

Women's Opportunity Scholarship Fund

This year, NDCAWS/CASAND awarded seven women with scholarship to continue or further their college education.

The Women's Opportunity Scholarship Fund began in 1986 as a way to provide higher education opportunities to low income women who wish to enter or who are currently attending a North Dakota college, university, or trade school. The Fund was established by a generous donor who believed in creating opportunities for women through higher education. It was enhanced in 2001 by a legal settlement with Nine West Corporation - brokered by former Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp - and by individual contributions.

Women from the following communities received scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year: Belcourt, Fargo, Grand Forks, Ellendale, Garrison, Devils Lake, and Bismarck.

This is the twenty-third year that scholarships were awarded from the Women's Opportunity Scholarship Fund. To date, 189 women attending nineteen of the colleges and universities across the state have received scholarships from the fund. Over the past twenty-three years, \$186,044.22 has been awarded.