

**Benton Community Foundation
Scholarship Criteria**

**Community Scholarship
Opportunities**

History / Info

Eligibility

The following scholarships have a fund held at the Benton Community Foundation. The BCF has several designated scholarship committees who review and award these scholarships.

Benton Community Scholars

<p>Benton Community Scholars: Academic Scholarship</p>	<p>"Benton Community Scholars ", formerly affiliated with a national scholarship organization, is now working locally with the Benton Community Foundation for our scholarship program. Our purpose is to provide funds to award scholarships to deserving Benton Central graduating students who are continuing their education after high school.</p>	<p>Must be a graduating high school senior from Benton Central Must be accepted to a post secondary institution Must have proven success academically</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Class of 1975</p>	<p>This Scholarship was established at the class' 25th Class Reunion in the year 2000. This scholarship has been awarded each year since, in memory of their classmates who are no longer with them.</p>	<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, accepted at a post-secondary institution and display financial need</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Benton Community School Corporation Employee Scholarship</p>	<p>This Academic Scholarship is made possible by the generosity of the employees of the Benton Community School Corporation thru their voluntary payroll deduction plan. And the BCSC Board Members.</p>	<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, accepted at a post-secondary institution.</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Fowler State Bank Scholarship</p>	<p>The Fowler State Bank was established in 1931 and continues to serve the Benton Community as a true "Community Bank". It is hoped that this scholarship will assist in preparing the recipient for the future by integrating good moral value with quality education.</p>	<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central and have been accepted at a post-secondary institution.</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Fowler Women's Club Scholarship</p>	<p>The Woman's Club of Fowler was an educational organization of Fowler area ladies. The organization was in existence from 1914 thru 1997 (83 years). This scholarship is made possible by their generosity.</p>	<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central and have been accepted at a post-secondary institution. and must reside in the Fowler zip code (47944)</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Fred Wallpe Memorial Scholarship</p>		<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central and intends to study: social studies, history, or government at a post-secondary institution</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Russell Krebs Memorial Scholarship</p>	<p>Russell was a lifelong resident of Benton County. He was a successful farmer in the Fowler area and an avid aviator, as well. He died in 1994 doing something he loved – flying his plane. This scholarship is made possible by Russell's family.</p>	<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, accepted at a post-secondary institution and display financial need</p>
<p>Benton Community Scholars: Vocational Scholarship</p>		<p>Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central intending to study a trade, craft, or two year school</p>

	Agriculture	
Benton Central Agriculture Education Scholarship		Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central who has taken 4 semesters of agriculture classes
James P Brouillette Agriculture Scholarship	This scholarship was established in August of 2011 at the time of Jim's passing. Mr. Brouillette lived his entire life in Benton County, farming for forty years. He also served our country in the Air Force during the Korean War. This scholarship was established to honor the life of James P. Brouillette, while helping students who shared his passion for agriculture.	Applicant must be a graduating senior from Benton Central intending to study in an agriculture related field
Bruce Creek Memorial Scholarship	Bruce's passions in life have led his family to create a college scholarship in his name. The fund is used to support Benton County young people pursuing an education in agriculture or aviation. With the increasing cost of college, scholarships play a crucial role in a student's financial aid package.	BC graduate and / or Benton county resident planning to study agriculture or aviation including pursuing a pilots license
Kevin Klemme Memorial Scholarship	Kevin was a graduate of Benton Central High School where he was actively involved with FFA. He served as State FFA Reporter from 1976-77. Kevin passed away in a car accident shortly after high school. His family & generous donors started the scholarship in his honor.	Graduating senior from Benton Central actively involved in FFA
Mirranda's Hampshire Memorial Scholarship-local	Mirranda graduated from Benton Central in 2013. She was a 10 year 4-H member and showed Young and Guard Hampshire locally and nationally. In 2013 she was the Indiana Hampshire Queen. Mirranda passed away in a car accident. Her family & generous donors started the scholarship fund in her memory.	Graduating senior, current Benton County 4-H member, and has shown swine a minimum of 6 years. Applicant must show dedication, and have a strong worth ethic.
Mirranda's Hampshire Scholarship-STATE	Advertise through Hoosier Hampshire	Graduating senior and has shown Hampshire swine a minimum of 5 years at the STATE fair.
Joe and Connie Widmer Memorial Scholarship	Joe and Connie, spent their entire lives in the Benton Farming Community and had a passion for agriculture. Their legacy lives on in the hearts of their three grown children and their families.	Must be a Benton Central Graduate who intends to study in an Agriculture related field. Priority will be given to applicants who have participated in Agriculture related organizations (i.e. FFA, 4-H) and/or have taken Agriculture classes.
	Boswell Area	
Jeffrey A Brooks Memorial Scholarship	This scholarship was established after the passing of Jeff on Sep 15, 2019. Jeff Brooks was a teacher at Bowell Elementary who instilled a sense of community in his students. During his life, Jeff Brooks was passionate about his students, his community, and the causes that meant the most to him. One of the great causes Jeff & his students were passionate about is The Honor Flight which is a program that enabled WWII veterans to see the WWII Memorial in Washington DC.	A student who attended Boswell Elementary. Given special attention to student who demonstrate the importance of community. Renewable 4 year scholarship - only awarded once every 4 years.
Mickie Krebs Boswell Elementary Student Council Scholarship	Mickie worked as a teacher's aide for 34 years.	Graduating senior at Benton Central and must have graduated from Boswell Elementary.

