Scholarship Brochure

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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

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 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The Batesville Area Arts Council & Elsa and Peter Soderberg Scholarship

The Batesville Area Arts Council (BAAC) created this scholarship with funds donated to it from Peter and Elsa Soderberg. Batesville Area Arts Council 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 BAAC, 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

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 Batesville Area Arts Council 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 1st 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

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 1st 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

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
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Application

Return typed Brelage Scholarship Application with all attachments by June 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The George & Patricia Brinkmoeller Scholarship

The Brinkmoellers have supported the Ripley County Community Foundation from its inception in 1997. George was a member of the Founding Board and later served as the Board President. In 1997, the couple started a fund to support the Batesville Food Pantry. This scholarship was started by them in 2007 to help further the education of Batesville High School and Oldenburg Academy graduates.

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 the Principal (or principal’s designee) of Batesville High School, the principal (or principal’s designee) of Oldenburg Academy, and a member of the Brinkmoeller family (or designee); and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- Applicant cannot be a member of the Brinkmoeller Family.
- Recipients of this scholarship are only eligible one time unless there are no other applicants in a given year.
- The scholarship will be announced on awards night at the respective school.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduate of Batesville High School-Batesville, Indiana; or
  Be a graduate of Oldenburg Academy-Oldenburg, Indiana; AND
- Plan majoring in education; AND
- Have a GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; AND
- Plan to attend an accredited four year Indiana college or university; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The Karen & Heather Cain Memorial Scholarship

The Cain family, in memory of Karen and Heather Cain, established this scholarship fund in 1998. This mother and daughter were killed in an automobile accident.

Tom, the father of Heather and husband of Karen, chose to give the first scholarships from this fund in 2003, the year Heather would have graduated from Jac-Cen-Del High School.

Scholarship Details

➢ Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
➢ Recipients are eligible only one time.
➢ Recipient cannot be a member of the Cain family.
➢ The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the principal of Jac-Cen-Del Elementary, the school corporation nurse and a family member; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

The Advisory Scholarship Committee may look at the following to determine recipient(s):

• GPA
• Extracurricular activities
• Work experience
• Test scores
• Class rank.

Criteria

Applicant must:

➢ Be a graduating senior of Jac-Cen-Del High School; AND
➢ Plan to pursue a degree in the medical or educational field; AND
➢ Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The Nicole Louise Christie Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Christie grew up in Akron, Ohio, where she developed a strong work ethic. She was an excellent student and, due to scholarships and multiple jobs, she put herself through college. She was dedicated to her family and would do anything to help them. She spent countless hours helping her children, Jacob and Kaitlyn, with their homework, studying for tests, working on projects, taking them to practices and games, and even shagging baseballs in the outfield during batting practice. Her family moved to Batesville because her husband, John, started working at Hillrom. Nicole started working in Batesville Schools, going from substitute teacher, to teaching aid, and finally to receptionist at the Batesville Middle School. Over time, her family grew to include the staff and students of the Middle School. She wanted this scholarship created so she could continue to care for the students of Batesville Middle School.

Scholarship Details

- Provide financial support for an Indiana student to attend an accredited two- or four-year public or private college or university.
- Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Donor, Donor’s children, or a Donor Representative, and two current or retired employees of the Batesville Community School Corporation, with preference to be given to employees of Batesville Middle School.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be graduating from Batesville High School
- Must have attended 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Batesville Middle School
- Have a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Complete an essay of no more than 500 words describing a situation which required them to make a sacrifice for someone else
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from any of the following: teacher, coach, employer, or adult mentor; who can provide insight about the applicant’s work ethic and why they are deserving of a scholarship
- Establish financial need
- Shall complete the scholarship application and all attachments thereto as designated by the Ripley County Community Foundation.

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 1st 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 82nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a representative of the Lamping family, the Batesville High School Spanish teacher, 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

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.
- Shall complete the Ripley County Community Foundation scholarship application and all attachments thereto.

Return typed application and all attachments by March 1st to Ripley County Community Foundation
The Jeremy David Ebinger Memorial Scholarship

The Jeremy David Ebinger Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 as an endowment fund in the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. Jeremy’s parents, David and Lisa Ebinger, created the scholarship in honor of their son’s memory. Jeremy was a graduate of South Ripley High School and Diesel Mechanics School.

