

Recipients of 2025 Parkston Area Foundation, Anita and Gerald Wisner Fund, Opie R.  
and Helen A. Benson Community Improvement Fund, and Avera St. Benedict  
Foundation Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	Purpose
Colleen Mette	\$3,500	PAF	Construct and place 5 additional metal art sculptures throughout the community in honor of loved ones
Dakota City Cemetery	\$3,000	Benson	Reset sunken and fallen headstones
First Circuit CASA	\$2,500	PAF (Wisner)	Assist in funding upgrades to modernize computer systems and network infrastructure
Higher Power Sports	\$1,500	PAF	Help cover expenses for distracted driving presentations
Hutchinson County 4H Leaders	\$3,000	Benson	Fund inflatables, rides, and games at Hutchinson County Fair in August
Parkston Area Development Corporation	\$22,000	PAF	General economic development and Downtown Façade Improvement
Parkston Main St. Flowers	\$3,000	PAF	Fund flower baskets on every light pole on Main St. as well as some at the city parks
Parkston Commercial Club	\$4,000	PAF	East Park Picnic Shelter outlets, lights, and sound
Parkston Swim Team	\$500	PAF	Help fund new equipment (i.e. stopwatches)
Parkston School District – Art department	\$2,000	PAF	Tabletop slab roller and three Chomphop saws
Parkston School District – Summer Reading Program	\$4,500	PAF (Wisner)	Fund K-5th summer reading program

ROCS Parkston Transit	\$12,000	\$5,000 – Avera \$7,000 PAF (Wisner)	Assist with a local match to purchase a new ADA accessible van
Trojan Den	\$3,000	PAF (Wisner)	Supplies for students in need
Trojan Learning Center	\$10,800	\$4,000 – Benson \$6,800 – PAF (Wisner)	Funding to provide nutritious meals in order to meet guidelines and regulations

Recipients of 2025  
Parkston Area Foundation Educational Assistance Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	School/Area of Interest
Taylor Fink	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	Free Lutheran Bible College/Bible and Ministry
Allie Hobbick	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	USD/Medical Biology
Preston Mattheis	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Animal Science
Mya Thuringer	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Nursing
Chantal Wuertzer	\$1,000	Dean Simmons Scholarship Fund	SDSU/Pharmacy
Drew Braley	\$1,000	Parkston Area Foundation	SDSU/Mechanical Engineering
Mackenzie Titze	\$1,000	Parkston Area Foundation	Mitchell Technical College/Radiologic Technology
Mya Wickersham	\$1,000	Parkston Area Foundation	USD/Medical Biology
Aida Mikkonen	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Fund	Augustana/Elementary Education
Gracie Oakley	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Fund	SDSU/Elementary Education
Faith Oakley	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner (Votech) Fund	Mitchell Technical College/Radiologic Technology