

February 17, 2010

To: Area School Counselors
Re: Mary J. Boland Scholarship

The Mary J. Boland Trust provides that Fairfax State Savings Bank is the administrator for scholarships to be awarded to current high school graduates who are residents of Linn or Benton County.

The scholarships are \$1,000 each and will be paid one-half to the school each of two semesters. Approximately \$25,000 is available for the 2010-11 school year providing for 25 scholarships. The trust will continue for about 6 more years with available funds based on income to the trust.

The following pages explain the application process. Any assistance you may provide to promote this scholarship is appreciated. Keep in mind the main criteria is not academics, so encourage students to apply who have the characteristics to be successful but not necessarily the highest GPAs. Applications are due April 7, 2010.

The application can be emailed to expedite the application process if desired. Please email cindy@thebankhere.com and request such. One set of application papers are being sent to each high school so please share this application with others who might be interested.

David C. Neuhaus
President

MARY J BOLAND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant must be a resident of Linn or Benton County

Mary J. Boland was born in 1906. Growing up in rural Fairfax she understood the importance of a good education and the need to secure the financial means to attend college. When it appeared to be impossible for her to continue her college education, she was able to obtain a loan from Fairfax State Savings Bank. This enabled her to complete her BA in music. Ultimately that made possible a career as a music teacher and coordinator of the music department for the Aurora, Illinois school system.

Mary attended Julliard and ultimately completed a master's degree in music. She was an active volunteer in her church and community throughout her long life. Mary's appreciation of the help she received in attaining a college education prompted her to establish a scholarship fund to help 'worthy students whose primary residences are in Linn or Benton counties' secure their education. Mary valued hard work, scholarship, the fine arts, dedication to helping others, and goal-oriented action.

Scholarship applications should reflect these qualities. Scholarships will be offered in the amount of \$1,000. Complete this application and return to the bank. Applications are available through the counselor's office and Fairfax State Savings Bank. Please feel free to add as many pages as necessary to the application.

PLEASE PRINT

STUDENT NAME _____ S.S. NUMBER _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

Street

Town

Zip

LINN

BENTON _____

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Circle County

Home Phone Number

High School

School Address

Name of Parents or Guardian

Address

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

GPA _____

HIGH SCHOOL RANK _____ / _____

RANK

IN CLASS

Include your most recent transcript with your application.

Completed application includes this sheet, a certified transcript of your credits including grades 9-12 (The last semester may be omitted.) and information requested on the next page. A letter of recommendation is also required.

Application is due April 7, 2010

Please address the following categories on a separate piece of paper as needed. These may be typed with the exception of the personal resume.

ACTIVITIES

List those high school activities in which you participated and the corresponding grades, 9-12. Include any leadership positions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community either as an individual or as a member of an organization. Do not include school activities. Describe any special circumstances which may have limited your participation in community service.

EMPLOYMENT

List any paid employment including wages, employer, type of work and hours per week/month. Indicate the school year worked. Also list any unpaid employment--- family, non-profits, etc.

FINANCIAL

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education. Include any special circumstances which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance.

PERSONAL RESUME

Please complete in your own handwriting. Write about yourself, your home, family and your interests. Include your education or vocational plans in a way that will give the committee the best picture of you as an individual. (This is an important component in the decision of the scholarship committee.)

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Give the following sheet to your choice of employer, neighbor, friend or school official (not a family member) who will write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Note that the personal resume needs to be completed in your own handwriting. Brevity is important.

Mail completed applications to: **Fairfax State Savings Bank
Scholarship Committee
Box 277
Fairfax, IA 52228**

This sheet should be given to the individual you have chosen to write a letter of recommendation. Application due date is April 7, 2010. Recommendations should arrive approximately the same time.

STUDENT NAME _____

Name _____

How do you know this student? _____

The student will be addressing the criteria listed below when completing the application.

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ACADEMICS

We are encouraging students with a GPA of 2.0 and higher to apply. Please include your most recent transcript.

Please write a letter of recommendation addressing any of the following criteria:

Personal attributes

Probable success in further education

Home and family

Any pertinent or unusual factors that should be considered by the committee are appreciated.

Please enclose your letter of recommendation with this sheet.

Mail completed letter to: **Fairfax State Savings Bank
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