	General	
Baldwin-Stembel Scholarship	Funded through a trust established in 2012 by Audrey L Stembel Estate. Requires an essay about giving back to the community in the future.	Benton Central graduate pursuing post secondary education GPA min 3.5 Demonstrate high involvement in school & community Preference given to students entering training/education of ministry
Elizabeth Davies-Ellis Scholarship	Funded through a trust established by the late Ms. Ellis, held by Old National Bank, this scholarship provides financial assistance to anyone from Benton County pursuing post-secondary education.	Benton County resident pursuing post-secondary education Demonstrate high involvement in school & community GPA min 3.5
Benton Central Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	Offered by the BC Athletic Booster Club. Requires a 250-300 word essay explaining "what sports meant to you during high school years?"	Graduating senior of Benton Central earned at least one varsity letter, not incurred any athletic code violations, and displayed good sportsmanship at all times.
Benton Central First Generation Scholarship	Funded from a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Boswell Elementary in 2021.	Benton Central student who is the first generation to attend a 2 year or 4 year post secondary institution. Parents do not have a 2 or 4 year degree.
Benton County Public Library-Ella Grant Lawson Scholarship	Established in 2008 by the Library Board of the Benton County Public Library, this scholarship is awarded each year to a Benton County resident planning to pursue higher education prefer education or library science	Resident of Benton County intend to study education or library science, priority given to students who have not received other scholarships offered in the community
Council For Academic Excellence Scholarship	CAE provides a scholarship to the student with the most points based on the point system given to academic classes taken.	Students who have been recognized by the Council for Academic Excellence
Irwin Vocational Scholarship	Phoebe Irwin established this award through the Irwin Family Education Endowment to provide scholarships for post-secondary education and training at accredited trade, skill, or craft schools that award certificates and/or associate degrees. An additional purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships or other educational opportunities for residents of Benton County, Indiana, as recommended by the advisory committee.	Applicant must be a graduating senior from Benton Central intending to study a trade, craft, or two year school
James & Mabel Wright Scholarship	Established by the Wright family from Earl Park to assist a resident of Richland Township attend higher education.	Resident of Richland Township, Earl park
Madison Grace Hall Memorial Scholarship	Madison was a 2022 graduate of BC and attended Purdue for Ag Education. Madison passed away from a tragic family car accident less than two months after attending Purdue. She displayed characteristics of dedication, teamwork, leadership as a compassionate mentor with a strong work ethic.	Graduating senior of Benton Central displaying similar characteristics to Madison. Short essay required. Funded from Madison's unused scholarship funds.
Margaret McGinnis Feathers Scholarship	Scholarship selected by Benton Central	Graduating senior of Benton Central. Outstanding female athlete demonstrating leadership.
Norman K. Smith Memorial Scholarship	Pass through fund established in 2023 by Rosalie Smith in honor of Norman Smith.	BC senior or graduate. Assoc, undergrad or certificate in accredited trade, skill or craft schools awarding GPA 2.5-3.2. Emphasis on financial need, work experience / work ethic
Wayne M. Senesac Memorial Scholarship	Wayne passed away in 2020. He graduated from Fowler High School in 1957 and was an entrepreneur. The scholarship funded by memorial donations will be giving out iin 2024 & 2025.	BC senior or graduate. Assoc, undergrad or certificate in accredited trade, skill or craft schools awarding GPA 2.0-3.3. Emphasis on financial need, work experience / work ethic displaying entrepreneurial skills.

