



# The Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship Program Instructions (\$500)

**"Only a life lived for others is worth living."  
-Albert Einstein**

Bonnie J. Gerner lived her life by this quote. She poured her heart and soul into helping others- her family, her church, and her community. Bonnie devoted countless hours to supporting Green County through her selfless volunteerism to the 4-H program, her church, Family Promise of Green County, and the Green County Ag Chest. In addition to her incredible devotion to Green County, Bonnie worked a full-time job and still found the time and energy to enjoy her favorite hobbies- baking, gardening and building lifelong friendships. Bonnie never slowed down and she never gave up. In fact, her family often wondered how she *did it all*.

In the words of Elizabeth Andrew, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart." And, Bonnie certainly lived up to this truth.

If this past year has proven anything, it's that we need volunteers now more than ever. We present this scholarship in honor of Bonnie J. Gerner, her incredible life, and her selfless devotion to helping others.

To be eligible for the Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial scholarship, you must:

- be a high school senior or college student
- reside in Green County, and
- show proof of enrollment in a university or vocational school.

All majors of study will be considered, but special consideration will be given to applicants seeking degrees in fields related to and supportive of philanthropy, volunteerism, and community engagement and development.

To be considered for the Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship, please:

- complete the application form and essay requirement found below,
- include two letters of recommendation from non-relatives,
- a copy of your high school transcripts, and
- your most recent resume

and mail all documents to:

**Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial  
Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 533  
Monroe, WI 53566**

The deadline for consideration is **May 15th**.

Recipients will be notified by mail and will be recognized as a recipient of the Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship at their high school scholarship awards program.

\*Note, funds will be awarded upon successful completion of one semester of school. Students placed on academic probation are ineligible and will not receive funding. To receive funding, students must provide the committee with proof of passing semester grades and proof of following semester enrollment.

Thank you,  
The Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship Committee



# Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship Program Application (\$500)

Student's Name

Phone

Address

City

High School

Graduation Date

College Attending in Fall

In a separate document, please type your responses in essay format.

- **Introduction (50-100 words)**
  - Tell us a little bit about who you are and why you are applying for the Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship.
- **Volunteerism and Community Service (50- 150 words)**
  - For which organizations/causes have you volunteered?
  - What community service/outreach experience do you have?
- **Other Leadership Experience (50-100 words)**
- **Goals (50-100 words)**
  - What do you plan to do in the future?
- **About the Scholarship (250- 400 words)**
  - What is *philanthropy*, why is it important, and how will the Bonnie J. Gerner Memorial Scholarship help you reach your educational goals?

\*All essays must be typed in 12-point font Times New Roman, double-spaced with 1-inch margins. Include this page as the cover letter to your essay along with the other document listed above and send to:

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**\*\*Applications must be received by May 15th.**