



# Scholarship Brochure

**Post Secondary**

**Information and Applications**

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## Instructions for Applying for Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarships

The number of scholarships and the amount of most scholarships are based on each scholarship fund's annual rate of return from the previous year. The value of each scholarship will be determined in March of each year. Some scholarships may not be available in those years in which that scholarship fund's yearly rate of return does not support a distribution.

### Read the Instructions carefully

1. Determine which scholarship application to complete. The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application is required for most scholarships. The application to be completed for each scholarship is named in the scholarship details and/or criteria section on each scholarship's description page.
2. Answer all questions contained on the [Scholarship Application](#).
3. Type your application(s).  
***Applications must be typed and will not be considered unless typed.  
A writeable application is available online at [www.rccfonline.org](http://www.rccfonline.org)***
4. Include a copy of the following with EACH scholarship application you submit. (If applying for more than one scholarship, you must submit an application and the following for EACH scholarship.)
  - Cover page- (You must check the name of the scholarship to which the application and attachments correlate.)
  - Transcript.
  - Essay explaining your choice of major, your future plans and how scholarship would benefit you.
  - Community project essay.
  - Activities Chart.
  - Provide a senior portrait photo of self-please email digital photo to [office@rccfonline.org](mailto:office@rccfonline.org) with "photo for scholarship" in subject line.
5. Attach any and all additional information and documentation required by the terms of the specific scholarship for which you are applying, if any. Examples of additional information are Letters of Recommendation and Applicant Appraisal.
6. Submit a hard copy of your application(s) to the Ripley County Community Foundation, 13 East George Street, Suite B, Batesville, IN 47006 on or before the due date.
7. Most scholarship applications are due no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup>**. If a scholarship has a due date later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, the alternate due date will be stated in the details and/or criteria section of that scholarship's description page.

### **Incomplete Scholarship Applications will NOT be considered.**

Due to IRS regulations, no family member(s) or scholarship committee member(s) of the selection committee of the respective scholarships may apply for their own scholarships.

## Cover Page

Include a copy of this cover page with the application for each scholarship. Please indicate on the cover page which scholarship you are applying for. If applying for two or more scholarships, you must make additional copies of the application & a cover page for each.

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## **The Melody G. Arney Memorial Scholarship**



This scholarship was established in 2011 by friends, family, and co-workers to recognize and remember Melody for her 25 years of dedicated service to the farmers of Ripley County while working at the Farm Service Agency. Melody administered the Conservation Reserve Program and was instrumental in most of the grass waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, quail habitats, etc. implemented in Ripley County during her time with FSA. She also helped county farmers in obtaining commodity loans each year, allowing them to market their grain later in the year.

She was loved by the farmers and her fellow co-workers, and other FSA persons around the state.

Melody will be lovingly remembered for putting the needs of others before her own, a deep love of her family, and always having a smile on her face.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund and paid directly to the student's school.
- The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee along with a representative of FSA will serve as the selection committee.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from any Ripley County, Indiana High School; AND
- Be a resident of Ripley County, Indiana; AND
- Be a graduate from an accredited home school program; or  
a college student who graduated from a Ripley County, Indiana High School; or  
a previous recipient of this scholarship and a resident of Ripley County, Indiana; AND
- Be planning a college major in, or currently enrolled in, the field of Agriculture; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## The Sylvester J. “Bess” Bartling Memorial Scholarship



Upon the urging of his former students, family members of Sylvester J. “Bess” Bartling established a scholarship in 2005 to honor his memory. A long-time resident of Batesville, Bess Bartling retired from teaching music at all levels in the Batesville Community Schools in 1972 after nearly forty years.

He also directed the Eureka Band for 57 of his 63 years as a member, and directed the St. Anthony Choir at Morris and later the St. Louis Choir at Batesville for many years.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will serve as the selection committee.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a graduate of Batesville High School; and
- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average; and
- Have been active in band and/or chorus in high school; and
- Be planning to pursue a four year degree in
  - 1. Music (priority will be given to music majors), or
  - 2. Education; and
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## The Doris A. Brelage Nursing Scholarship



This scholarship was established by the family of Doris Brelage in her memory following her untimely death.

