

Recipients of 2017 Parkston Area Foundation, Opie R. and Helen A. Benson  
Community Improvement Foundation, and Avera St. Benedict Foundation Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	Reason
Parkston Area Development Corporation	\$7,500	PAF	general economic development in Parkston and the surrounding area per discretion of the board.
First Circuit CASA	\$600	Avera	OPTIMA case and volunteer management software
VFW Post 3298	\$1,500	PAF	Support VFW community projects
Parkston High School HOSA Student Organization	\$1,000	Avera	Help pay for students' registration fees to state and national conferences
Sack-It Friday Program	\$5,000	PAF - \$2,500 Avera - \$2,500	Supplement the Sack-It Friday Program
Milltown Cemetery Association	\$3,000	PAF - \$1,500 Avera - \$1,500	Cleaning and resetting headstones, mowing expenses
Higher Power Sports	\$7,500	PAF - \$4,000 Benson - \$3,500	Help support the 501(3)(c) organization that gives presentations on distracted driving
Milltown Island Park Association	\$3,000	Benson	Park improvements

Recipients of 2017  
Parkston Area Foundation Educational Assistance Grants

Grant awarded to	Amount	Awarded by	School/Area of Interest
Haley Bialas	\$1,000	PAF	USD/Medical Biology/Pre-Med
Jessica Bowar	\$1,000	PAF	MTI/Medical
Kellan Culbert	\$1,000	PAF	Undecided/Sports Management
Kacee Ehler	\$1,000	PAF	SDSMT/Applied Biological Sciences and Chemistry
Levi Newton	\$1,000	PAF	MTI/Power Sports
Katie Weber	\$1,000	PAF	USD/Medical Biology
Alec Hohn	\$2,500	Dean Simmons Scholarship	SDSMT/Mechanical Engineering
Joshua Zwinger (4 <sup>th</sup> year)	\$2,500	Dean Simmons Scholarship	SDSU/mechanical engineering
Taylor Akre	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund	BHSU/Elementary Education
Brooklyn Van Zee	\$1,000	Lucille McCright-Leischner Scholarship Fund	USD/Elementary Education and Child Psychology