

THE JOHN AND SHERRY BAUMANN BURNSIDE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To John and Sherry Baumann Burnside a way to give back to the area where they grew up is the establishment of a scholarship fund for the benefit of residents in Fayette County Illinois. The intent of the scholarship is to benefit Fayette County Illinois residents who are high school graduates or have the equivalent of a high school education and enroll in an accredited college or university or an accredited technical school.

John and Sherry Baumann Burnside both graduated from Vandalia Community High School. The years they spent growing up in a rural area of the Midwest where hard work and applied knowledge led to better lives made a significant impact to both of them. Therefore, they are offering to students a financial scholarship for those who demonstrate academic and non-academic abilities.

In order to be considered for a scholarship award of up to \$1,000 per academic school year, the applicant must:

- Be a resident of Fayette County Illinois for at least three (3) calendar years prior to application and provide proof of residency
- Provide an official high school transcript or an official GED certificate with this application
- Must meet academic requirements for admission to an accredited college or university or an accredited technical school
- Intend to major in (or be majoring in) agriculture, STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) or education.
- Submit the completed application in its entirety with all addenda in a single envelope to:

John and Sherry Baumann Burnside Scholarship
Old Capitol Foundation
First National Bank
311 Banker Blvd.
P.O. Box 40
Vandalia, Illinois 62471

All application materials must be received no later than April 1st.

The scholarship is renewable for a total of four (4) academic school years over a maximum five (5) year period. Each renewal will be based on successful completion of an academic school year of at least 24 semester hours per year or 36 quarter hours per school year and the resident has maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0- scale (B-minus average). For renewal of scholarship, submit the required information to address shown on page one (1).

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Address

City, State and Zip Code

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Phone Number (home)

(cell)

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Parent / Guardian applies only if applicant is a dependent of parent / guardian.

SECTION II: ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School Information

Name of High School

Street and/or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number (including area code)

GPA / Class Size and Rank

Date of Graduation

GPA (4.0)

Number in Class

Class Rank

Transcript and Attendance Records

An official copy of your high school and / or college / university and / or technical school or GED certificate must be attached to this application.

Standardized Test Scores

Please provide your highest ACT and / or SAT score: ACT

SAT

[Optional] Please provide your GED score:

If neither the ACT nor the SAT test was taken, please indicate why:

I have reviewed this application and confirm that the information presented above and throughout the application is accurate and that it is the authentic work of the applicant. In addition, I verify that this individual exemplifies good citizenship.

Signatures needed if applicant is currently attending high school or has graduated from high school within the past five (5) years.

Principal or Counselor's Signature

Principal or Counselor's Name (please print or type)

Professional Title

Section III: College / Technical School Information

Proposed Major

Please list the schools to which you have applied and the status of your application:

School Name	Location	Accepted	Pending
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Please attach a copy of the acceptance letter for all schools to which you have been offered admission.

Section IV: Financial Information

What other scholarships or financial aid have you applied for and / or received which will help offset these costs? Please provide a list and the following details.

Scholarship or Financial Aid	Received	Pending	Amount
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How do you plan to pay for your first year of college / technical school?

Other Financial Considerations: Please include any other financial information you would like for the Scholarship Selection Committee to take into consideration when reviewing your application.

FAFSA Paperwork

A copy of your FAFSA paperwork must be attached to this application.

Section V: Community Involvement

School Activities

List up to five (5) school activities in which you have participated, along with the number of years of membership or participation and any officer or leadership positions you held.

Organization or Activity	Number of Years	Offices Held
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Community Activities

List up to five (5) non-school activities in which you have participated, along with the number of years of membership or participation and any offices or leadership positions you held.

Organization or Activity	Number of Years	Offices Held
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Volunteerism

List significant volunteer work you have completed and briefly describe your experience.

Employment

Are you currently employed? YES NO

If yes, list employer(s), type of work and approximately how many hours you work per week.

