

Foster and Evelyn Barkema Charitable Trust Scholarship

Foster and Evelyn Barkema were life-long residents of rural Alexander, both passing away in the summer of 2013. Foster attended Alexander Consolidated School, withdrawing part way through the tenth grade when his help was needed on his family's farm during the economic decline of the 1930's. Because of an injury, he was disqualified from service in WWII and spent the war years working in meat packing plants, construction, as an apprentice machinist and as a railroad switchman. He later returned to Alexander to begin his successful farming career.

Evelyn graduated from Alexander High School, received a B.S. degree in Home Economics Education from Iowa State College, and taught in southwest Iowa high schools for several years until she and Foster were married. Evelyn was an active participant in the farming operation.

Foster and Evelyn were very active in their church and community, serving on many boards and committees. They were a very giving couple throughout their lives, always willing to help those in need. They also recognized the value of education and were strong advocates for their community's schools and the opportunity for higher education. An important principle in the lives of Foster and Evelyn Barkema was a commitment to fairness. They felt strongly that every student should have the opportunity for higher education. This scholarship shall be awarded to every qualified graduating senior.

Scholarship Guidelines:

To be eligible for consideration, a student must:

1. Have applied and been accepted to an accredited institution of post-high school education and enroll in the fall following high school graduation.
2. Apply for the scholarship using the **West Fork Scholarship Fund** general application form.

Each scholarship award will be governed by the following guidelines:

1. This scholarship will be awarded to every qualified graduating senior and will be for the first year of post-high school education only.
2. The scholarship award will be paid in full at the start of the second term of the freshman year of the recipient upon proof of successful completion of the fall term.
3. The dollar amount of each scholarship to be awarded will be determined annually by the Advisory Board and Trustee of the Foster and Evelyn Barkema Charitable Trust.
4. The Foster and Evelyn Barkema Charitable Trust may modify the terms of the scholarship at any time. The Trust will advise the West Fork Scholarship Fund when they will no longer be offering scholarships.
5. **The May 2017 award will be \$1,500 each.**

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