A registered nurse and EMS member, she spent 37 years at Margaret Mary Community Hospital as director of nursing, head of surgical nursing and director of infection control.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall be composed of a Representative of the Donor, a manager of Margaret Mary Health and a practicing RN employed by Margaret Mary Health; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- Applicant cannot be a member of the Brelage family.
- Applicant cannot be related to a member of the Advisory Committee.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a graduate of Batesville High School; or  
Be a nominee from a practicing nurse at Margaret Mary Community Hospital- Batesville; AND
- Have been admitted to an accredited nursing school; or  
Be a LPN going on in a RN program to an accredited nursing school; AND
- Be preparing to begin his or her clinical, or practicum rotations; AND
- Submit a written recommendation from a RN practicing at Margaret Mary Hospital-Batesville and who is not a member of the Advisory Committee or a family member of a member of the Advisory Committee; AND
- Demonstrate proven dedication to community service; AND
- Demonstrate excellent people skills; AND
- Have a 2.8 or above GPA in college courses; AND
- Provide an official transcript from his or her college and/or school of nursing; AND
- Provide a Senior portrait photo of self-Please email digital photo to [office@rccfonline.org](mailto:office@rccfonline.org) with “photo for scholarship” in subject line; AND
- Sign and include photo release; AND
- Must complete the Doris A. Brelage Nursing Scholarship Application.

Return typed Brelage Scholarship Application with all attachments by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## The Doris A. Brelage Nursing Scholarship Application

Must be typed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D. O. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major/desired proficiency: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide an official transcript(s) from your college and/or school of nursing.

G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

When will you begin Nursing Clinical rotations (specify date)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's name \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not currently employed, explain how you spent your time from high school graduation to the present:

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Are you married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any work experience not previously discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any awards or honors you have received since your graduation from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any leadership positions you have held since your graduation from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any community organizations to which you belong or community service activities you have participated in since your graduation from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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What type of program and institution will you attend and why did you choose this course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your goals upon completion of this program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there other circumstances to be considered when your application is evaluated? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach additional pages if you have a need.**

**Return Brelage Scholarship application including transcript(s) and recommendation  
by June 1<sup>st</sup> to Ripley County Community Foundation**

## The Corinne's Believers Memorial Scholarship



**Corinne Lamping** was trained at Aveda Fredric's Institute, Indianapolis in 2010. With her desire and dedication to learn more about the ongoing art of hair, she had attended the Chicago Hair Show and additional Aveda color and styling classes. Corinne had no problem expressing her love and talent for hair by satisfying every guest. She was not only skilled in hair, but also was certified in nail care as well. She specialized in all natural nail services, cut and color services as well as waxing.

Corinne brought an enjoyable experience during all her services to make her guest's day!

“We have established this scholarship in honor of Corinne in an effort to help some young lady or gentleman achieve their lifetime dream of becoming a hair stylist. We miss Corinne dearly. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.”

May God Bless you! ..... Love Janice, Roger, Leann, Corey and Cooper (Corinne's dog) Lamping.

### Scholarship Details

- Provide financial support for an Indiana student attending the Aveda Fredric's Institute in Indianapolis. Preference will be given to Ripley County residents who satisfy the criteria and if there is no such applicant second preference will be to a Southeast Indiana resident.
- The value of the scholarships each year will depend on the value of the distribution of the endowment fund.
- Indiana students who have graduated from high school and been accepted to and planning to attend Aveda Fredric's Institute (Indianapolis-317-578-5500) may apply directly to Aveda's Financial Aid Office, 6020 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a representative of the Lamping family, a community member, and a cosmetologist from Guys and Gals Quarters in Batesville, Indiana; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

### Criteria

The applicant must:

- Complete the Aveda entrance application and indicate that you are interested in the Corinne's Believers Scholarship; AND
- Provide written notice to the Ripley County Community Foundation of your interest in this scholarship; AND
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; AND
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a non-family member detailing the applicant's character and work ethic.

Submit your written notice of interest in this scholarship

by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**

**The Corinne's Believers Memorial Scholarship  
Intention to Apply**

**Writable Intention to Apply under Scholarships on [www.rccfonline.org](http://www.rccfonline.org)**

Complete the form below if you plan to apply to Aveda and you are interested in the Corinne's Believers Scholarship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School you will graduate from in spring: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date of enrollment in Aveda Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number where you can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Email where you can be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Matt Gutzwiller Memorial Scholarship**



The Matt Gutzwiller Memorial Scholarship  
was started by the City of Batesville to honor Matt Gutzwiller.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Dollar amount for this Scholarship will be determined by the yearly distribution of the fund.
- The Scholarship will benefit active or retired members, or the children or grandchildren of active or retired members of the Volunteer Fire Department of Batesville, IN, or the EMS 10 Life Squad.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the Mayor of the City of Batesville or a designee of the Mayor of Batesville, an appointee from the Batesville City Council, and a member of the Gutzwiller family; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- The recipient shall be selected based upon applicant's demonstration of his/her ambition and intent to further his/her education after high school.
- No member of the selection committee may have a family member selected for the scholarship.