Are you employed during the summer? YES NO

If yes, list employer(s), type of work and approximately how many hours you work per week.

Use this space to provide any additional information regarding your past employment experiences such as employer, type of work and length of employment.

Brief Written Synopsis of Activity

Select one of your activities (extracurricular, volunteer, personal or a work experience) and describe its importance in your personal growth and development. Limit your response to the space provided below.

Section VI: Achievement: Honors, Awards and Positions

List up to five (5) honors, awards (school, non-school and community) and / or positions (either group leadership or workplace positions).

Brief Written Synopsis of Achievement

Select one of your activities honors, awards or positions and describe why it is important to you. Limit your answer to the space provided here.

This personal narrative helps us become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores and other objective data. It will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. We are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person and as a student.

Your personal narrative is a principal factor in the evaluation of your application.

Your narrative must be in your own words, in your own handwriting and 500 words or less.

Please choose **one** of the following topics for your essay:

What are your career goals and why are you interested in your chosen field of study?

How will you use your career / education to positively impact your community?

Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.

Use the following pages to compose your narrative.

Personal Narrative

Please use these pages for the final draft of your personal narrative.

Section VIII: Letter of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation chosen from the following:

- One letter from a high school teacher, guidance counselor or school administrator. The letter should address the applicant's academic potential. **This is a requirement for current high school seniors applying for the scholarship.**
- One letter from a college / university teacher, counselor or administrator. The letter should address the applicant's academic potential. **This is a requirement for current college / university students applying for the scholarship.**
- One letter from a technical school teacher, counselor or administrator. The letter should address the applicant's academic potential. **This is a requirement for current technical school students applying for the scholarship.**
- One letter from someone other than a school source. This letter should address the potential contributions the applicant may provide the community and the potential legacy the applicant will leave to the community.
- One letter from an employer. This letter should address the work ethic, responsibility and dependability of the applicant and the potential merit of post-secondary education for the candidate.
- Letters of recommendation must be submitted with the other parts of the total application in one packet and must not be submitted separately. Do not use letters of recommendation from relatives.

Section IX: Affidavit of Applicant

I certify that all information in my application, including my personal narrative, is my own work, factually true and honestly presented.

I hereby affirm that I am a current resident of Fayette County Illinois and have been a resident of Fayette County for year(s).

For an applicant living at home, a parent or guardian's signature is also required to confirm the above statement.

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature(s)

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature(s)

The John and Sherry Baumann Burnside Application Checklist

- **Cover Letter:** The applicant must submit a one-page cover letter requesting consideration of his / her scholarship application. The applicant should include anything he / she would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to know which is not mentioned in any other part of the application.
- **Scholarship Application:** All sections of this application must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Likewise, applications without supplementary information will not be considered. Use only this official application form.
- **Financial Information:** Financial need is one aspect considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please provide sufficient details in this section so that the Scholarship Selection Committee is able to make an appropriate determination of the applicant's financial need.
- **Narrative:** The narrative is an important part of this application. It is one way for the Scholarship Selection Committee to get to know the applicant as a person. The narrative must be written by the applicant. It can be handwritten on this form or filled in electronically. The narrative must not exceed 500 words. Please refer to the narrative section of the application for specific details.
- **Transcripts and Academic Records:** Submit an official high school, official technical school, official college / university or official GED transcript indicating your most recent academic record.
- **FAFSA Paperwork:** Submit a copy of your FAFSA paperwork.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** The applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Please refer to the letters of recommendation section of the application for specific details. Please share this information with the individuals writing these letters of recommendation.
- **Principal or Counselor Signature (if applicable):** This application must be signed by either the applicant's high school principal or guidance counselor. This school official's signature confirms that the academic and school-setting information presented in this application is accurate. It also confirms that the narrative has been written by the student applicant.
- **Proof of Residency**
- **Scholarship Deadline: By 4:00 p.m. on April 1st of the current year.**