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RICHARD AND IONE BEERNTSEN YMCA YOUTH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Richard and Ione Beerntsen YMC Youth Scholarship Program was established by the YMCA Board of Directors in July of 1991. The Scholarship Program is designed to provide grant awards to any graduating high school seniors in Manitowoc County who are planning a career in human service field of study. Applicants must be planning to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Membership or affiliation with the YMCA is not required.

This program was established at the YMCA by Tom and Penny Beerntsen through their local confectionary business as a memorial tribute to Tom's parents. Funding for the scholarship awards will be generated by gifts to the fund, periodic fundraising performances to be held at the Capital Civic Centre and other fundraising activities and events. Scholarship awards will be made each year in an amount to be determined annually by the YMCA Youth College Scholarship Committee. Emphasis will be given to the development of a permanent endowment fund to ensure its long-term stability.

The YMCA Board of Directors is hopeful that individuals and businesses will consider direct contributions to the scholarship fund. Contributions can be sent to the YMCA, 205 Maritime Drive, P.O Box 471, Manitowoc, WI 54221-0471. Checks should be made payable to the YMCA Youth College Scholarship Program. All contributions are tax deductible. Contributions from individuals and businesses will be placed in the permanent scholarship fund.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. YMCA Youth College Scholarship awards will be made to graduating seniors attending any high school in Manitowoc County.
2. Membership or affiliation with the YMCA is not required.
3. Applicants must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university in a human service field of study (for example: teaching, nursing, YMCA work, social work, medicine, etc.).
4. The scholarship will be awarded based on need and merit.
5. Applicants may be required to interview with the Scholarship Committee.

APPLICANT PROCEDURE

1. **The following items must be included and completed:**
 - a. **Student scholarship application**
 - b. **High school transcript, including first semester of senior year**
 - c. **ACT or SAT scores**
 - d. **500-word essay**
 - e. **Your electronic signature**
 - f. **Email or electronic signature of a guidance counselor or teacher**
2. Completed application forms and documents can be mailed or emailed. **Applications must be post marked by April 3, 2026, and emailed by midnight April 3, 2026.**

Mail to:

**Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA
205 Maritime Drive, P.O. Box 471
Manitowoc, WI 54221-0471**

Email to:

lnething@mtrymca.org

3. Incomplete applications and/or late applications will be automatically disqualified. Do not include any items other than those listed in **RED** above.

Richard and Ione Beerntsen
YMCA Youth College Scholarship Program Application Form

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

2. Phone: _____

3. Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

4. High School Currently Attending: _____
Name City

5. Email: _____

****** Please be sure to provide an email address and phone number that you will be accessing regularly AFTER high school, so we are able to contact you with any future information. ******

6. Guardian Name: _____

7. Guardian Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

8. Guardian Phone: _____

9. Guardian Email: _____

10. High School Employment History. Begin with your most recent job.

Place of Employment

Job Responsibilities

Dates Employed

11. What do you plan to do this summer?

12. Please describe your family's current financial situation and any circumstances that affect your ability to pay for school. You may include things like job changes, medical expenses, or number of family members in college, or anything you feel is relevant.

13. Without scholarship support, how would you plan to cover the cost of school? Examples include student loans, part-time work, family contribution, choosing a less expensive school, delaying enrollment, etc.

14. List the student activities in which you have **ACTIVELY** participated in grades nine through 12. Include special recognition, offices held, and awards received. Please use the space provided. Separate attachments **WILL NOT be** considered.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Offices, Recognition, or Awards</u>	<u>Dates of Participation</u>
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15. List the community activities (not directly connected to High School) in which you have **ACTIVELY** participated. Separate attachments **WILL NOT** be considered. Please use space provided only.

<u>Community Activity</u>	<u>Dates of Participation</u>
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16. What school do you plan to attend?

Have you been accepted? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

17. What are your educational and career goals?

18. Write about a significant experience and how it has made a difference in your life. Your 500-word essay should be typed on this form. Separate attachments **WILL NOT** be considered.

18.CONTINUED ...

19. List two references who can be contacted. Please include Name, Address, Telephone Number, Email, and relationship to applicant.

REFERENCE #1:

REFERENCE #2:

Applicant Signature

Date

Guidance Counselor or Teacher Signature

Date