Southwest Valley High School

Cultivating Lives – A James Family Fund

2025 Scholarship Application

Kyle D. & Debra A. James, through their family fund, Cultivating Lives, have contributed funds for a scholarship(s) starting with the 2020 graduating class. Kyle and Debra were raised on family farms in Adams County and were both 1985 graduates of Corning High School. Kyle graduated from Iowa State University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business. Kyle has spent his entire career in the agricultural business sector and received his MBA from Illinois State University in 2006.

Scholarship amount(s)

• Two (2) $2500 awards will be given to qualifying students at the annual Southwest Valley awards ceremony

Requirements

• Be a graduating senior from Southwest Valley High School

• Must be planning to attend a four year college or university with an Ag Major or a two year Vo-Tech program with an Ag focus

• Must have a 3.0 grade point average during their high school career

• Financial need

Submit the following to the Southwest Valley School Counselor

- Letter of application/resume
    - Grade transcript from high school
- Reference letter from a community leader, professional, or school staff
- Personal letter indicating why he/she is deserving of this scholarship

Disbursement of funds

Payment of the funds will be made after the student(s) complete(s) the first term of college and submits a copy of grades and 2nd semester enrollment verification to the SWV High School Counselor. If the student has maintained satisfactory grades and is enrolled for the 2nd term, the counselor will make authorization for the payment. The scholarship committee and the James Family will have final determination of the recipients.

Applications should be delivered to the student's counselor by April 11th.