

# Pioneer Heritage Conservation Trust

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



**Ella VanKempen**, a 2019 graduate of West Central Area was selected to

receive the Vernon P. Ostrom scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She is in her senior year in Environmental Sciences at the University of MN Morris. Her father is a science teacher & is very passionate about his field. As a child she had the privilege to wonder and have her questions answered whenever she asked them has kept her curious about the natural world. That is why science has been the answer for her, finding out how environmental sciences aligns with her passion. This past summer she was researching and doing field work with a professor in Colorado as well as 3 weeks in the Italian Alps taking a geomorphology course.



**Ava Carlson** is a May 2022 graduate of Battle Lake High School. She will be pursuing a bachelors in Environmental Sciences at the University of MN Duluth. She would then like to go to the Univ. of California Hastings School of Law to become an Environmental Lawyer. She chose Environmental Sciences because she believes it is important to be educated on issues that concern the environment and she will use her education to help inform other people on how to help the planet. "We all share the earth, and we all have to work together to make sure future generations have a good earth. She was awarded the Dean A. Elmer Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.



The Harvey K. Nelson \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to **Wesley Siira**. Wesley graduated in May of 2022 from Brandon-Evansville High School. He plans to double major in Agricultural Education and Animal Science at South Dakota State University. After college he hopes to get a job as an Ag teacher in rural Minnesota or Eastern South Dakota. As a farmer, caring for the environment is one of the most important things. In his application he states " if you take care of the land then it will take care of you. " As an agricultural teacher he would also be teaching environmental science classes to his students.



Scholarship are open to students who currently are attending a college/university or will be attending as a full-time student with a major in in the field of environmental sciences. PHCT will award scholarships at a minimum of \$500 up to maximum amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be a resident of Douglas, Pope, Grant or Otter Tail Counties.

If you know of someone that is eligible please make sure they submit an application by

**May 31, 2023.**

Post Secondary Scholarship Applications can be found on the PHCT website at [www.phctrust.org](http://www.phctrust.org) under the scholarships & grants tab.