



### **GEORGE MCNEES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

George F. McNees was born April 1, 1933 in Crawford County Iowa, but grew up in Taylor County graduating from gravity High School in 1951. He served his country in the Army 1953-1955. He was married to Martha Leonard of Bedford in 1956 and was employed at the Union Pacific Mail Terminal in Council Bluffs for 9 years. Upon its closing, he was transferred to the Clarinda Post Office where he was a window clerk for 24 years, retiring in 1989 and became a full-time farmer.

George and Martha have spent the past 50+ years in the Clarinda School District with their two children attending Clarinda schools and graduating from the Clarinda High School in 1979 and 1983 respectively.

George always enjoyed helping people and the family felt this was a way for George to continue helping others, especially the younger generation as they further their education. George passed away on February 4, 2016.

Beginning in the spring of 2017 the George McNees Memorial Scholarship Fund will be awarded to a graduating senior of Clarinda Community High School that shall be eligible for enrollment in an accredited college or university and major in agriculture or business. From 2017 thru 2024 the award will total \$1,000 with the final year of the scholarship being awarded 2025 in the amount of \$1,100.

**The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:**

1. The scholarship must be used to help pay the cost of any college or university.

2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant to a college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment after the recipient has successfully completed their first semester and has enrolled in a second semester.
3. The selection committee shall consist of four individuals: 1) one named by the Clarinda Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the committee), 2) the Clarinda Community High School Principal, 3) Clarinda Community High School Guidance Counselor and 4) one or more representatives of the George McNees family.
4. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
5. To qualify for a scholarship the applicant must be a graduating senior of Clarinda Community High School and eligible for enrollment in an accredited college or university and pursuing a degree in higher education with a major in agriculture or business.
6. The application must be typed or computer generated and shall include an essay addressing the following:
  - a. College the graduate plans to attend or those that they are considering.
  - b. The intended major of the graduate and why they have chosen this as their major.
  - c. The graduate's contributions to their high school and the community.
  - d. Any work history the graduate may have.
  - e. The graduate's extracurricular activities.
7. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin or physical handicap.