

Jeff Burkink Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of Jeff Burkink, a long-time NPS educator and community leader. After graduation from Scribner High School in 1953, Jeff's sports talent gave him the opportunity to attend Midland College to play football and run track until 1956 when he joined the US Army. Following his military service, he completed his Bachelor's degree from Wayne State College in 1960. Jeff began his educational career at Norfolk Senior High in 1960 as a Biology teacher and coach of many sports. He continued his education at Kearney State College and the University of South Dakota to obtain his Master's and Educational Specialist degrees, respectively.

In 1969, he began his career as Assistant Principal and continued until 1973 when he became Principal at Norfolk Senior High. During his tenure as Principal, Jeff witnessed the addition of The Johnny Carson Theater, open campus evolution, 5-day sports holiday moratorium and initiation of the Northeast Nebraska All-Academic team. He received many awards and honors. In 1996, Jeff retired from Norfolk Public Schools, after 36 years of dedicated service. He took great pride in the graduates and staff of Norfolk High School.

Must be used for remission of tuition, fees, room & board, books, and/or equipment related to the student's area of study.

This scholarship is awarded to one graduate each year, and that student will receive \$1,000 annually to support their education, so long as they are still enrolled in college, for a total award of \$4,000 from this scholarship.

Senior High School Counselors will nominate 4 total students, based upon their determination, perseverance, and personal challenges, to be considered for this scholarship each year.

Selection Criteria:

1. Minimum GPA of 2.5 at NPS.
2. Must be attending a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester in college while receiving scholarship.
3. Financial need will be considered.
4. Involvement in activities will be considered.
5. Must complete essay: Provide examples of how your character, determination, and perseverance have helped you overcome challenges.