

Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship

A special scholarship fund was set up by the David and Susan Christensen family in memory of their daughter Shanna Rae. The scholarship fund agreement was set up with the South Dakota Community Foundation as a sub-fund of the Watchdog Education Foundation and affiliated fund of the Beresford Area Foundation.

Two scholarships will be awarded annually to a Beresford High School senior whose intended plan of post-high study will be in the area of special education, rehabilitation, or healthcare-related field. The senior must have two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to character and activity involvement. The senior must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, demonstrate good moral character, and be involved in community, church and/or school activities. Work and/or volunteer experience with special needs children is preferred but not required.

Interested and qualifying members of the graduating senior class should return their typed or computer generated application into the guidance counselor by **Friday, April 6, 2018**.

The Watchdog Education Foundation Board of Directors will select the Shanna Rae Christensen Scholarship recipient at their next quarterly board meeting. The scholarship will be awarded at the Senior Academic Recognition Ceremony in May.

Criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

- Graduating senior student from Beresford High School.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Demonstrate good moral character.
- Be involved in community, church and/or school activities.
- Work and/or volunteer experience with special needs children is preferred but not required.
- Intended plan of post-high study in the area of special education, rehabilitation, or healthcare-related field.
- Must have two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to senior's character and activity involvement.

Beresford High School senior scholarship applicants should address the following questions:

1. Describe how you have demonstrated good moral character.
2. Discuss your involvement in community, church and/or school activities.
3. If you have work and/or volunteer experience with special needs children, please discuss your experiences OR write a paragraph discussing your opinions on how special needs children can be included in school and/or community activities.
4. Discuss your intended plan of post-high study in the area of special education, rehabilitation, or healthcare-related field.

Please attach your two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your character and activity involvement.