BENSON FAMILY TEACHER 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 $2,000.00, two year Benson Family Teacher Scholarship honors the memory of Pam Brock, Roberta “Bobbi” Wambolt, and Charline Allen, three of the seven Benson children raised “up the creek.”

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(Administered by the Grand Valley Educational Foundation)

The Benson Family Teacher Scholarship, in the amount of $2,000.00, is to be awarded each spring to a Grand Valley High School senior who is enrolling full time (at least 12 credit hours) in an accredited two or four-year college. This is a two-year scholarship with $1,000.00 being applied to the recipient's first yeartuition and $1,000.00 being applied to the tuition for the second year, if the student remains in good standing while continuing their education.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:
The scholarship award will be deposited in the Financial Aid Office of the college that the recipient will be attending and will be made payable to that institution. $500 will be deposited prior to the start of the academic year, in August, for payment of fall semester expenses. The second payment of $500 will be deposited in January for payment of spring semester expenses after proof of completion of at least 12 credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.50 GPA. The scholarship award for the secondyear will be handled in the same manner.

SELECTION PROCESS:
The successful applicant will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Grand Valley EducationalFoundation.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:
- Acceptance into an accredited two-year or four-year college.
- Class standing- Grade point average
- ACT or SAT scores.
- Leadership activities
- Community service
- Participation in extra-curricular activities both in and out of school.
- Evaluation of what applicants write about themselves.
- Evaluation of at least two letters of recommendation.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO THE GRAND VALLEYHIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSEOLOR BY 3:00pm ON Friday April 25, 2025.

Benson Family Teacher Scholarship Application

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name
Mailing Address:_____
City State Zip Code
Telephone Number_____Male__Female__Date of Birth_____

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

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Grade Point Average _____Class Rank _____Class Size _____

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS:

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COLLEGE PLANS
Name of college you plan to attend_____Accepted____Yes_____No _____
College address_____
Field of study _____Did you request financial help?_____
Why did you choose this school? _____

PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION
Father's Name_____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial
Address _____
City State Zip Code
Father Living?_____If deceased, when? _____
Father's Occupation_____
Name of Employer _____Number of years at present position_____
Mother's Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial
Address _____
City State Zip Code
Mother's Occupation_____
Name of Employer _____Number of years at present position_____

ESTIMATED YEARLY EXPENSES

What expenses do you anticipate?

Tuition_____
Fees _____
Room and Board_____
Books and Supplies._____
Transportation._____
Personal Expenses_____
Other_____

TOTAL EXPENSES_____

How will you finance your first year of education?

Parent Contribution _____
Student Contribution _____
Scholarships/Grants _____
Other_____

TOTAL RESOURCES_____

AMOUNT NEEDED_____

Has FAFSA/CAFSA been completed? _____

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

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

Student's signature._____Date_____
Parent/Guardian signature_____Date_____

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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 moralresponsibility to help others seek an education, within the limits of your abilities, as oppo1iunity 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?