The following scholarships do not have funds at the Benton Community Foundation. The Foundation collects the applications from qualifying applicants. These groups do their own evaluations & scholarship payments.

Alex Puetz Memorial Scholarship	Memorial scholarship est in 2002. Alex was a sophomore at Benton Central High School. He was a member of High Adventure Scouts of Lafayette, Life Teen, and was involved in karate. He also enjoyed music, art, weight lifting, snowboarding and roller blading.	Graduating senior from Benton Central or lives in Benton County. Applicant has a strong sense of faith or and/or commitment to their church and community.
Ambia Alumni Educational Scholarship	new in 2022, scholarship can be renewable.	Graduating Benton Central senior who resides in the former Ambia High School District, which includes Hickory Grove Township (Benton), and Prairie Township (Warren). Or has a relative who graduated from Ambia
American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship-Fowler, Unit 57	Requires following info: name of veteran, relationship to applicant, Branch of armed forces, serial number, dates of service, Does the veteran belong to a legion post? if so, what location?	Graduating Benton Central senior child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a US Veteran (living or deceased) of World War 1, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, or Persian Gulf War
Benton Central National Honor Society Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central in good standing with the BC National Honor Society
Benton County 4-H Council Scholarship	Finalists will be interviewed by the 4-H Council Committee	Currently enrolled in Benton County 4-H at least 7 years of 4-H participation
Benton County 4-H Junior Leaders Scholarship	Requires a written paragraph stating "How has Junior Leaders affected your leadership ability within the community?"	Active 4-H Junior Leader
Benton County Extension Homemakers Scholarship		Applicants must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, South Newton, or Tri-County who resides in Benton County. Intending to pursue a degree in Health & Human Sciences and/or Agriculture
Benton Education Association Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central and plan to major in Education at a four-year institution.
Boswell Alumni Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central who attended Boswell Elementary for at least 3 years, is in the top 50% of their class, and has been accepted at an accredited 4 year college or university, vocational, or trade school.
Boswell Rotary Scholarship	Requires an essay. Rotarians around the world use The 4-Way Test of things we think, say, or do as an ethical guide to use in personal and professional relationships. 1. Is it Truth? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Write an essay explaining "How have you put The 4-Way Test to use in your personal, school and community relationships?"	Benton Central or Adult Student who resides within the former Boswell Elementary school district Benton (Grant, Hickory Grove) Warren (pine, Locust Grove), though not required to have attended Boswell Elementary, and plan on attending a two or four-year institute, trade, technical, or certificate program.
Fountain-Warren Master Gardeners Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central or Adult Student who lives in Warren County, have been involved in 4-H and must pursue a degree in the fields of Agriculture or Horticulture.
Joseph Michael Sanford Legacy Scholarship	Pass through scholarship funded by Mary Kirts in remembrance of her son, Joe Sanford who was a 1998 graduate of BC and a 1999 graduate of Univ of Northwestern Ohio. Joe worked at Caterpillar in machine repair.	Graduating senior of graduate of Benton Central. Pursuing a certificate or degree in a vocational field. Special consideration to auto/diesel/farm mechanics
Madison Grace Hall Memorial Scholarship-Family	Organized by the Buyno family	Graduating senior of Benton Central displaying similar characteristics to Madison.
Marie M Brown Farm Bureau Scholarship		Benton County resident, whose parents and/or family are Benton County Farm Bureau Members, for the current and immediately previous year.

Otterbein Elementary School Scholarship	Funded by the staff of OES	Graduating senior of Benton Central that attended Otterbein Elementary School.
Otterbein Elementary School Student Council Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central that attended Otterbein Elementary School.
Otterbein Rotary Members' Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central who resides in the Otterbein School District.
Oxford Lions Club-Lloyd McDade Memorial Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central, residing in Oxford zip code (47971)
Prairie Crossing Elementary School Scholarship		Graduating senior of Benton Central who attended Prairie Crossing Elementary.
Sacred Heart School Alumni Scholarship	Requires an essay.Please write an essay entitled "Christian Values: How these values have molded my life."	Graduating senior who graduated from Sacred Heart School. (*Students receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will not be eligible)
Tri Kappa Service Scholarship	Requires an essay.In 200 words or less, please describe how you plan to give back to help fulfill the needs of your community after you've graduated. How would you impact not only your immediate community, but also a broader one?	Graduating senior of Benton Central planning to study at a post-secondary institution located within the state of Indiana, and have a minimum 2.3 GPA. Cannot have a relative involved in Tri-Kappa