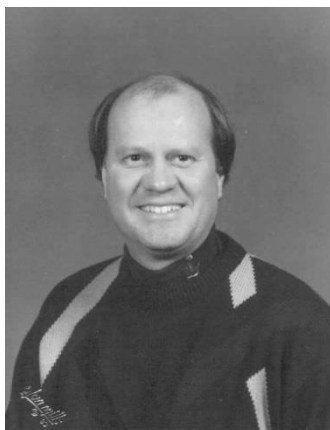
### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a member of, or child of, or grandchild of an active or retired member of the Batesville Volunteer Fire Department or EMS 10 Life Squad; AND
- Provide written verification of this relationship from the Batesville Fire Department; AND
- Complete Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## **The John Moorman Memorial Scholarship**



The John Moorman Memorial Scholarship was established in 1999 by John's friends, family, and co-workers to recognize and remember him for his dedication to turf management of golf courses. John was a life-long resident of Batesville and Golf Superintendent for many years at Hillcrest Country Club.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Dollar amount of scholarship is determined by the annual distribution of fund.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a member of the John Moorman family, a representative of the Hillcrest Country Club Superintendent's staff, and a representative of Hillenbrand Industries and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship.
- Applicant cannot be related to any member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have an interest in applying the science of agronomy to the world of Golf.
- Preference will be given to applicants attending Purdue University.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a graduate of Batesville High School or Oldenburg Academy; AND
- Be planning a major in agronomy. Agronomy is the science and technology of producing and using plants for food, fuel, fiber and land reclamation and encompasses work in the areas of plant genetics, plant physiology and soil science; AND
- Have maintained a grade point average of 3.0; AND
- Submit a written recommendation from a counselor; AND
- Must demonstrate financial need; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments

by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## **The Joe Shotwell Memorial Scholarship**



Joseph Shotwell was a pilot, A&P mechanic, director of maintenance, airport manager, little league baseball coach, husband, and loving father to his eight children. Joe lived 67 years serving aviation, his family, the community, and his friends until his death in 2000. He earned his A&P mechanic's license at Purdue University where he helped to build the university's department fleet of restored DC 3s and salvaged C 47s. Joe joined Hillenbrand Industries in 1961 as a mechanic, co-pilot and airfield manager. Over the next 35 years, Joe accumulated over 6,000 hours of flight time and became full-time director of maintenance.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- Award will be given at Honors Program
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a representative of the Shotwell family, a representative of Batesville High School and a representative of Oldenburg Academy; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- The applicant cannot be related to a member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Have a diploma from an accredited high school; AND
- Be a current resident of Ripley or Franklin Counties; AND
- Be accepted to Purdue University full-time course of study in the field of Aviation Technology/Mechanics; and
- Submit proof of admission to Purdue; AND
- Show community involvement; AND
- Demonstrate financial need; AND
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive, the purpose of the Fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students who most closely satisfy the criteria.

Return typed application and required attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## The Rural Alliance for the Arts & Elsa and Peter Soderberg Scholarship



The Rural Alliance for the Arts (RAA) created this scholarship with funds donated to it from Peter and Elsa Soderberg. Rural Alliance for the Arts is a not-for-profit organization which promotes the arts by providing opportunities for artistic education, expression and enjoyment in Batesville and the surrounding area. This scholarship opportunity will assist a local resident with their goal of making the arts their life.

### Scholarship Details

- The amount of this scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution from the fund.
- This scholarship can be used at any accredited two or four year public or private institution of higher learning in or out of the state of Indiana.
- Students must be interested in pursuing a degree in an area of the arts.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee will be composed of two representatives of RAA, a representative from Oldenburg Academy, a representative from Batesville School Corporation and a representative from the Batesville community; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipient(s).
- The applicant cannot be related to a member of the selection committee.
- Finalists may be contacted to provide examples of his/her work.

### Criteria

The applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Oldenburg Academy; or  
Be a graduating senior from Batesville High School; or  
Be a resident of the Batesville Community School Corporation boundaries; or  
Be a child of parents with a current Rural Alliance for the Arts membership. Must provide verification of parents' membership; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application; AND
- Submit a type-written essay describing how the receipt of this scholarship would help him/her to pursue and achieve his/her goals and aspirations in the arts. This essay should include participation in the arts, school activities, community activities, relevant honors/accomplishments, relevant course work, and activities where he/she has mentored and/or encouraged others in his/her area of the arts.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive, the purpose of the Fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students who most closely satisfy the criteria.

Return typed application and all attachments by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## **The Tyson Scholarship**

This scholarship was set up to support the non-traditional student, specifically those individuals who are pursuing technical degrees, are pursuing education later in life or who need assistance to finish their college degree.