Scholarship Details

- The amount of the scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- Recipients cannot be a member of the Ebinger family.
- Recipients are eligible only one time.
- The scholarship will be awarded during the honors convocation.
- The student shall be selected using the following prioritized preferences:
  - Plan to study in the field of diesel mechanics.
  - Be or have been a FFA member at South Ripley High School or Jac-Cen-Del High School and seeking higher education in any field.
  - Be or have been a 4-H member at South Ripley High School or Jac-Cen-Del High School and seeking higher education in any field.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a member of the Donor’s family or donor’s designee, the pastor at Hopewell Baptist Church and a community member; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from South Ripley High School or Jac-Cen-Del High School; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application; AND
- Provide a written personal recommendation from a teacher, coach, pastor, or employer.

Return typed application with all attachments

by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The Friends of Milan Wrestling Scholarship

The Milan Wrestling program is a unique and special program that has a positive effect on the lives of those who participate. This scholarship encourages students who have been a part of the wrestling team to further their education in their chosen field.

**Scholarship Details**

- Fund provides scholarships to eligible Milan High School wrestlers and/or mat maids.
- Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution made from the fund.
- Scholarship will be awarded annually unless there is a year in which no eligible candidates apply.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of 3 Milan High School wrestling alumni; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- This award will be made on Senior Night at Milan High School.
- Applicant cannot be related to any member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee serving for the student’s senior year.

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Milan High School; AND
- Attend an accredited institution of higher learning, including a trade or technical school; AND
- Have been a member of the Milan High School wrestling team for at least two years including the student’s senior year; AND
- Have maintained at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA; AND
- Submit a written recommendation from one of the Milan wrestling coaches; AND
- Include a statement describing applicants involvement with the wrestling team (wrestler, mat maid, etc.) including length of involvement; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
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**

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 1st to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**
The J. Michael Hansen M.D. Memorial Scholarship

Friends of Dr. Hansen created this scholarship to honor his memory. Dr. Hansen practiced in the Batesville area and at Margaret Mary Hospital. He had a great appreciation for the nurses with whom he worked. The scholarship is for graduating students from Ripley County who plan to study nursing.

Scholarship Details

- The amount of this scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the Batesville High School Principal, the Margaret Mary Community Hospital Vice-President of Nursing and the Principal of Oldenburg Academy; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipient(s).

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Batesville High School; or
- A graduating senior from any other Ripley County high school; or
- A graduating senior from Oldenburg Academy; AND
- Be planning a major in an accredited nursing program with the intent to obtain the status of Registered Nurse; AND
- Have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale; AND
- Demonstrate a real need of funds to pay tuition for college; AND
- Include a copy of acceptance letter from your college or university; AND
- Submit a letter of a recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments
by March 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The Samantha Hansen Memorial Scholarship

Samantha was in her senior year at South Ripley High School when an automobile accident tragically took her life. She was very involved in her church and community and active in many organizations at her school. But most important to her was her 10-year membership in 4-H. At the time of her death she was serving as the President. “Sam”, as she was known to her family and friends was also a 4-year member of FFA. She was serving as the President of this organization also. On her Senior Memory Book page titled “My Bucket List”, she listed many things she wanted to do to help others. Her family and friends wanted to make sure she could continue to do that so a scholarship was started in her name. Now she continues to make a difference in young people’s lives ... forever.

Scholarship Details

➢ The scholarship will be funded by the annual distribution allocated by the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc.
➢ Funds will be paid directly to the college, university or technical school the recipient is planning to attend with one-half of the award being paid for the 1st semester and one-half of the award being paid for the 2nd semester.
➢ The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of one member of the Hansen family, the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Versailles, two members of the Versailles, Indiana community and a staff member of the South Ripley School Corporation; and will make recommendations to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
➢ Applicants shall not be a member of the Hansen family nor be related to a member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.

Criteria

Applicant must:
➢ Be a graduating senior from South Ripley High School-Versailles, Indiana; AND
➢ Submit a 300 word essay on how he/she has made, and will continue to make a difference in his/her church, school, and community; AND
➢ Submit two letters of recommendation from community members not related to applicant; AND
➢ Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
Hillenbrand, Inc. STEM Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2019. The partnership between the Ripley County Community Foundation and Hillenbrand builds on the company’s existing commitments to providing hands-on educational opportunities to area students. Through co-op programs with Batesville and Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools, and internship programs with Oldenburg Academy and Milan, Hillenbrand and Batesville Casket associates regularly mentor students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The scholarships are designed to increase the availability of funding to students across the region to supplement college tuition.

**Scholarship Details**

- The Ripley County Community Foundation and Hillenbrand will award a total of three, $1,000 scholarships.

