

## BENDER FOUNDATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Instructions for Scholarship Application

1. The attached application is to be used for the Bender Foundation Fund Scholarship offered through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. One (1) \$500 scholarship, non-renewable. **This scholarship is available to a graduating Reese High School senior with a GPA of 2.0 or better who has demonstrated 'a good turnaround' attitude during their high school career and is pursuing post-secondary education. (i.e., vocational/trade schools, certificate programs, community colleges etc.)** The scholarship award shall be distributed to the post-secondary institute selected by the scholarship recipient.
2. Application and required attachments must be **postmarked on or before March 15, 2026**:

**Tuscola County Community Foundation  
Bender Family Foundation Fund Scholarship  
P.O. Box 534  
Caro, MI 48723**

3. Applications are to be typed or legibly printed in ink and must be signed by the applicant. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
4. **Submit the application, one official high school transcript, letter(s) of recommendations and essay. All submitted materials must be single-sided and not stapled.**
5. Attach to the application an essay (not to exceed two (2) typed pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, single-sided and not stapled) addressing the following:
  - Describe an experience in high school when you faced a personal challenge, and how you overcame it.
  - Describe an academic challenge that you faced and how you overcame it.
  - Where do you see yourself in five (5) years?

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade point average using a 4-pt. scale: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Post-secondary school you are planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted at this school? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, number of credits: \_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list scholarships applied for:

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Please list scholarships granted and amounts:

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## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Using only the space below, list extracurricular, community and religious activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years. **Please list them in order of importance to you.**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Using only the space below, please list your paid work experience during the past four years, beginning with your most recent positions.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Hrs./Week

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to having my name and image likeness included in public/media releases. If under 18, parent/guardian must also sign.

**Applicant's Signature**

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Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

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Date