

Harold E. Bjur Scholastic Fund Scholarship Guidelines

Who Qualifies to Apply for Scholarship

The Harold E. Bjur Scholastic Fund was established to assist high school seniors from the First Baptist Church of Grove City or the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School who are pursuing a program at a technical school, or a 2 or 4 year degree, at a post secondary institution.

Eligible applicants are high school seniors from First Baptist Church of Grove City or the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School. All applicants should be permanent residents of the State of Minnesota.

Applicants must have maintained at least a “B” average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better to apply. Applicants must demonstrate financial need, show commitment to community involvement, community values and community service. Applicants must also show involvement in extra curricular school activities. Preference will be given to students who attend the First Baptist Church of Grove City.

Applicants must submit a completed application form and attachments to the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School Guidance Office **by March 31st**

Application and Selection Procedures

Completed application forms will be reviewed and evaluated by the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School Scholarship Advisory Committee who will determine the scholarship recipients. The Advisory Committee will recommend to the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors which applicants to fund. The Board will then approve or disapprove the Committee’s recommendations.

Applications for the Harold E. Bjur Scholarship may be obtained at the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School guidance office or by contacting the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, 101 South Seventh Avenue, Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56301, or by calling 877-253-4380 (toll free).

Applicant Responsibility

Applicants are responsible for completing the application form, writing and submitting the essay/statement, and submitting a copy of the most recent high school transcript. If the applicant has transferred high schools, those transcripts should also be submitted. The college/university financial aid officer is responsible, at the student’s request, to fill out the appropriate sections. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **A complete scholarship application contains the following:**

1. Scholarship application form filled out completely by the student and the college/university financial aid officer if college has been selected.
2. A personal essay statement answering the seven questions on the attached sheet. The questions help describe the student’s career and educational goals. This essay/statement should not exceed two typewritten, double-spaced pages. The essay/statement is very important in the selection process.
3. Two reference letters commenting on the applicant’s strengths and weaknesses, student’s motivation to achieve, and leadership experiences.
4. Current transcript from Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School showing a “B” average or better on a 4.0 scale.

The scholarship form must be submitted to Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School on or before March 31st

**Willmar Area Community Foundation
Harold E. Bjur Scholastic Fund Application Form**

Applicant Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone #: _____ Social Security # (Last 4 Digits) xxx-xx-_____

High School Attended: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Email Address: _____

Anticipated Attendance at University/College/Technical College

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Application Deadline: March 31st Applications must be post-marked no later than **March 31st**
Applications submitted after that date will not be reviewed.

Signature:

By signing this application form, I hereby give permission to release the following information to Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The college financial aid officer should complete the following information:

Financial Information

Estimated budget for next school year _____ Estimated self help _____

Estimated scholarships/awards _____ Estimated student need _____

Official's Title and Signature:

Name Title Signature

Address

College Phone # Fax # Date

Scholarship Essay Questions

Four scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to graduates of Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School.

Please answer the following questions. Note: Answers should not exceed two typewritten double-spaced pages.

1. Describe your involvement in extra curricular school activities and any leadership roles you fulfilled:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Length of Participation</u>	<u>Leadership Roles</u>
A.			
B.			
C.			
D.			

2. What is your intended field of study or technical program you plan to pursue?
3. Have you received any awards or recognition for your activities?
4. What are your priorities in your life?
5. How will this scholarship make a difference in pursuing your goals?
6. Please address your financial need for assistance or financial difficulties which should be considered.
7. In ten years, what do you envision yourself doing?

Harold E. Bjur Scholastic Fund

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Harold E. Bjur, a lifelong resident of the Atwater area, has established the Harold E. Bjur Fund at the Willmar Area Community Foundation. The Willmar Area Community Foundations is an affiliate of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation. This fund will provide scholarships to students from the First Baptist Church of Grove City and the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School who are planning to pursue post-secondary education.

Harold, the son of Emma and Albert Bjur, was born June 25, 1907 in Lake Elizabeth Township. He grew up on the family farm in Atwater with brothers, Joel and Walter, and sister, Helen. He attended District #79 schools through the 8th grade. He operated the family farm until 1984. He was an active member of the Lake Elizabeth Baptist Church, the Atwater Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee, and the Grove City Baptist Church.

Harold led a quiet and unassuming life but he believed in helping others to better themselves. He believed in encouraging young men and women to pursue post secondary education. He hopes to accomplish these goals with the establishment of the Harold E. Bjur Scholarships. Harold's spirit and commitment to youth and education will live on through the Harold E Bjur Scholarship Fund. Future generations of students from the First Baptist Church of Grove City and the Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City High School will benefit from his generosity.

The Scholarship Fund will award 4-\$500 scholarships to deserving students each year.

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