**Criteria**

- Applicant must:
  - Be a graduating senior (by June) from Oldenburg Academy, Batesville, Jac-Cen-Del, Milan, or South Ripley High Schools in Indiana; AND
  - Plan to attend an accredited college or university; AND
  - Plan to pursue higher education in a STEM field; AND
  - Write an essay focused on how he/she intends to use their STEM education to enhance the community; AND
  - Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by **March 1st** to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The George M. Hillenbrand Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to aid worthy boys or girls of Batesville, Indiana or the nearby surrounding territory to secure a higher education in one of the colleges or universities situated in the State of Indiana.

Scholarship Details

- Not exceed $500 per year for four years.
- Cease in the event the grade point average of recipient falls below the standard of the scholarship established by said university or college, or in the event of expulsion, incapacity or death.
- The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Principal of Oldenburg Academy, the Principal of Batesville High School and the 5/3 Bank Batesville Community Relations Representative and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from the high school(s) of the City of Batesville, Indiana; AND
- Be a resident of Batesville, Indiana; AND
- Be a student who desires a higher education but does not have sufficient money or property in his or her own right to be used to defray the expenses of an education, and whose parents do not have sufficient money or property to defray such expense; AND
- Attend a college or university situated in the State of Indiana; AND
- Have shown good scholarship in high school; AND
- Have shown by temperament, sobriety and ambition, evidence of appreciating and utilizing the benefits of a higher education; AND
- Describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances affected his/her achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application; AND
- Submit the George M. Hillenbrand Memorial Scholarship Applicant Appraisal Form.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The George M. Hillenbrand Memorial Scholarship

Applicant Appraisal Form available at www.rccfonline.org

Applicant Appraisal (required): To be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor or a supervisor. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

Name of Applicant: ______________________________________________________

The applicant’s choice of a postsecondary education program is:

_______ Extremely appropriate
_______ Very appropriate
_______ Moderately appropriate
_______ Not appropriate

The applicant’s achievements reflect his/her ability:

_______ Extremely well
_______ Very well
_______ Moderately well
_______ Not well

The applicant’s ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:

_______ Excellent
_______ Good
_______ Fair
_______ Poor

The quality of the applicant’s commitment to school and community is:

_______ Excellent
_______ Good
_______ Fair
_______ Poor

The applicant is able to seek, find and use learning resources:

_______ Extremely well
_______ Very well
_______ Moderately well
_______ Not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through and completes tasks:

- _______ Extremely well
- _______ Very well
- _______ Moderately well
- _______ Not well

The applicant’s respect for self and others is:

- _______ Excellent
- _______ Good
- _______ Fair
- _______ Poor

Comments:

(additional comments will help the committee in making its recommendation)

Appraiser’s name: ____________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________ Title: ____________________________________________

School: ______________________________________________________________
The family of Aurella Hofmockel created this scholarship to honor her memory and her commitment to education. Aurella was a life-long resident of the Sunman/Ripley County area and a teacher in the community for many years. Despite having limited means, Aurella saw that all five of her children graduated from college. She truly believed in the value of a college education.

**Scholarship Details**

- Amount of scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution made from the fund.
- Recipients are only eligible one time.
- Family members and/or fund originators shall not serve on the selection committee.
- Funds will be paid directly to the college or university for tuition or other eligible expenses.
- Priority will be given to applicants who will be attending a four-year Indiana college or university

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior of East Central High School; AND
- Demonstrate financial need, after all other scholarships, grants and awards are considered; AND
- Be the first generation in family to attend college or university; AND
- Be interested in entering the field of education; AND
- Have an outstanding scholarship/activities record, especially in prior two years involvement in local community activities; AND
- Complete the East Central Scholarship Application available through the East Central Guidance Counselor’s office.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The Integrity Machine Tool Technology Scholarship

This advised scholarship pass-through fund was established in 2019 by Integrity Tool to support local students planning to pursue a degree in the machine technology trades.

Scholarship Details

➢ Provide financial support for student attending Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana for 2 or 4 years.
➢ The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee and a representative of Integrity Tool will serve as the selection committee.
➢ Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to reapply; and
➢ Recipient shall be honored by the employees of Integrity Tool and shall attend said event on the date and time scheduled by Integrity Tool.

Criteria

Applicant must:

➢ Be a graduating senior from Batesville High School, East Central High School, Franklin County High School, Greensburg High School, Jac-Cen-Del High School, Milan High School, North Decatur High School, Oldenburg Academy, or South Ripley High School;
➢ Be attending or planning to attend Ivy tech Community College of Indiana and be enrolled in the Machine Tool Technology Program;
➢ Complete an essay of no more than 500 words describing the applicant’s motivation for pursuing a career in machine trades;
➢ Provide at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or an employer describing the applicant’s work ethic; and
➢ Shall complete the scholarship application and all attachments thereto as designated by the Ripley County Community Foundation

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
Family members want to honor the memory of Nixie Koelling with a scholarship to help Batesville or East Central students attend college.

