



2017 Vernon J. Baker Educators' Scholarship

The Vernon J. Baker Scholarship will be awarded to a Clarinda High School graduating senior (or seniors) planning to pursue a degree in higher education at an accredited college or university.

The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:

1. Preference will be given to students pursuing continued study at any level with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and to those who plan to pursue a degree in higher education at an accredited college or university. The applicant must show evidence of service to the school and community through involvement in several activities.
2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant in one payment before the fall semester to a college or university indicated by the recipient.
3. The selection committee shall consist of four individuals: 1) one individual named by the Clarinda Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the committee); 2) the Clarinda High School Guidance Counselor; 3) two representatives of the CHS faculty. No member of the selection committee shall vote on an applicant who is a relative within the third degree of consanguinity.
4. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
5. The application must be typed or computer generated and shall include an essay addressing the following:
 - a. College you plan to attend or those you are considering.
 - b. Your intended major and why you have chosen this as your major.
 - c. Your contributions to CHS and the community.

- d. Any work history you may have.
 - e. Your extracurricular activities.
6. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin or physical handicap.

Complete the Local Scholarship form found on the CHS website

Please return the scholarship application by March 15, 2017 to:

**High School Counselor
Clarinda High School
100 North Cardinal Drive
Clarinda, IA 51632-0059**