

# **The Bettendorf Business Network 2024 Scholarship Program Application Criteria and Process**

The Bettendorf Business Network will award two \$2,500 scholarships to assist two individuals to further their education beyond high school. This one-time scholarship program is in memory of Dale Owen and Larry Makoben who were leaders in the business community. Dale and Larry also spent countless hours as volunteers in the community and supporting multiple organizations and their activities.

## **Eligibility**

To be considered for one of the two \$2,500 scholarships, the applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Must be an employee or family member of a Bettendorf Business Network member who is current on dues paid.
2. Must be a high school senior or non-traditional student planning on entering an accredited post high school undergraduate, graduate or vocational program.
3. Must be planning to attend post high school undergraduate, graduate or vocational program starting no later than December 31, 2024.

## **Application Process**

Applications must be typed and include both of the following:

1. A business-style resume which should not exceed two pages in length and at a minimum contain the following information:
  - Applicant's name, address and a contact phone number
  - Applicant's relationship to the Bettendorf Business Network
  - Educational information including high school attended, grade point average, and subjects emphasized throughout high school
  - For non-traditional applicants identify any past college education, major or degree and overall grade point average
  - Honors and awards
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - Current plans for post high school undergraduate, graduate or vocational program
  - Community involvement and volunteer activities participated in
2. A cover letter that briefly identifies why the applicant is most qualified to receive a scholarship. The cover letter must be signed by the applicant.

## **Submitting the Application**

All applications must be received no later than April 30, 2024. Applications must be mailed to:

Attn: Scholarship Committee  
Bettendorf Business Network  
PO Box 642  
Bettendorf, IA 52722

## **Judging Applications**

The Bettendorf Business Network Scholarship Committee will judge all applications received based on several criteria including, but not limited to, some of the following criteria:

- Presentation
- Clarity
- Meaningful content
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Presentation
- Potential identified to be successful in college
- Extracurricular activities
- Volunteer services
- Work experience

All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. All applications submitted become the exclusive property of the Bettendorf Business Network. Applications received will not be returned to applicants. The Bettendorf Business Network Scholarship Committee has ultimate authority to amend any of the above rules, regulations or processes to ensure fairness in the award of the scholarships.

## **Scholarship Award Process**

The two scholarship recipients will be notified that they were selected the week of May 20, 2024. The scholarship awards will be announced to the two recipients at the Bettendorf Business Network's 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday event on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at noon at the Bettendorf Hilton Garden Inn. The two recipients will be expected to speak briefly about themselves and their plans for college at the June 4<sup>th</sup> event. The actual scholarship funds will be held by the Bettendorf Business Network until written verification of enrollment is received from the college or vocational school registrar where the recipient is enrolled. The two recipients will also be expected to present a brief follow up to their endeavors one year later.

Recipients of the scholarship agree that their name, image and likeness can be used by the Bettendorf Business Network to publicize the scholarships.

Applicants will not be notified if they are not awarded a scholarship.