

The Walter E. Barnes Scholarship

Purpose: *The Walter E. Barnes Scholarship* has been established by Mrs. Hedwig Barnes in memory of Walter E. Barnes, late of Montrose. The purpose of the scholarship is to commemorate, and to foster in others, those traits of character and intellect for which many people in Montrose and elsewhere respected and admired Walter Barnes. Born into a poor family in Afton, New York, he supported his mother while working his way through Cornell University. His first job after college was with the Endicott Johnson Company. Three and a half years later, the W. T. Grant Co. department store chain asked him to take charge of their newly created footwear division. In 1950, he moved with his family from Scarsdale, New York to Montrose, where his efforts first as vice president and general manager of Banner Slipper Co., and then as owner both of that company and of the Montrose Hanger Co., were responsible for substantial growth in employment in the Montrose area. When bankruptcy brought activity to a halt at Banner Slipper, he turned with great success for the remainder of his days to a career in footwear sales, the one branch of the footwear industry in which he had not yet made his mark.

His energy, determination, and intelligence, finding their expression in great quantities of hard work, enabled him to accomplish much that he set out to accomplish in the business world. More remarkable was the extent to which these strengths of his left room for other very different qualities, in particular a seemingly inexhaustible kindness and generosity with time and money toward persons or organizations whom he was in a position to help. There are many individuals from Montrose or nearby who have first-hand experience of this. The Episcopal Church, the Montrose Public Library, the Boy Scouts, and other groups both in Montrose and in Scarsdale were in various ways beneficiaries of his direct personal involvement in their affairs. His financial contributions to deserving organizations further from home were numerous and significant. A member of the wrestling team in college, he was for many years an avid golfer, and enthusiastically supported Cornell athletics and the United States Olympic Committee. Despite this array of other claims upon his attention, he remained deeply attached to his close friends and family, and, particularly in later years, did a good deal of traveling.

The Walter E. Barnes Scholarship will be awarded to students intending careers in business who, in the judgment of the selection committee, show the greatest promise of realizing in their lives the played in the life of Walter Barnes.

ELIGIBILITY: The candidate must submit an application by the deadline; copies of the application form and deadline information can be obtained from the office of the Montrose High School Guidance Director. A candidate must be a Montrose Area High School student who intends to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science or comparable degree at an accredited four-year college or university, and who is seriously considering pursuing a career in business—for example, not only programs in schools, or a major in economics, but also other majors in the arts and sciences (such as English, history, physics, biology, philosophy), or engineering programs, or journalism programs, and so on. A candidate intending to pursue any such major program or course of study is eligible to apply for the scholarship, provided that he or she is seriously considering pursuing a career in business. More important than the particular major program or course of study chosen is the use to which the candidate expects to put his or her education after graduation. The candidate must have applied for college or university admission for the start of the next school year. Receipt of the scholarship is contingent upon acceptance and matriculation at one of the colleges or universities to which the candidate is applying.

QUALIFICATIONS: The selection process will take into consideration the applicant's academic record, participation in activities in and out of high school, employment experience, financial need, interests, ambitions, and values. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of these factors to students who seem most likely to contribute importantly in the future to the purpose for which this scholarship has been established. The award's recipient will be determined by a selection committee considering of the Montrose Area High School Guidance Director, and a member of the Barnes family.

TENURE: The scholarship will be awarded each spring to a Montrose Area High School student who best meets the criteria stated above, subject to the restriction that in years in which no applicant's qualifications meet these criteria to a sufficient extent, no award will be made. Tenure of the scholarship is for four years of undergraduate study of the type described above under "ELIGIBILITY," provided that the student maintains at least a B- (B minus) overall academic average as calculated at the end of each academic year.

STIPEND: The amount of the award is \$500 per year for each of the four years, presented at the beginning of the academic year.

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4. What subjects in school do you find most interesting? Apart from schoolwork what do you find most interesting to do? What sort of work do you want to do after you graduate from college? (You may answer these questions separately, or combine your answers into a single essay. If necessary, use the back of this form to continue your answer.)
5. In your opinion, what are the most important ways in which a college education can benefit the person who receives it? Do you see important ways in which it can benefit other people besides the person who receives it? What are the most important things that you want to accomplish in your lifetime? (You may answer these questions separately, or combine your answers into a single essay. If necessary, use the back of this form to continue your answer.)
6. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of several different criteria, one of which is financial need. A candidate who does not demonstrate financial need is not disqualified simply for that reason. If you have a financial need for this scholarship, please explain why below. If you do not, then leave the space below blank.
7. List each college or university to which you have applied for admission and the academic major other course of study that you hope to enter there.

College/University

Course of Study

This application is to be returned to the office of the Montrose Area High School Guidance Director; consult the Director as to the deadline. The application should be accompanied by:

- 1) a copy of the transcript of your high school academic record
- 2) a recent portrait-style photograph of you (to help member of the scholarship selection committee remember you)
- 3) letters of recommendation from two persons who are not members of your immediate family and who know you well enough to describe your strong points – for example, an employer, or a teacher, or someone with whom you have worked in some activity outside of school.