**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 math teacher & a Project Lead the Way teacher from Batesville High School and a math teacher & a Project Lead the Way teacher from East Central High School appointed by the schools’ principals.
- Recipient shall attend a four year degree program at an accredited public or private college or university.
- Priority will be given to those applicants who are involved in golf, tennis, or debate club.
- Priority will be given to those applicants with a learning disability.

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Batesville High School; OR
- Be a graduating senior from East Central High School; AND
- Be planning on studying in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math); AND
- Have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.75 on a 4.0 scale; 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 1st** to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**
The Zachary A. Litzinger Memorial Scholarship

“Life is a game and Zach knew most of the rules. He may have bent a few but he knew right from wrong. He never wanted to let anyone down. He loved life, sports, and more importantly his family and friends. His smiling face and positive attitude made it easy to love him. He worked hard and he played just as hard. He had dreams which he didn’t get to finish. It is in his honor the Zachary A. Litzinger Memorial Scholarship was developed so that other young adults, just like Zach, have an opportunity to achieve their dreams.”

~ The Litzingers ~

Scholarship Details

- The value of the scholarship each year will depend on the value of the distribution of the endowment fund. The family’s goal is to provide a $2,000 scholarship each year.
- Funds will be made payable to the school of recipient’s choice.
- The scholarship will be awarded during the senior award program at Batesville High School.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a representative of the donor, a FFA Leader and the Batesville High School Athletic Director; and shall make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Batesville High School; AND
- Satisfy the following:
  - Must have been involved in high school, middle school or youth sports (special consideration given to those involved in golf but may also include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, or skiing).
  - Must be a FFA member or active in agricultural classes/programs.
  - Must demonstrate a positive attitude, a desire to learn and try new things, a commitment to whatever they are working towards, and a love for the “game” of life.
  - Must be a friend to all, a team player, and a hard worker with employment during high school.
  - Must have a strong family commitment; AND
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a past or present teacher AND coach; 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 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarship

The Emily Mathes Memorial Scholarship was established in 2012 by Emily’s parents and sisters. The initial funding of the scholarship was made possible through the love and generosity of family, friends, and the community. Emily was a freshman honor roll student at South Ripley who participated in sports and various other school activities. She was constantly on the go and felt very strongly about her faith, family, and friends. She was an active member of the Versailles Baptist Church. As a tribute to the many friendships she had at South Ripley and the surrounding schools, this scholarship was created. The goal is to provide two South Ripley seniors with scholarships and a third scholarship opportunity for either a Milan or Jac-Cen-Del senior.

Emily is loved and will continue to be missed very much. These scholarships are to assist young people achieve their potential in Emily’s memory. Good luck to the applicants and God Bless.

Scholarship Details

- The value of the scholarship each year will depend on the value of the distribution of the endowment fund divided evenly among the number of scholarships awarded.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a donor or donor appointee, a South Ripley Senior High School faculty member and a South Ripley Senior High administrator; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- Applicants cannot be related to any member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.

Criteria

- Be a graduating senior from South Ripley; OR
- Be a graduating senior from Jac-Cen-Del; OR
- Be a graduating senior from Milan High School; AND
- Be planning a college major in the field of education and/or a medically related field; AND
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; AND
- Submit two letters of recommendation from members of his/her community not related to the applicant; AND
- Submit a 500 word essay on his/her contributions to church, school, and community; 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 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The William H. (Gus) and Mary Margaret Moorhead Scholarships

Two scholarships are given in memory of William H. (Gus) Moorhead and in honor of Mary Margaret Moorhead—the Moorhead Student Athlete Scholarship and the Moorhead Print Media Scholarship. Mr. Moorhead was the first basketball coach and then principal at South Ripley High School for 23 years. Mrs. Moorhead taught journalism and speech at South Ripley for 25 years, serving as advisor for the school newspaper for 25 years and the school yearbook for 12 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead continued their work with print media after retirement from SRHS at the end of the 1991 school year. Employed by Ripley Publishing Company from 1991-2006, Mr. Moorhead wrote sports columns and Mrs. Moorhead was a staff writer. The Moorhead Student Athlete Scholarship honors a member of the South Ripley graduating class who has excelled in athletics, scholarship, leadership and attendance; the Moorhead Print Media Scholarship benefits a graduating member of the Raiders Riot staff at SRHS.

