

NEW BUFFALO EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND

New Buffalo Area Schools has established a foundation to provide \$25,000 for each graduate to further their education over a ten-year period should funds be needed. The \$25,000 will be paid directly to institutions and will not be given to private individuals. This educational trust money should be considered as a stackable gift and should not be considered as replacement of university funds by the secondary institution. If this happens, the secondary institution is instructed to call this to the attention of the Bison Pokagon Educational Trust before the funds are processed.

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As a graduate of New Buffalo High School you are eligible for Trust Fund payments totaling \$25,000 over ten years. NBAS will pay \$2,500 per semester for an annual total of \$5,000 as you further your education. If you would like to request payments other than this you must contact Denise Tuszynski directly at dtuszynski@nbas.org. **This trust will be customized to financial needs on an individual basis. Please contact us if you have a request for payment outside these guidelines.**

STEPS TO PROCESS THE FUNDS:

Students will need to:

1. Enroll in secondary education and apply for all financial aid. Do not include the annual \$5,000 on your initial FAFSA or other financial aid applications, as you are not eligible for funds until you graduate. NBAS will pay on the final bill after all financial aid has been applied but before student loans. Think of this like your personal savings that we hold for you if you need it. The funds will only be paid directly to colleges and institutions. We cannot reimburse expenses.

2. **Every semester** you must email, fax or mail the **bill** and **grades**. Save the **Statement of Account as a PDF format (not a screen shot)** and attach it to an email and send to:

Email: dtuszynski@nbas.org

Fax: 269-469-3315

Mail: New Buffalo Educational Trust Fund

ATTN: Denise Tuszynski

P. O. Box 280

New Buffalo, MI 49117

Questions call: 269-469-6014

LMC/SMC/KVCC STUDENTS:

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2. LMC/SMC/KVCC students will go to the Financial Aid office and tell them you have a **Third Party Billing Authorization** from New Buffalo Area Schools. They will “hold” your account until authorization is received.

3. Every semester you must notify Denise by calling 269-469-6014 or emailing that you need a **Third Party Billing Authorization** faxed to your college. After this is verified, if you have a balance remaining on the \$2,500, you will be able to charge books and school supplies (excluding food, clothing and laptops) at the school bookstore.

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