**Sandhills Alumni Scholarship**

Hello to all Sandhills natives and all those who call it home today. The Sandhills Alumni Scholarship Fund (SASF) was an idea that Loren Eaton and myself created last year in fear of our community dwindling down. The goal is to encourage high school seniors to give back to the community in hopes of earning a $1000 scholarship. Our dream would be for all of us, both those still living in the area and those whom have moved away, to give something back to the area.  
Over the last year and a half we have worked to legitimize our organization by acquiring a non-profit tax code, developing a mission statement, creating the SASF and opening a bank account. Most of this work has been done by Loren; all the seniors who will graduate in the future have his hard work to thank.  
Since this is a yearly scholarship, there are plenty of chances for those who would like to donate as well as those that would like to participate in our fund raisers. In November we held a raffle for two tickets to the Nebraska vs. Iowa football game. We had a great showing of support and we would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. The winner was none other than Mrs. Rogers. In true Mrs. Rogers fashion, she donated the tickets to a very appreciative local.  
This summer we will be hosting a three on three basketball tournament in Halsey during the annual July 4th festivities. There will be a flyer or brochure coming out in the next few months with more details. Even though the event is not for a few months, we are already looking for volunteers and sponsors to help out. We encourage you all to come to Halsey and support our community, and also enjoy the 4th of July fireworks display.  
If you, or someone that you know, would like to donate to this scholarship fund, volunteer, or help in other non-financial means we would really appreciate it. In the next two months we will be looking for volunteers to read over our scholarship applicant’s essays and provide feedback to Loren and myself. Please keep in mind to be considered as a reviewer of the essay you must be an Alumni of Sandhills High School with no relation to a senior in that graduating year.  
Here is a list of ways in which you can help our growing scholarship; it includes both financial and non-financial methods.  
-“Three on Three Basketball Tournament” If you would like to donate time or sponsorship towards this event, we would appreciate it greatly and you can contact either Loren or myself.  
- If donating finances to the scholarship is more your style I am sure seniors for the years to come would appreciate that. We do have our non-profit tax code and would be happy to offer you a receipt that you can use towards your tax statement.  
-We are looking for volunteers to review our Scholarship applications and if you would like to do this please contact either Loren or myself and we can get you set up to help out in this area of need.  
-Lastly, if you have an idea for a project that requires assistance, we would appreciate your information so that we can let the graduating seniors know since they are looking for community service and projects to help support the community.  
I would like to thank each and every Sandhiller for their constant support to the community and Sandhills School System. Please help us ensure that our community is around for several more generations to come. If you would like to donate so the Sandhills Alumni Scholarship Fund please contact either Wesley Fink at wesley.e.fink@us.army.mil or 402-660-4565; or Loren Eaton at leaton@firehousemail.come. Thank you for taking interest in our scholarship. We appreciate the support we have received thus far.