Scholarship Details

- The value of the scholarships will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund. Said annual distribution will be divided equally between the two scholarships.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the principal of the South Ripley Senior High School, the Raiders Riot advisor, the Athletic Director of the South Ripley High School and a member of the Moorhead family; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- Awards will be presented at the annual South Ripley High School Honors Night program.

Print Media Scholarship Criteria

The applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from South Ripley Senior High School or its township schools; AND
- Have at least a 3.3 grade point average; AND
- Have served on the staff of Raiders Riot (or school newspaper) for at least two years; AND
- Have contributed to the newspaper in an outstanding way as writer, editor, layout/design, photographer, or advertising manager; AND
- Submit a 500 word essay on his/her contribution to South Ripley High School print media and his/her plans for the future.

Criteria for Student Athlete Scholarship

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from South Ripley Senior High School or its township schools; AND
- Have at least a 3.3 grade point average; AND
- Have participated in the South Ripley High School athletic program; AND
- Have exhibited the qualities of excellence in athletics, scholarship, leadership and attendance.
- Submit a 500 word essay on his/her contributions to South Ripley athletics and his/her plans for the future.

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 1st 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

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
➢ Demonstrate financial need; AND
➢ Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
On the Education Warpath Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Darlene Gerster, graduate of Milan High School, class of 1965. Darlene began her career path as a student teacher under Mary Margaret Moorhead at South Ripley High School, and completed her first year of teaching there. She has been a life-long learner, earning degrees from Ball State, University of Cincinnati, and Indiana University. Although her work and life journey have taken her to Cincinnati, the Chicago area, and back to Indiana via Bloomington and now Indianapolis, she remains interested in the Milan community and Ripley County. She is the co-author with Roselyn McKittrick of Milan, Indiana: A Storied Past. Her wish is to help a graduating senior from Milan High School continue his/her education.

Scholarship Details

- Dollar amount of scholarship is determined by the annual distribution from the fund.
- It is intended that this scholarship will be issued for the benefit of one student every four years. The initial award will be for one school year and is renewable for up to three additional consecutive years, subject to the criteria listed below and to the availability of funds.
- This scholarship shall be paid directly to the university or college recipient is attending.
- The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee shall serve as the selection committee.
- Recipient may not be related to a member of the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee.
- Recipient may not be related to the donor.
- Recipient should be the epitome of a well-rounded, hardworking individual.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from Milan High School;
- Have a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Not be a 21st Century Scholar;
- Attend Ball State University, Indiana University-Bloomington, Indiana State University or Purdue University-West Lafayette;
- Not accept any other scholarships which offset tuition and required fees; AND
- Complete a 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 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The Tammy J. Pickett Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 to keep her spirit and love of gardening and agriculture alive. Tammy tragically passed away in a car accident on December 5, 2018. Tammy was a graduate of South Ripley Jr. Sr. High School. She was a lifelong resident of Ripley County and spent most of her career working in Decatur County. Tammy spent her free time enjoying the country and outdoor life. She had a love for flowers, gardening, animals, and her family. A typical spring and summer involved Tammy growing her flowerbeds and garden of fresh vegetables. It was not uncommon for Tammy to share her garden goodies or teach people about properly growing flowers and vegetables. It is our hope that this scholarship will provide eager students an opportunity to pursue their dreams.

Scholarship Details:

- The amount of the scholarship shall be determined by the annual distribution of the fund
- Recipients cannot be a member of the Pickett or Clift family
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to reapply

Criteria:

- Applicant must:
  - Be a graduating senior or graduate from South Ripley Jr. Sr. High School
  - Be a resident of Ripley County
  - Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application
  - Study at a higher educational institution in the state of Indiana
  - Recipients should plan to attend an institution of higher education (2-4 year, tech school, etc.), studying in the field of agriculture/horticulture or similar areas of studying, specific to farming

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to
Ripley County Community Foundation
The Sandra Michelle Riggle Memorial Scholarship

The Sandra Michelle Riggle Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 as an endowment fund in the Ripley County Community Foundation, Inc. Miss Riggle’s parents, Steve and Sandy Riggle, and brothers, Jonathan and Jeremy Riggle, of Jeffersonville, created this scholarship in honor of their daughter and sister’s memory. Sandra Michelle Riggle was a 26 year-old Science teacher at South Ripley Junior/Senior High School in the 2007 to 2009 school years. She was a 2001 Honors graduate of Jeffersonville High School as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Miss Riggle was a 2006 graduate of Indiana University Southeast with degrees in Biology and Chemistry and Secondary Science Education. She was a Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award Recipient as well as a Lifetime Member of the Girl Scouts of America. She was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville. She resided in North Vernon.

