



The George W. Neilson Foundation scholarship fund was established in 2011. The Foundation has pledged fifteen (15) \$1,000(\$500 per semester) scholarships annually through 2015.

Please send a thank you note or email the Neilson Foundation to express your appreciation as a scholarship recipient to:

George W. Neilson Foundation

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Congratulations 2011 -2012 Neilson Foundation Scholarship Recipients!

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| Bolte, Twila | Child Care |
| Carver, Nicholas | Residential Plumbing/HVAC |
| Ess, Jeanice | Accounting |
| Ess, Steven | Sustainable Environment Technologies |
| Fultz, Daniel | Sales, Marketing, & Management |
| Jalloh, Erin | Nursing |
| Jones, Penny | Practical Nursing |
| Jordan, Nora | Nursing |
| Kalroos, Roxanne | Occupational Safety & Health |
| Lindgren, Steven | High Performance Engine Machinist |
| Mentges, Cody | High Performance Engine Machinist |
| Rowland, Brandon | Fire Service |
| Sahu Teli, Durga | Practical Nursing |
| Trepanier, Robyn | Medical Practice Office Manager |
| Voll, Meagan | Medical Coding |

Neilson Foundation History: George W. Neilson, an entrepreneur who invested in a fledgling company that developed "Lavoris" mouthwash, worked and lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He, his wife and daughter spent most of their summers on property in northern Minnesota at Spearhead Lake, south of Bemidji. Mr. Neilson wanted to leave a legacy that would carry out his philosophy and those of his daughter, Katharine Neilson Cram. In 1962, George Neilson established an irrevocable trust with an endowment of 1500 shares of 3M worth approximately \$100,000. This trust was named the George W. Neilson Foundation. Katharine Neilson Cram was executive director of the foundation until her death in 2000. From 1962 to the present, the George W. Neilson Foundation's assets have multiplied, allowing the foundation to support numerous grants. In March of 2002, new trustees were appointed that were all Bemidji residents, permitting the foundation to focus entirely on the Bemidji area, a wish expressed by Catharine Neilson Cram in memory of her beloved northern Minnesota.



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