

Bernie and Marlene Vculek Cheerleader Scholarship

Fund Background: Established in 2021 by Bernie and Marlene's Daughter, Sonia Meehl.

Bernie Vculek was a life-long resident of the Oakes-Crete area. Bernie attended country school until eighth grade. His father died when he was only 12 years old. Bernie's mother greatly valued education and sent him to high school in Oakes because she thought it was a better school than Crete. He graduated from OHS in 1952 where he earned his varsity letter as a cheerleader! Marlene graduated as a LaMoure Lobo in 1958, but fully embraced being a Tornado after they married in 1959.

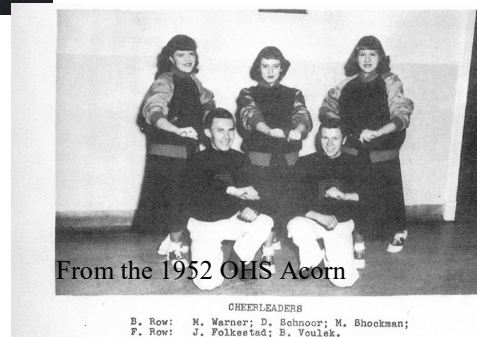
Together, Bernie and Marlene farmed, developed irrigation, operated a grain elevator, created a housing development, and pursued various other enterprises. Bernie and Marlene were great supporters and active cheerleaders of the Oakes community. Marlene was a member of the Homemakers' Club, 4-H Leader and Sunday School teacher. Bernie was on the Oakes Schol Board for 13 years in the 1960's and 1970's during which time he was instrumental in promoting the establishment of what is now the Oakes campus of the Southeast Region Career and Technology Center.

The Bernie and Marlene Vculek Cheerleader Scholarship was established for students graduating from Oakes High School who are likely to use their education, experience and skills to live and work in a rural community like Oakes. Special consideration will be given to applicants pursuing career and technical education, particularly in agriculture, skilled trades, healthcare, or planning to become an educator. Applicants should demonstrate leadership, service and work ethic through extra-curricular activities, community service and/or employment. Special consideration may be given to applicants who have experienced challenging personal or family circumstances

Multiple \$2,500 scholarships will be granted each year, to be paid out in four installments, one payment at the beginning of each of the first four semesters of post-secondary education. Additional smaller, one-time scholarships may also be granted at the Advisory Committee's discretion.

Return completed form by April 1 to:

Oakes Public School
804 Main Ave
Oakes, ND 58474
701-742-3234



Student Information:

Name of Student

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

Parent's Name

Parent's Telephone Number

Home Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Year of Graduation from Oakes High School

Principal's Name (If High School)

Post-Secondary school you plan to attend

Planned Degree / Major

Career goals after post-secondary education: _____

Extra-curricular activities and Leadership Positions Held (work experience, honors, athletics, fine arts, career-technical student organizations and other activities) Please list both school and non-school sponsored activities:

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Please attach a short essay (approximately 3 paragraphs) about what you appreciate about living in a small, rural community and what you think can be done to make life in a small town even better.

This form must be completed, signed and returned in order to be considered for a grant. Please include a recent photograph, if available.

Signature of Student: _____ **Date** ____/____/____