Scholarship Details

- The value of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- This is a one-time scholarship to be awarded on the successful completion of the awardee’s first semester at an accredited college. A transcript of the first semester’s work MUST be provided to Ripley County Community Foundation in order for the scholarship to be paid to the school.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of two South Ripley Junior/Senior High School science faculty members and the principal of said high school; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients. All applications will be submitted to the Advisory Scholarship Committee without specific identifying information.
- Applicant cannot be a member of the family or related to a member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a FEMALE graduating senior of South Ripley Junior/Senior High School- Versailles, Indiana; AND
- Be planning a college major in the field of education and/or a science-related field; AND
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; AND
- Provide two letters of recommendation from members of the community who are not related to the applicant; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st 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

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 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
Robert Wortman of Morristown, Indiana is the president of the South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co. which services Ripley Counties. He is also a philanthropist who is very involved in his community. He wants to contribute to the educational opportunities of the patrons of South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co. This scholarship allows him to do that.

**Scholarship Details**

- South Eastern IN Natural Gas Company, Inc. is providing a scholarship for a graduating senior whose primary legal residence is in the South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co. service area.
- The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The scholarship shall be awarded only if the recipient is eligible to return to classes for the second phase of their educational pursuit. Proof of said progress must be mailed to the Ripley County Community Foundation. A corresponding transcript and proof of second year enrollment will then be required. Students on academic probation will be disqualified.
  - For a student pursuing a two- or four-year degree, the scholarship will be paid to the institution of higher education upon successful completion of the first year.
  - For a student pursuing certification from a technical or vocational school, the scholarship will be paid to the institution of higher learning upon successful completion of the first term.

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior;
- Have his/her primary legal residence in the South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co., Inc. service area and whose parent, grandparent or legal guardian is an existing, and has been for no less than 36 consecutive months, a customer of South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co., Inc.;
- Provide a letter of acceptance from an accredited four or two year college, university, or technical school located within the state of Indiana;
- Submit a copy of his/her high school transcript with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.5;
- Submit two letters of recommendation from members of the community who are not related to applicant and who can address the applicant’s community and charitable involvement;
- Demonstrate the following: Drive or Motivation- unique ability to create a successful station in life and expand those attributes to define their future endeavors; Balance- balance of community involvement, academic pursuits, extra-curricular activities, and/or employment; Financial Need- submit a report of scholarships received and/or applied for;
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.
- Include a statement with name & address of the South Eastern IN Natural Gas Co., Inc. customer & the applying student’s relationship to the customer.

Return typed application with all attachments by **March 1st** to **Ripley County Community Foundation**
Harry Thompson was the editor and publisher of the Versailles Republican until the time of his death in 1964. A longtime resident of Southeastern Indiana, he was active in many civic organizations and believed in leaving a worthwhile legacy. The scholarship was begun to honor his name.

**Scholarship Details**

- This award is based on academic and civic performance.
- The scholarship is a non-renewable scholarship to any College or University.
- Amount of scholarship is determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- Scholarship winner will be announced on Honors Night.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the publisher of the Osgood Journal/Versailles Republican, the Executive Director of the Ripley County Community Foundation and a current or retired journalism instructor in Ripley County; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Have graduated from Milan, South Ripley or Jac-Cen-Del High School; AND
- Have an acceptance letter to the college or university they will attend; AND
- Be majoring in journalism, photojournalism, or advertising/marketing; AND
- Have been a member of the high school yearbook or newspaper staff; AND
- Have at least a 2.5 grade average; AND
- Attach a sample of his/her writing of no more than 500 words (no poetry). A high school writing assignment may be submitted; AND
- Attach two letters of recommendation; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

Return typed application with all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
Tanner Tucker Memorial Scholarship

Tanner Tucker was an amazing young man, who was taken from this world too soon. He was involved in a fatal, single-car accident on August 7, 2010, the weekend before his senior year at South Ripley was to begin. Tanner was the president of his class, as well as a leader in the other various activities in which he was involved. Tanner participated on the Raider varsity basketball and baseball teams, was voted Homecoming prince, was a member of Student Council, and an anchor with the CNNSR media staff. He was an active member of the Versailles Baptist youth group, as well as a volunteer coach for Special Olympics. Tanner loved life, and was known for his continually optimistic outlook. “Don’t Worry….Be Happy,” was his mantra. He was an “A” student, who possessed an affinity for both mathematics, and for making innumerable friends. His plans were to study engineering at Purdue University. In honor of Tanner, and with the generous outpouring of friends and family members, the Tucker family established a memorial scholarship fund.

