

## **Celebrating Our 2025 Committed to Community Scholarship Recipients**

At Bank of Lake Mills, supporting our neighbors and investing in the future of our communities is more than a mission, it is one of our core values. We believe in recognizing young people who go above and beyond to serve others, and one of the ways we do that is through our **Committed to Community Scholarship** program.

Each year, Bank of Lake Mills awards a \$1,000 scholarship to seniors at our local high schools who demonstrate a strong commitment to their community through volunteerism and service. We are proud to support students who are passionate about giving back, and we are excited to introduce our five 2025 scholarship recipients.

### **About the Scholarship**

The Bank of Lake Mills Committed to Community Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from the communities we serve. Students must submit a 250-word essay describing their experiences with volunteerism and how it has shaped them. Each applicant must also complete at least 40 hours of community service during their high school career. This scholarship reflects our commitment to building stronger communities by supporting those who lead with generosity and purpose.

### **Meet the 2025 Scholarship Recipients**

#### **William – Maranatha Baptist Academy**

William shared that “being able to help my church and school over these past four years has had quite an impact on my life.” His consistent dedication to serving others shows how impactful local involvement can be on both a personal and community level.

#### **Jude – Luther Preparatory School**

Jude reflected on the importance of small acts of kindness, writing, “being able to have a conversation with someone or help them with basic necessities” has shaped his desire to serve others and strengthened his sense of compassion and purpose.

#### **Benjamin – Lakeside Lutheran High School**

Benjamin described the positive influence of surrounding himself with others who value service. He also wrote, “through volunteering, I am able to make a positive impact. These people will have a positive impact on me and my life heading forward.” His essay highlighted how service builds both character and community.

#### **Clovis – Lake Mills High School**

Clovis emphasized the lasting impact of volunteering on both the volunteer and those they help. He shared, “I find volunteering a life-changing experience, both for the community it serves and for the volunteer itself.” His words show how giving back can be transformative in every direction.

#### **Charles – Watertown High School**

Charles reflected on his Eagle Scout project and how it deepened his appreciation for community service. “It helped me to understand that spending time to better your community is really worth

the effort,” he wrote. He expressed how the gratitude he received from others inspired him to continue serving with humility and purpose.

These five students embody what it means to live with heart, humility, and dedication. They have given their time and energy to lift others up, and in doing so, they reflect the values we strive to uphold at Bank of Lake Mills. We are honored to support them as they take the next step in their journeys.

We encourage current high school juniors to consider applying for the 2026 Committed to Community Scholarship. Details will be available through local high schools and on our website in the first part of the 2025/2026 school year.