

The Community Foundation of Dickinson County
2018 Scholarship Program

**The H.J. (Jack) & Paulina (Polly) E. Berkley
Family Memorial Scholarship**
Two \$2,000.00 Scholarships

The H.J. (Jack) and Paulina (Polly) E. Berkley Family Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 by the families of their eight children. H.J. was originally from the community of Juniata, in Lincoln County, Kansas, and Paulina was from Hill City, Kansas. Neither of them went to college but they felt strongly that education is very important and encouraged everyone to pursue post high school education. H.J. graduated from Beverly Rural High School in just three years and started teaching in 1917. After one year, he began working in a grain elevator in Quinter. Paulina was working in a bank in Hill City—they met when H.J. brought in a bank deposit. In the fall of 1924 they moved to Tescott, where H.J. took jobs at The Bank of Tescott as a janitor and teller. In 1940 he became the bank's President, and held that position until his death in 1969, having served for 45 years. Together the Berkleys had eight children—one girl and seven boys—all raised in Tescott. H.J. was known to say there was no way he could have raised eight children in a large town, kept them busy with jobs, know what they were doing at all times and keep them out of trouble!

Twenty-nine children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; three daughters-in-law; and one son-in-law attended or graduated from Tescott schools. From 1928 until 2007, with the exception of only two years (1958-59), there has always been a descendant of H.J. and Polly Berkley in the Tescott schools.

Scholarship Overview:

This scholarship is intended to assist graduating high school seniors or former graduates of Tescott High School who are pursuing education at an institution of higher learning.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior or graduate of Tescott High School.
2. Applicant must have earned cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
3. Applicant must attend a four-year college, community college or technical school. (Online courses or virtual educational institutions do not qualify.)
4. Previous recipients may re-apply through the competitive selection process.
5. The following information shall be included in the application:
 - (a) A statement/essay of at least 200-300 words describing why you want to pursue post-high school studies.
 - (b) Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives (such as a teacher, community member, or employer).
 - (c) Current résumé detailing academic and extra-curricular activities.
 - (d) Copy of most recent academic transcript.

Application Instructions:

Complete application cover page and submit all required information in the order listed. Return completed application to The Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Inc.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 6, 2018**.



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Application Cover Page

Name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____ Name of high school: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Employment _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Employment _____

Brothers and Sisters (list names and ages) _____

Name of school you plan to attend _____

Major/Expected Major _____ Degree Sought _____

GPA _____ ACT Score _____

Attach the following items to this cover page in the order listed:

1. Statement of why you are making application for a scholarship.
2. Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives (*such as a teacher, community member, employer*)
3. Copy of résumé detailing academic and extra-curricular activities.
4. Copy of most recent school transcript.

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The Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Inc.
P.O. Box 735, 213 N. Broadway Street
Abilene, KS 67410

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline cannot be considered.

