



Brenda Jean Memorial Scholarship Application Process

The **Brenda Jean Memorial Scholarship Fund** has been established with the Clark County Community Foundation, Inc. (CCCF) and will annually award one scholarship to an eligible, qualified and selected Applicant.

For the 2026 Scholarship Cycle, the amount to be awarded is \$500.

To Apply:

1. Complete and submit the attached **Brenda Jean Memorial Scholarship Fund Application** form (pages 3-5) by **March 31, 2026** to the CCCF. Attach additional information as required or as necessary to complete the Application in its entirety.
2. **Primary selection criteria** will be based on the Applicant's ability to meet the following criteria:
 - a. Applicant is graduating with one of the following Clark County High Schools in the current scholarship cycle. **Clark County WI residency IS NOT required.**

<i>Abbotsford HS</i>	<i>Neillville HS</i>
<i>Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan HS</i>	<i>Osseo-Fairchild HS</i>
<i>Colby HS</i>	<i>Owen-Withee HS</i>
<i>Granton HS</i>	<i>Pittsville HS</i>
<i>Greenwood HS</i>	<i>Spencer HS</i>
<i>Loyal HS</i>	<i>Stanley-Boyd HS</i>
<i>Marshfield HS</i>	<i>Thorp HS</i>
 - b. Applicant has applied for admittance and has been, or is in the process of being accepted, for the Fall semester (following high school graduation) at a college, technical college or other institution of higher education pursuing a degree or certification.
 - c. Submit a high school transcript signed by the principal or a guidance counselor.
 - d. Have a cumulative Grade point average of 3.00 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
 - e. Write two essays (max 300 words each) on:
 - i. The impact curing cancer would have on themselves or others, and
 - ii. A meaningful experience impacting their life, plans or goals.
 - f. Two letters of recommendation from:
 - i. An educator within their school district, and
 - ii. A non-family, non-school affiliated adult community member.



- g.** Preference may be given, by the Foundation's annual Scholarship Selection Committee, to the Applicant's interest and / or participation in any of the following areas or items:
 - i.** Pursuing a medical or STEM science degree
 - ii.** Financial need
 - iii.** School and community activities.

Payment of award to the successful Scholarship Recipient:

- a.** Once proof of enrollment to the four-year college OR technical school program (as stated in their application) is received from the successful scholarship recipient, payment will be mailed shortly thereafter.
- b.** This is a one-time scholarship award. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to receive additional amounts from this Scholarship Fund.
- c.** Scholarship awards are not retroactive and may not be credited to semesters already completed.
- d.** The successful applicant will be notified of their scholarship award in May 2026.

- 3.** Applications must be received or postmarked on or before **March 31, 2026** at:

Clark County Community Foundation, Inc.

Attn: Brenda Jean Scholarship
301 N. Main St. PO Box 116
Loyal WI 54446



Brenda Jean Memorial Scholarship - Application Form

This scholarship was created in memory of Brenda Jean (Petzke) Schlinsog – a kind, loving and generous soul who always put others before herself. She was born in Milwaukee, lived in Reedsburg and spent the last twenty years of her life in Granton WI operating the “Turnpike Greenhouse” with her husband Dusty among her many other interests. She had a talent for design, and every floral arrangement showed her personal style. Her strength, warmth and spirit touched so many lives and she is dearly missed.

Brenda Jean was diagnosed at the age of 61 with breast cancer and after a short but brave battle, passed away in April 2025. In her memory, and in the hope of finding a cure that ends cancer, this annual Scholarship is created to help pay for the further education of our Clark County youth. Preference will be given to someone pursuing a **STEM science degree** among other criteria.

Please print or type this Application. Attach additional pages and information as necessary and answer each question separately and in the order shown on this application.

Applicant Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email: _____

School and Date of Graduation: High School: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Submit a **TRANSCRIPT** (*unofficial accepted*) of your academic record. [See Item 8- pg. 5]

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Principal _____

1. Which school do you plan to attend?

2. Field or Course of Study _____

3. Why have you chosen to study this field of course of study?

4. Have you been accepted? YES NO

5. Please list any school activities or community service efforts you have been involved in during your years in High School. [i.e. 4 –H, church, employment, scouting, clubs, sports, music, organizations, plays, musicals, or other activities].

	School Activity / Employment History or Community Service Efforts	Describe what you did or participated in	Years Participated			
			9th	10th	11th	12th
1			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



6. Include a **SIGNED** copy of your most recent high school transcripts.
7. Provide **two (2)** letters of reference as follows:
- One letter from an educator in your school district,
 - One letter from a non-family, non-school affiliated adult community member who knows you personally.
8. Prepare and attach the TWO essays (no more than 300 words each) [see page 1, item 2(e)];
- The impact curing cancer would have on you or others,
 - A meaningful experience impacting your life, plans or goals.
9. Include any other information that should be considered during the selection process.

ATTENTION: Incomplete or Late Scholarship Applications will NOT be considered.

I hereby agree to all the above criteria and I certify that all information for this scholarship application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all decisions of the Clark County Community Foundation, Inc. are final and not subject to review or appeal. I further understand that any information provided in or with this Application Form may be shared with the Foundation's Board of Directors, officers and/ or scholarship committee members.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If Student is under 18 years of age)

Completed Scholarship Applications must be received or postmarked **on or before March 31, 2026** at:

Clark County Community Foundation, Inc.

Attn: Brenda Jean Scholarship
301 N Main St. PO Box 116
Loyal, WI 54446-0116

Email: information@clarkccf.org
Website: www.clarkccf.org
Phone: 715-937-6167