### **Scholarship Details**

- The amount of the scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution from the fund.
- Examples of individuals who qualify for this scholarship are as follows:
  1. A high school senior who has been accepted in a course of study other than college, such as a technical school program (i.e. cosmetology, diesel mechanics); or
  2. An older individual who has decided to further his/her education. This may include college or trade school enrollment; or
  3. A college student who has completed at least one semester of studies and is continuing his/her undergraduate or graduate studies.
- Special emphasis will be placed on:
  1. Financial need.
  2. Community involvement.
  3. Demonstration of extreme circumstances.
- The Scholarship Committee of the Ripley County Community Foundation may request a personal interview with the applicant.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent from an accredited high school or be in the final semester of his/her senior year; AND
- Submit a copy of his/her transcript showing information for four years of high school; AND
- Be a current resident of the South Ripley School District; AND
- Submit proof of admission to a post high school program which he/she will or does attend; AND
- Must be accepted to an accredited course of study for furthering their education; AND
- Submit a reference letter from a former teacher or administrator or employer; AND
- Complete the Tyson Memorial Scholarship application.

Applications will also be available at the Tyson Library, the Tyson United Methodist Church, and through the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. office.

Return typed application and all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**



**Ripley County Community Foundation**  
**The Tyson Memorial Scholarship Application**  
**This application must be typed to be accepted.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Personal Information:**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City

How long have you lived at this address? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information:**

SAT Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma Type \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major/desired proficiency \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed any post-secondary course work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the name of the institution and the number of credit hours you have completed at that institution and the dates of your enrollment there \_\_\_\_\_  
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If no, please explain how you spent your time from high school graduation to the present.  
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**Family Information:**

Does a parent claim you as a dependent? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes:

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupations \_\_\_\_\_

Employers \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brothers and Sisters: Older \_\_\_\_\_ Younger \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any brothers and sisters in a post high school education program and list the name of the institution.

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Are you married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes:

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer's \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Names and ages of your children \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

Do you have any extraordinary expenses? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you presently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

What is your total income? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parents provide financial support for your education? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", how much will they provide? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your parents' total income (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your spouse's total annual income (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Estimated Resources and Expenses for an Academic Year**

Personal Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Aid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other scholarships and amounts you have already been awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other Information:**

Describe any work experience not previously discussed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any awards or honors you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any leadership positions you have held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any community organizations to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any original talents you have in the areas of art, music, science, literature, mathematics, industrial art, etc.:

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What are your strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your weaknesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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What type of program and institution are you planning to attend and why did you choose this course of study?

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What are your goals/intentions upon completion of this program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any other circumstances you would like to have considered when your application is evaluated?

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## **The Daryl Lea Van Hook Memorial Scholarship**



The Daryl Lea Van Hook Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 as an endowment fund in the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. Miss Van Hook's parents, Bill and Marilyn Van Hook of Batesville, created this scholarship to honor their daughter's memory. Miss Van Hook was a graduate of Batesville High School and Ball State University. Her degree was in Special Education

### **Scholarship Details**

- This is a four year scholarship.
- The amount of this scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution made from the fund and divided by four years.
- To renew the scholarship, the recipient shall provide the Ripley County Community Foundation with proof of reenrollment and verification of a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will serve as the selection committee.
- Applicant cannot be a member of the family or of anyone sitting on the selection committee per IRS regulations.

### **Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of Ripley County; AND
- Be a graduating senior from any Ripley County, Indiana high school (including Batesville High School and Oldenburg Academy); AND
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; AND
- Be planning to attend Ball State University as a full-time student; AND
- Submit a written recommendation from a high school or college counselor or teacher; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive, the purpose of the fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students who most closely satisfy the criteria.

Return typed application with all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**

## **The Clara Bell Vestal Scholarship**

**Clara Bell Vestal Scholarship** was established by Jo Westmeyer in memory of her sister, Clara Bell. Clara Bell was a lifelong resident of the Versailles area who understood the value of furthering one's education beyond high school. She recognized the impact education can have on one person and on a community. Therefore, her family established The Clara Bell Vestal Scholarship to benefit South Ripley High School graduates and help them offset the cost of college tuition.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Provide financial support for an Indiana student attending an accredited 2- or 4-year public or private institution of higher learning.
- Preference will be given to applicants who reside in the South Ripley Community School District who satisfy the criteria and if there is no such applicant second preference will be to a Ripley County resident.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are in their second, third, or fourth year in college.
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to reapply.

### **Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be a resident of the South Ripley Community School Corporation or a graduate of South Ripley High School; AND
- Be a student in good standing at the college or university in which the applicant is enrolled; AND
- Be studying or planning to major in the field of agriculture; AND
- Shall complete an essay of no more than 500 words on why the applicant has chosen to study/major in the field of agriculture; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship application.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive, the purpose of the fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students who most closely fit the criteria.

Return typed application with all attachments  
by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to  
**Ripley County Community Foundation**