Tanner is sorely missed by his family and others who loved him, but through this scholarship, his legacy will live on.

Scholarship Details

- The dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a member of the Tanner Tucker family, an employee of the South Ripley School Corporation and a member of the community; and will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipient(s).

Criteria

- Applicant must:
  - Be a Graduating Senior from South Ripley High School, Versailles, IN; AND
  - Have a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale; AND
  - Have participated in sports during their high school career; AND
  - Have participated in community service during their high school career; 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
by March 1st 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

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
➢ 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 Ripley County Community Foundation 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 appraisal form, application, and all attachments by March 1st to

Ripley County Community Foundation
The Unsung Hero Award was established in 2014 to honor the selfless, lifelong service of Betty Ricker English, mother of Nancy Durham. Betty Ricker English was a WWII Army nurse prior to her career as a community health nurse, hospital nurse, and school nurse. She grew up in the Depression and worked her way through Ball Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. After her service in North Africa and Italy during WWII, Betty earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Minnesota. Later she obtained her teacher’s license and finished her master’s degree the same year her oldest daughter graduated from college. Betty always espoused the importance of supporting others in need and willingly gave of her time and talents to community organizations such as the RN Club in Rush County, the Ball State Alumni Association, the Rush County Retired Teachers, the Main Street Christian Church in Rushville, and the 105th Station Hospital reunion organization. She was a devoted friend who, without reservation, nursed loved ones with debilitating illnesses or who were recovering from surgical procedures.

Scholarship Details

- The dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- The scholarship will benefit an individual who has demonstrated a compassionate and willing desire to give back to the school and community in service.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of Nancy Durham or her appointee & two community members & will make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university for tuition or other eligible expenses upon the completion of the first semester of the recipient’s freshman year.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior of South Ripley High School; AND
- Attend a four year college or university; AND
- Submit two letters of recommendation; one from a teacher and one from a community mentor, who can attest to the student’s selfless example in the school and community; AND
- President George H.W. Bush called Americans to actively consider public and community service during his presidency. At his 1989 inauguration, President Bush specifically spoke of “all the individuals and community organizations spread like stars through the nation, doing good.” President Bush put actions to his words, laying groundwork for a volunteer movement that later presidents have built upon and enhanced. President Bush is also responsible for the Points of Light Foundation which promotes the “spirit of volunteerism.”
- In a one-page essay, please identify an individual who has been a Point of Light in your community. Describe the qualities of this individual that personifies the spirit of this Unsung Hero Award; 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 by March 1st to Ripley County Community Foundation
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 1st** to

**Ripley County Community Foundation**
Versailles Masonic Lodge #7 F&AM Scholarship

As one of the world’s oldest and largest fraternal organizations, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community by improving and strengthening the character of the individual man. It stands for citizenship of the highest order, for enlightenment and orderly liberty; civil, religious and intellectual. It wages war only against the powers of darkness — ignorance, superstition and tyranny. Its grand aim is to teach, encourage, and inspire those who join its ranks to take their places in society as responsible citizens, each with a genuine concern for his fellow men, to the end that God may be glorified and His children may live together on this earth as brothers. The Freemasons of Versailles Masonic Lodge #7, F&AM recognize that the future of our community rests solely on the shoulders of our youth of today. We are pleased to have this opportunity to invest in our community by supporting our students and future leaders.

Scholarship Details

➤ The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution from the fund.
➤ The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of three members of the Versailles Masonic Lodge #7, F&AM and shall make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipients.
➤ The applicant cannot be related, by first degree or second degree to a member of the Advisory Scholarship Committee.
➤ Preference shall be to award two scholarships per year, one to a male and one to a female, but this will be determined by the amount of the annual distribution.
➤ Preference shall be given to applicants with a familial connection to the Fraternity. For example, if the applicant’s father, grandfather, brother or uncle are or were Masons in good standing.

Criteria

Applicant must:
➤ Be a senior at South Ripley High School planning to graduate in the spring of the year of application; AND
➤ State his/her familial connection to the Fraternity by providing name of Mason and relationship; 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.

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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

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.

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Residents of Osgood and the surrounding area are aware of the good Mr. Wagner did for their community. Much of this good was done anonymously through the Ripley County Community Foundation. Though he appeared “gruff” on the outside, he was a very good and very generous man who loved his family, church and community.

When Mr. Wagner passed away, a scholarship was endowed to benefit students of Jac-Cen-Del High School who want to pursue a career in nursing or business.

**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 with one Donor appointee.
- Recipient cannot be related to a member of the selection committee.
- The recipient must be present at Jac-Cen-Del’s Award Program or forfeit the scholarship (extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration).

