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 25, 2025.

Benson Family Vocational Scholarship Application
(Deadline for returning application April 25, 2025)

Name_____
Last Name First Name Middle Name
Mailing Address_____
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City State Zip Code

Telephone Number_____Date of Birth_____
Male_____ Female_____

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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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?_____
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PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's name & address_____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial
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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
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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 FAFSA/CAFSA been completed?_____

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