gear Company employees contributed to the Foundation through payroll deductions or cash donations. Elmo and La Verne Meiners contributed matching funds annually. A committee reviewed the applications each semester and awarded the scholarships. The parent could begin repaying the loan through payroll deductions or the student could delay payment until the completion or termination of the education for which the loan was awarded. In 2010 the committee made the decision honor Elmo and La Verne Meiners by awarding two \$1000 scholarships annually to GCMS seniors and two \$1000 scholarships annually to Ridgeview seniors who plan to continue their post-secondary education in a traditional vocational/technical field.

Criteria for Application and Award Selection: This scholarship is open to RHS seniors who plan to continue their post-secondary education in a traditional vocational/technical field, including, but not limited to, Home Economics, Automotive, Agriculture, Industrial Science, Computer Science or Business and preferably have had some work experience. The applicant must have a 2.5/4.0 GPA and be accepted at an institution of higher learning. Financial need will be considered.

Award Selection: The Local Scholarship Application will be used. Final selections will be made by teachers and/or administrators employed at Ridgeview High School and Alamo Group (IL) Inc.

Award Presentation: This award will be presented annually at the Ridgeview High School Spring Awards Assembly in May. Deadline for submission of all materials is December 1, 2015.