

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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THE 2026 VIRJEAN BURTON YOUTH PHILANTHROPY AWARD

The Northland Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Award celebrates philanthropy in the Northland by recognizing young Northlanders who have demonstrated a combination of philanthropic leadership and action. This award is deservedly named The Virjean Burton Youth Philanthropy Award, in honor of Virjean's inspiring dedication to our Northland community.

The recipients of this award have the opportunity to select a Northland nonprofit organization that will receive a \$1,000 grant. In addition, the recipients receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the post-secondary institution of his/her choice.

RECIPIENT QUALIFICATIONS

- The recipient must be a resident of Clay or Platte County in the Northland.
- The recipient's contributions must benefit the residents of Clay and/or Platte counties.
- The recipient must be 18 years old or younger.
- The recipient must be available to attend the Northland Community Foundation's Annual Breakfast held on Friday, May 1, 2026 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa.
- The recipient cannot be a family member of a current Northland Community Foundation board member.

AWARD CRITERIA

- The recipient must exhibit outstanding civic responsibility as demonstrated by their voluntary commitment of time and talents in the Northland.
- The recipient must exhibit leadership in the community by a willingness to serve in leadership roles; creativity and vision; and/or the ability to involve others in philanthropic activity.
- The recipient's concerns and efforts within their field must exceed the normal scope of community service.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations for award recipients are solicited each year.
- Northland schools and nonprofit organizations are notified of the nomination process.
- Northland individuals, organizations and businesses are eligible to submit nominations.
- Nominations are made by completing a nomination form, which is due by **March 13, 2026**.
- Final selection of the award recipient is made by the Northland Community Foundation scholarship committee.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Name _____

School _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

1. Please describe the nominee's most significant accomplishment or major contribution to the Northland. Explain how that accomplishment or contribution has affected the quality of life for residents of Clay and/or Platte counties.

2. Please tell us about the nominee’s additional Northland community involvement that relates to your nomination and their qualifications for this award.

3. Please attach a current resume.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR

Name _____

Organization and/or Business _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Nominations must be received by March 13, 2026. Please submit online via our website at www.northlandcf.org or email.

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