



THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
of
CALDWELL COUNTY

MARY BERNHARDT BUSKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of Mary Bernhardt Busko,
1968-2021, funded by her loving family.

Having grown up in Lenoir, attended Caldwell County schools and having graduated from Hibriten High School, which enabled her acceptance and graduation from Davidson College, Mary understood how education can positively affect one's life and future health and happiness.

Mary believed that education gives one the ability to think critically, to develop self-awareness, build communication skills and provide career opportunities. Scholarship provides knowledge of the world and changes the learner into a productive individual who contributes to volunteerism and philanthropy. Mary loved Caldwell County, and she always gave back to others every day of her all-too-short lifetime.

All students from Caldwell County Schools High Schools are eligible to apply who can demonstrate outstanding work ethics, leadership qualities and who have a history of community service. Final decisions by the Education Foundation selection committee are based on a student's financial need, academic achievement, leadership ability and community service.

Note: the Mary Bernhardt Busko Memorial Scholarship is renewable for the recipient who stays in good standing throughout his/her undergraduate years.

1. Application is to be completed by the student.
2. Use 12 Font Times New Roman
3. Include the following:
 - Official high school transcript of courses completed to date.
 - Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, non-profits, or clergy.
 - Essay answering the question **"My goals for pursuing higher education."**
4. Preference may be given to applicant whose family members are or were employed by Bernhardt Furniture Company.

All applications are due to the Education Foundation on March 1 of each year.
Located at the Education Center, 1914 Hickory Blvd., Lenoir, NC 28645

Mail or deliver to:
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1914 Hickory Blvd. SW
Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

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Name of student: _____

First Middle Last

Email _____

Address: _____

Telephone number _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Male _____ Female _____ US Citizen? _____

Social Security Number _____

High School Attending _____ Graduation date _____

Family Information: Have any parents or grandparents or retirees been employed at Bernhardt's Furniture Company. Yes No Name of Employee (s) _____

Parents' Names

Father _____

First Middle Last

Address if different from yours _____

Education level _____

Mother _____

First Middle Last

Address if different from yours _____

Education level _____

In the event you are selected, how would you like your parents' names listed in a news release?

Number of siblings_____

Number in elementary school_____

Number in middle school_____

Number in high school_____

Number in college_____

Number who have received degrees of higher learning_____

College or university you plan to attend_____

Course of study you plan to pursue_____

Number in your high school graduating class_____

Ranking_____ Grade point average_____

Clubs you hold membership in: (Attach an additional page if necessary).

Include years and offices held.

Class offices held:

Freshman_____

Sophomore_____

Junior_____

Senior_____

Honors received and year:

Continue on additional page if needed.

Involvement in sports or other school activities not listed

Hobbies _____

Church, community, or other activities you wish to mention

Work experience _____

Community Activities/Volunteer Service _____

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