

BENSON FAMILY VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Benson Family is a long-time family in the Parachute area. Many family members were raised on a ranch up Parachute Creek about 8 miles. Ruth Benson, the family matriarch was a teacher for many years at the one room Granlee Schoolhouse "up the creek". Education is very important to all members of the Benson family, many of whom still live in the area. There have been 6 generations of this family in the area with 3 of those generations graduating from Grand Valley High School.

The family gets together each summer for a reunion where an auction is held to raise money for the ongoing funding of these scholarships. As members of the family are lost, it is asked that donations be made to this scholarship fund. It has grown over the years and the family is happy to be able to contribute to the higher learning of graduating students from Grand Valley High School.

The \$1,500 onetime award Benson Family Vocational Scholarship honors the memory of Pam Brock, Roberta "Bobbi" Wambolt, and Charline Allen, three of the seven Benson siblings raised "up the creek."

The Benson Family Vocational Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500.00, is to be awarded each spring to a Grand Valley High School senior who is enrolling full time at an accredited trade school. This scholarship will be given as a single payment directly to the school of the student's choice.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

The scholarship award will be deposited in the Financial Aid Office of the school that the recipient will be attending and will be made payable to that institution. Our Email is GVeducationalfoundation@gmail.com.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The successful applicant will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Grand Valley Educational Foundation.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Acceptance Letter to an accredited vocational school.

Class standing- Grade point average along with ACT or SAT scores.

Financial need.

Leadership activities, community service and participation in extra-curricular activities both in and out of school.

Evaluation of what applicants write about themselves. Evaluation of two letters of recommendation.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE GRAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR BY 3:00 p.m. ON April 26, 2024.

Benson Family Vocational Scholarship Application

(Deadline for returning application April 26, 2024)

Name _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Mailing Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Male _____ Female _____

HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED

(Give name, location and date of each high school attended)

Grade point average _____ Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

****PLEASE INCLUDE AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Name of school you plan to attend _____ Accepted? Yes _____ No _____

School address _____

Field of study _____ Did you request financial help? _____

Why did you choose this school? _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's name & address _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Father living? _____ If deceased, when? _____

Father's occupation _____

Name of employer _____ Number of years at position _____

Mother's name & address _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Mother living? _____ If deceased, when? _____

Mother's occupation _____

Name of employer _____ Number of years at position _____

ESTIMATED YEARLY EXPENSES

What expenses do you anticipate?

Tuition _____
Fees _____
Room & Board _____
Books & Supplies _____
Transportation _____
Personal Expenses _____
Other _____

TOTAL EXPENSES _____

How will you finance your education?

Parent Contribution _____
Student Contribution _____
Scholarships/Grants _____
Other _____

TOTAL RESOURCES _____

AMOUNT NEEDED _____

Has F.A.F.S.A. been completed? _____

If there are circumstances affecting your ability to pay for school, not reflected in the information provided, please describe those circumstances: _____

I certify that all the information on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

In your own handwriting, in the space provided, please indicate your career objective along with a statement about how the school you have selected fits with this objective. The statement should include what you have accomplished, either in school, work experience or both, to prepare yourself for your career objective.

Since scholarships are gifts and do not have to be repaid, we hope you accept a moral responsibility to help others seek an education, within the limits of your abilities, as opportunity presents. Do you accept this responsibility and what type of community service or other activities of this nature have you participated in up to now?