COMMON QUESTIONS
How to help your student

1. Are the scholarships only for college-bound students?
No, in fact, we encourage students to pursue all types of career paths. Scholarships are available for students interested in all post-secondary training and education, including 2 and four-year degrees, trades certification, vocation and job training.

2. Are scholarships mainly for the students with the highest GPA?
Not necessarily, many scholarships are geared toward the student's entire high school experience not just their grades. We have scholarships with a focus on extracurricular, life and work experiences, leadership skills, and career path choices. We are certain that every student can find several scholarships for which they qualify.

3. How are the students selected and awarded scholarships?
Before the Feb 20th deadline, students complete a digital application in our scholarship portal. Before the application is sent to our local team of trained reviewers, all identifying applicant information is removed from the application. The volunteer reviewers score the application based on the specific criteria established by the donor. In May, scholarships are presented during the area high school awards ceremony by foundation representatives and donors.

SCHOLARSHIP SEASON BEGINS
Applications are due Feb 20th

Over 125 scholarships are available to Barry County students. The online application process is quite simple. A single application can be applied to 10 different scholarships, keeping the process efficient and streamlined. Visit BarryCF.org/scholarships for more information.

WHEN MOM GOES BACK TO COLLEGE

Meet Becky Wenger: Non-Traditional Scholarship Recipient

After receiving the inaugural Mom’s Scholarship in Memory of Virginia Hoover Harrison Root in 1994, Becky Wenger went to college to major in special education with a minor in elementary math and science. Now in her 24th year of teaching at Caledonia Community Schools, she looks back at her decision to layer college onto her already busy life as a mom to two boys, wife to Phil Wenger, and running a successful catering business. “It was hard, but totally possible,” Becky shares. “My advice is to stay focused on your goal, work hard, and don’t ever give up!”

As a family, they accomplished this goal, and she couldn’t have done it without them. Becky is an excellent example of how there is a scholarship opportunity for everyone. She and her family provide two scholarships in memory of their son, Travis Wenger, given annually to students attending college or a vocational school, honoring Travis’ love of agriculture and 4-H.

EXPLORE THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. USE THIS QR CODE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, PLEASE CALL ANNIE HALLE (269)945-0526

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