



HISTORY

The 24 Club: Past, Present, Future

During WWII the 24 Club was created as a philanthropic service organization serving Grant County. In 1942 the founding members wanted any money raised to stay in their community. The initial membership consisted of the members of the "Pilot Club". The historical club motto was "Serve in Silence".

An annual Charity Ball became so popular and successful at providing funds to support local charities that the Club began promoting and publicly announcing the work and activities their secret club was contributing to the community. As years passed, the known annual fundraising activity became an annual home tour.

The 24 Club is still governed by its original ideals, applicable bi-laws and club constitution. The 24 within the name represents the number of members intended.

The primary objectives have become to provide scholarships for Grant County Women at Western New Mexico University and to undertake charitable projects that empower girls and women, and to serve the community where needed.

The 24 Club scholarship program enables the organization to achieve its mission by supporting educational, charitable, and needy projects in Grant County.

Established in 1952, the original endowed scholarship is a memorial to Betty Cook. It serves as a memorial to all deceased members.

In 2009, the 24 Club Christine Drangmeister Endowed Memorial Scholarship was established by Club members in memory of esteemed member and public-school educator Christine Davis Drangmeister.

Broadening the educational support reach, in 2020 a third 24 Club Community annually funded scholarship was created to aid students from anywhere in the world obtain their degree in any discipline of study.

Fundraising opportunities, such as an etiquette dinner, unique home tours, and rummage sales are organized to help fund scholarships, club endeavors, and to support service projects in the community.

The 24 Club is a dynamic and supportive group of women, who get together monthly to build camaraderie, and to discuss opportunities to make a difference in Grant County.

Service to the community, supporting education, and empowering women in Grant County is the past, present and future of the 24 Club.

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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Membership Guidelines: Regular monthly meetings occur on the 4th Monday of each month. (exceptions are July, August, and December.) July—No meeting, summer break. August and December socials are scheduled at will of availability and host. Spouses, partners, guests and potential members are invited to social activities.

All members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and activities. Honorary and/or Associate members are welcomed when available and interested in current events. Additional committee meetings, event meetings and or ad-hoc activities may be scheduled as needed.

Membership Opportunities:

Active Member

An individual who commits to actively participate in club fundraising and services, who is in good standing by paying their annual dues and has an accountability to solicit and contribute to ticket sales and the like when necessary.

Annual Dues = \$36

Associate Member

An individual who commits to actively participate in club fundraising and services when available. Could be a business, seasonal or someone who doesn't yet feel able to commit at the Active member level.

Annual Dues = \$25

Honorary Member

An individual who has been an active member for a minimum of three years. They support club endeavors by volunteering and participating when available.

Annual Dues = \$22

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SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

All funds awarded may be utilized for any educational need to include but not limited to; tuition, fees, housing, meal plans, etc. Once awarded, the funds are administered directly from the Western New Mexico University foundation to the student account held by the University Business Office. If a student's bill has been paid in full, funds may be returned to a student awardee via a bank card credit.

24 Club Betty Cook Memorial Scholarship

Held: Western New Mexico University Foundation

Type: Endowed (Corpus funds are invested as part of the Foundation endowment and is subject to the annually reviewed Foundation spending policy as to how much is available from the endowment gains.) An endowed scholarship is intended to exist in perpetuity (forever).

Established: 3/27/2001

Award Intention: \$1,000 a semester (\$2,000 per academic year) which may be a combination of the available endowment award and supplemental funds.

Criteria: Note- Historically the scholarship has identified that it be awarded exclusively to a female*

- Grant County High School Graduate (Silver, Cobre or Cliff)
- 3.4 GPA

24 Club Christine Drangmeister Memorial Scholarship

Held: Western New Mexico University Foundation

Type: Endowed (Corpus funds are invested as part of the Foundation endowment and is subject to the annually reviewed Foundation spending policy as to how much is available from the endowment gains.) An endowed scholarship is intended to exist in perpetuity (forever).

Established: 2/25/2009

Award Intention: \$1,000 a semester (\$2,000 per academic year) which may be a combination of endowment available and supplement

Criteria: Note- Historically the scholarship has identified that it be awarded exclusively to a female*

- Grant County Resident
- 3.3 GPA
- Education Major, preference of Elementary Education
- Sophomore, junior or senior who has been accepted into the School of Education

24 Club Community Scholarship

Held: Western New Mexico University Foundation

Type: Annually Funded (funds are provided by the club and made in payment to the foundation before it can be awarded. The amount available may fluctuate from intended gift on any given award.)

Established: 1/8/2020

Award Intention: \$1,000 a semester (\$2,000 per academic year)

Criteria: Note- Historically the scholarship has identified that it be awarded exclusively to a female*

- Either full-time or Part-time
- 3.0 GPA minimum
- Undergraduate or Graduate level student
- Awardee must be willing to volunteer 8 hours of community service to 24 Club events or fundraisers during the academic year in which the scholarship is received.
- Explain how you will use your education to help others in your personal essay
- Preference given to a Grant County native

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*The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX states: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.