

**ERCEL BEVER, JR. & MARY J. GRAHAM
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED BY THE CARTHAGE LIONS CLUB**

Open to KHS Seniors entering any two year or four year college,
technical, or trade school.

**MUST HAVE BEEN A STUDENT OF CHARLES A. BEARD SCHOOL
SYSTEM AND LIVED IN RIPLEY TOWNSHIP FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS.**

DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

Selection Committee Consisting of the Carthage Lions Club Members
will determine the recipients of the scholarship.

Return completed forms to:

Carthage Lions Club
% Dillon Hilderbrand
10760 North Carthage Pike
Carthage, IN 46115

**Ercell Bever, Jr. & Mary J. Graham
Memorial Scholarship
From
Carthage Lions Club**

Ercell Bever, Jr. was 79 when he passed away on August 26, 2006 in Carthage, IN. He was a retired farmer and had worked at Winters CPA Group for 44 years in tax preparation. Ercell was a 1945 graduate of Carthage High School. His memberships included East Street Christian Church in Carthage, Carthage Lions Club, Rush Lodge 580 A & M (treasurer for all three), York Rite Knightstown, Hoosier Shrine, former Ripley Township Advisory Board, member of Rush County Republican Party, Rush County Council member for 30 years, and member of Association of Indiana Counties. Ercell also received Indiana Jefferson Award and the Sagamore of the Wabash in March of 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon. He was on the Pioneer Board of Directors for Rush County Community Foundation. Mr. Bever was also very active in the Boy Scouts of America and built Camp Bever on his Farm in Carthage.

Mary Josephine Henderson Graham was a 1949 graduate of Carthage High School. She later met and married Jack Graham a 1947 graduate of Knightstown High School. Mary was a graduate of Indiana University School of nursing. IN 1990 the Grahams moved to Sun City, AZ and Mary received her real estate license. In 2004 Jack passed away and Mary returned to Indiana. They never forgot their roots and the people from their early years. They were passionate about giving back.

Ercell & Mary are the best example of:
One Person CAN Make A Difference
Be The Change You Want To See In The World

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Scholarship _____

Name of Student _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity _____

The applicant's choice of educational program is
 very appropriate appropriate not appropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability
 very well well not well

The applicant's ability to set realistic goals
 very well well not well

The applicant's commitment to school and community is
 excellent good fair poor

Are there unique factors that make this applicant worthy of receiving this scholarship? _____

Please comment on the applicant's future potential:

Do you have any additional comments that would help evaluate this applicant?

Signature _____ Date _____

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