**Criteria**

Applicant must:

- Be a graduate of Jac-Cen-Del High School; AND
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale; AND
- Be planning on pursuing an associate or bachelor degree at an accredited college or university majoring in
  1. Nursing (first choice); or
  2. Business (second choice); AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

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Ripley County Community Foundation
The Greg and Candy Wehr Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2012 to honor and memorialize Greg and Candy Wehr. Greg and Candy were involved community members who believed in bettering the lives of those around them. Greg was a Ripley County farmer who graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Ag-Engineering. He served on the Southeastern Indiana REMC Board of Directors and was a private pilot. Candy was a former teacher at South Ripley Elementary and National Consultant for Renaissance Learning who graduated from Indiana State with her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Elementary Education. She enjoyed spending time in her garden. Both enjoyed traveling to new places and flying in their plane. Greg and Candy were innovative thinkers and had high aspirations for themselves and those around them. They will be remembered for their generous hearts, love for family and friends, and happy smiles.

Scholarship Details

➢ Is worth $1,250 the first year of college.
➢ May be renewable for three additional years if University GPA threshold is maintained (for a total value of $5,000 over four years).
➢ No family member of the selection committee may be considered for this scholarship.

Criteria

Applicant must:

➢ Be a Ripley County resident; AND
➢ Be a graduating senior who plans to start his/her higher education career in the year they graduate from high school; AND
➢ Plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture and/or education; AND
➢ Submit a written letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, pastor, school personnel, or employer. It may be anyone other than a family member or peer/friend; AND
➢ Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

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The Matt and Cleo Werner Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family members in honor of Matt and Cleo, both upstanding citizens in their community and church. The couple worked hard to raise their 17 children. Both Matt and Cleo felt a good education, hard work and a willingness to give to those in the community were important qualities to achieve. They passed their belief on to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

It is in their name that this scholarship has been established to assist a qualified student in achieving his or her dreams.

Scholarship Details

- Amount of scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution from the fund.
- The Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee will serve as the selection committee.
- Selection will be based on:
  - Scholastic merit
  - Financial need
  - Community involvement
  - Potential for success

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior from: Batesville High School, Franklin County High School, Greensburg High School, Jac-Cen-Del High School, Milan High School, North Decatur High School, Oldenburg Academy, South Decatur High School, or South Ripley High School; AND
- Be planning to pursue a 2 or 4-year degree at an accredited institution; AND
- Have a grade point average between 2.8 & 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; AND
- Provide two letters of reference with one letter being from a teacher or employer; AND
- Submit one essay- choose one of the following questions- no more than two type-written pages:
  a.) Discuss a disappointment or set back in your life. How did you overcome it and move forward? How are you a changed person because of this experience? OR
  b.) Discuss an accomplishment you have achieved over the past three years that you considered valuable and significant. Why? (Remember that an accomplishment is something you have done, not an award that has been bestowed upon you.); AND
- Submit two short answer questions-each answer should be no longer than ½ typewritten page:
  a.) Other than scholarships, what have you done to prepare for the expense of your college education?
  b.) What are your educational goals or aspirations? How did you plan on accomplishing them?

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Ripley County Community Foundation
The Westmeyer Family Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Jesse H. Westmeyer, Sr., Jesse H. Westmeyer, Jr. and Stephen B. Westmeyer in recognition of their devotion of service to God and community. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating South Ripley High School student pursuing a post-secondary education for a career in the building trades, law enforcement or an undergraduate degree from any accredited college/university in any field of study. Hoping to find students that are following the good example of these three men, consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated involvement in community and church organizations. It is the desire of the Westmeyer family to help change the lives of deserving students in the future.

Scholarship Details

- The dollar amount of the scholarship will be determined by the annual distribution of the fund.
- Emphasis shall be given to those applicants who have demonstrated involvement in community organizations and/or activities, contributions of time to church and/or civic organizations.
- The Advisory Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a donor or donor’s appointee, an employee of the South Ripley Community School Corporation and a resident of the Versailles community; and shall make a recommendation to the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee regarding proposed scholarship recipient(s). Westmeyer Scholarship Committee will make a recommendation to the RCCF Scholarship Committee.
- No family member of the selection committee may be considered for this scholarship.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a senior at South Ripley High School; AND
- Submit a 500 or less word essay describing the applicant’s contribution to church, school, and/or community and describing financial need; AND
- Have a GPA of 2.8 or better on a 4.0 grading scale; AND
- Submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members; AND
- Complete the Ripley County Community Foundation Scholarship Application.

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