

Bishop Educational Trust

About: The Bishop Educational Trust was established by Frank and Esther Bishop, lifelong residents of Muscatine who wished to give back to their community.

The purpose of the trust is to provide educational assistance to students who have the desire and educational ability to attend college but need financial assistance in pursuing their educational goals. A preference will be given to students planning to attend Muscatine Community College although other scholarships may be awarded to students attending other Iowa colleges or universities.

These scholarships are based primarily on need and the absence of any other apparent form of financial assistance.

Each year the scholarship gives out a select number of four year scholarships worth a total of \$20,000; these students must begin their education at Muscatine Community College. In addition the Trust also awards many more single year scholarships in the range of \$500-\$2,000 that have the potential to be renewed; students receiving these scholarships may attend MCC or another Iowa institution.

Qualifications: To qualify for the scholarship applicants must:

- Reside in Muscatine or Louisa County,
- Plan to attend a college or university in the state of Iowa, and
- Demonstrate financial need; applicants and their parents should be prepared to submit their most recent tax information and/or FAFSA applications.

To Apply: The Bishop Scholarship Committee works with the Muscatine and Louisa county high schools to coordinate the application process. Students interested in applying should contact their guidance office no later than the January of their senior year of high school.

The selection process takes place during two meetings held in May and July. Students awarded a scholarship during the May meeting will be notified during their school's award ceremony. Students awarded a scholarship in July will be notified as soon as possible by the selection committee, as late as early August.

Information for Current Recipients: Students required to reapply for their Bishop scholarship must submit the following information to the First National Bank of Muscatine Trust Department by July 1:

- An updated Transcript including the latest spring semester, and
- A letter requesting that the scholarship be renewed.

Students will be notified of the results as soon as possible by the selection committee, as late as early August. Renewal letters and transcripts may be mailed to:

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C/o Trust Department
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