

## #TEAMCARRIE SCHOLARSHIP

The Essink Family will present one \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating Bennington High School senior in memory of Carrie Essink and #TeamCarrie. The Scholarship will be used to help defray the cost of a trade degree through vocational school or pursuit of a two or four-year degree in any field. This will be an annual scholarship beginning with the 2022 graduating school year.

The #TeamCarrie Scholarship will be paid in a single pay-out with the check made payable to the recipient and/or the institution, provided that the minimum GPA and field of study requirements are met (see requirements below).

### Note

Carrie Ann Essink passed away on October 23, 2021. She was the wife of Brandon Essink, a loving mother to their three children, Kyler, Sena and Jack. Carrie fought cancer for more than a decade and met that bleak diagnosis with positivity. Her character never wavered and she remained loving, positive, and endlessly funny. She even gave strength to those supporting her in the battle against cancer. Throughout her illness she worked as a Registered Nurse. She was also an avid Badger supporter and inspiration for the Badger High School and Senior Legion baseball teams' runs to their Championship seasons via #TeamCarrie. "Forever in our Hearts"



## Requirements

- Recipient must be a current senior at Bennington High School in good standing with plans on graduating on time.
- Recipient must be pursuing or have plans to pursue a degree in a vocational, two-year, or four-year institution.
- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Recipient must be or was actively involved on the Bennington High School Football, Girls Tennis, or Boys Baseball teams or involved in French Club, Dance, One Act, or Musical during his/her senior year.
- Recipient must demonstrate good character and leadership potential.
- Recipient must enroll or continue education full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) at a vocational, two-year, or four-year institution.

## Additional Materials Required

- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member (e.g., teacher, coach, religious leader, employer, adult mentor, or volunteer coordinator).
- A school transcript to verify your year in school, GPA, and class ranking.
- An answer to this prompt (**last page**; 300 words or fewer): Every person has a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe it will inspire others. Please share your story in 300 words or less.
- Completed applications are due Wednesday, March 1, 2023 to the Bennington Public Schools Foundation, 11620 N. 156th Street, Bennington, NE 68007 (Bennington District Office).

## Selecting Scholarship Recipients

A committee assembled outside of the Essink Family will review and rank the submissions. The student awarded the scholarship will come from these rankings.

## Scholarship Winner Notification

The Essink Family will notify the student and parent/legal guardian. Award may be announced at any School, Church, or other ceremony. Recipient must submit a Fall schedule to the Bennington Public Schools Foundation ([rmeradith@bennps.org](mailto:rmeradith@bennps.org)) to review for compliance with the scholarship's requirements and processing of the scholarship payment.

Unfortunately, we cannot honor a deferred entry into an institution and the award will be forfeited if unable to attend by the Spring semester after graduation, unless due to military commitments.



## #TeamCarrie Scholarship Application

### Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Phone	Email		
Parent/Guardian Name			

<b>Cumulative GPA (<i>Most recent semester</i>)</b>	<b>Class Rank (<i>Most recent semester</i>)</b>
<b>ACT Composite (<i>if applicable</i>)</b>	<b>SAT Composite (<i>if applicable</i>)</b>
<b>College Choice</b>	<b>Intended Major</b>
<b>Other Scholarships Received (<i>Name and amount</i>)</b>	

**Honors and Activities**

<b>School and Community Activities with year(s) of involvement</b>
<b>Awards and year received (e.g., honor roll, academic/athletic letter, etc.)</b>
<b>Leadership Positions Held</b>

**Community Activities (e.g., employment, non-school organizations, etc.) with year(s) of involvement**

All statements made herein by the applicant are, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, factually true and correct.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_