

Benton Community Foundation Common Application Scholarship Opportunities - 2026

Applicant Opportunity Name	Description	Approx. amount	BCF or Outside Scholarship	Contact Person
Alex Puetz Memorial Scholarship	The Alexander James Puetz Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 to honor the memory of Alex Puetz, a 16-year-old sophomore at Benton Central High School who passed away on April 15, 2002. Alex was an active and vibrant member of his community, participating in the High Adventure Scouts of Lafayette and Life Teen. He also pursued a variety of passions, including karate, music, art, weightlifting, snowboarding, and rollerblading.		Outside	Leslie Fisher
Ambia Alumni Educational Scholarship	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	\$1,000	Outside	Lewis Whistler
American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship-Fowler, Unit 57	Graduating Benton Central senior who is a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a US Veteran (living or deceased) of World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, or Persian Gulf War. 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?	\$500	Outside	Janice Holihan
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. Minimum GPA 3.5 demonstrating high involvement in school & community.	\$2,000-\$15,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Central Agriculture Education Scholarship	Created in 2007 by the former Benton Central Ag Ed Network, a scholarship to support post-secondary education for Benton Central students enrolled in agriculture. Min 4 semesters of ag classes at BC.	\$500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Central Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	Offered by the BC Athletic Booster Club to a Benton Central graduating senior who played at least two varsity sports, min 1 year letter winner in each sport, min 3.0 GPA, not incurred any athletic code violations, and displayed good sportsmanship at all times. Requires a 250-300 word essay explaining "what sports meant to you during high school years?"	\$1,000-\$2,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
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. Defined as; parents do not have a 2 or 4 year degree.	\$500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Academic Scholarship	Benton Community Scholars working locally with the Benton Community Foundation to provide scholarship opportunities to those who have proven academic success. The purpose is to award scholarships to deserving Benton Central graduating students who are continuing their education after high school.	\$1,000-\$1,500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Benton Community School Corporation Scholarship	BCSC employees and board members contribute to this scholarship through optional payroll deduction and contributions to support an annual BC student scholarship. Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, accepted at a post-secondary institution.	\$600	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Class of 1975	This Scholarship was established at the class's 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. Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central, accepted at a post-secondary institution and display financial need.	\$500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Fowler State Bank Scholarship	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. Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central and have been accepted at a post-secondary institution.	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Fred Wallpe Memorial Scholarship	BC senior planning to study social studies, history or government	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Community Scholars: Vocational Scholarship	Applicant must be a graduating senior at Benton Central intending to study a trade, craft, or two-year school	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton County 4-H Council Scholarship	Currently enrolled in Benton County 4-H at least 7 years of 4-H participation. Finalists will be interviewed by the 4-H Council Committee.	\$1,000	Outside	Kelly Wallpe
Benton County 4-H Junior Leaders Scholarship	Active 4-H Junior Leader. Requires a written paragraph stating "How has Junior Leaders affected your leadership ability within the community?"	\$750	Outside	Kelly Wallpe
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	\$300	Outside	Jane Smith
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 prefers education or library science.	\$500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Benton Education Association Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central and intend to study in an education related field at a four-year institution.	\$1,200	Outside	Teresa Minier
Boswell Alumni Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central who attended Boswell Elementary and has been accepted at an accredited 4-year college or university, vocational, or trade school.	\$600	Outside	Barb Richardson
Boswell Rotary Scholarship	Benton Central who resides within the former Boswell Elementary school district Benton (Grant, Hickory Grove) Warren (Pine, Prairie), though not required to have attended Boswell Elementary, and plan on attending a two or four-year institute, trade, technical, or certificate program. Requires an essay. Two \$1,500 scholarships annually	\$1,500	Hybrid	Debbie Wessley
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.	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox

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 with a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrating high involvement in school and community.	\$2,000-\$15,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Fountain-Warren Master Gardeners Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central who lives in Warren County, has been involved in 4-H and must pursue a degree in the fields of Agriculture or Horticulture.	\$500	Outside	Mariyn Miles
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. Also includes high demand career paths.	\$2,000-\$10,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
James & Mabel Wright Scholarship	Established by the Wright family from Earl Park to assist a resident of Richland Township in attending higher education. Must be a resident of Richland Township, Earl Park.	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
James P Brouillette Agriculture Scholarship	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.	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Jeffrey A Brooks Memorial Scholarship	Established after the passing of Jeff on Sept. 15, 2019, Jeff Brooks was a teacher at Boswell 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. The scholarship is given to a student who attended Boswell Elementary and demonstrates the importance of community. RENEWABLE 4 year scholarship, approximately \$4,000 annually.	\$4,000 renewable for 4 years	BCF	Tamara Cox
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.	\$2,500	BCF	Tamara Cox
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.	\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
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.	\$500	BCF	Tamara Cox
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.	\$500-\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Margaret McGinnis Feathers Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central. Outstanding female athlete demonstrating leadership.	\$5,000-\$8,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
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.	\$500	Outside	Curt Puetz
Mickie Krebs Boswell Elementary Student Council Scholarship	Mickie worked as a teacher's aide for 34 years. Must be a "graduate" of Boswell Elementary.	\$1,500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Mirranda's Hampshire Scholarship	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. Eligible if show swine for at least 6 years.	\$500-\$1,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Norman K. Smith Memorial Scholarship	Established in 2023 by Rosalie Smith in honor of Norman Smith. Emphasis on financial need, work experience / work ethic	\$1,500	BCF	Tamara Cox
Otterbein Elementary School Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central that attended Otterbein Elementary School.	\$200	Outside	Abby Spitznagle
Otterbein Elementary School Student Council Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central that attended Otterbein Elementary School.	\$500	Outside	Sarah Bostian
Otterbein SOAR - Supporting Otterbein Area Residents	Graduating senior who resides in 47970, or Benton Central senior attended OES. Offering three scholarships, formerly Otterbein Rotary Club	\$500	Outside	Bob Feemster
Oxford Lions Club-Lloyd McDade Memorial Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central, residing in Oxford zip code (47971)	\$500	Outside	Kara Stacy
Paul and Linda Widmer Scholarship	Graduating Benton Central High School seniors pursuing certificates or degrees at accredited trade, skill, or craft schools, with preference for students interested in hands-on careers and practical work experience.	\$2,000	BCF	Tamara Cox
Prairie Crossing Elementary School Scholarship	Graduating senior of Benton Central who attended Prairie Crossing Elementary.	\$250	Outside	Jake Kuckartz
Sacred Heart School Alumni Scholarship	Graduating senior who graduated from Sacred Heart School. (*Students receiving the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will not be eligible). Requires an essay entitled "Christian Values: How these values have molded my life."	\$500	Outside	Connie Sparenberg
Tri Kappa Service Scholarship	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. Requires an essay entitled, "How would you impact not only your immediate community, but also a broader one?" Financial need considered.	\$2,000-\$4,000	Outside	Tamara Cox