



BENJAMIN & MARILYN TOMLINSON AGRICULTURE & ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Benjamin Tomlinson was born in Clarinda 1921. He was the third youngest of 9 brothers and sisters. He attended Clarinda High School and enlisted in the Army Air Forces in the early 1940's. He served in World War II as a C47 navigator flying night missions out of Sicily in support of resistance fighters in the Balkans and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. After his discharge, he returned to Clarinda, was married and began engineering studies at Iowa State University. He returned to Clarinda and farmed in Valley Township for 40 years.

Marilyn Tomlinson grew up on her parents farm north of Clarinda. She attended Vandevender country school through 8th grade. During those early years, she actually did walk to school in deep snow. In 1944 she graduated from Clarinda High School. During World War II she worked at the Lisle Corporation supporting the war effort. In 1945 she married Ben when he returned from military service in Europe. After being a stay-at-home mom and housewife, Marilyn worked as an assistant librarian at the Clarinda Carnegie Library until retirement.

Ben and Marilyn had a strong work ethic, but they also enjoyed traveling in the USA and Europe, as well as spending time with family and friends. They were proud to call Clarinda their hometown.

The Benjamin & Marilyn Tomlinson Agriculture & Engineering Scholarship Fund was established to provide tuition aid for the post-secondary education of a CHS graduating senior that plans to enroll in an accredited trade/vocational school, community college or university in the field of agriculture or engineering with special consideration based on need, scholarly achievement, character and reputation. An annual scholarship of \$1,000 from the fund will be awarded as long as the fund balance permits.

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

1. The scholarship shall be used to assist with the cost of tuition at an accredited trade/vocational school, college or university.
2. The Clarinda Foundation shall disburse the scholarship grant to a trade/vocational school, college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment prior to the beginning of the fall semester of year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of four individuals: 1) one individual named by the Clarinda Foundation (who shall serve as chair of the committee); 2) the Clarinda Community High School Principal; 3) the Clarinda High School

Guidance Counselor; and (4) a minimum one other individual selected by the Clarinda Foundation Board of Directors.

4. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
5. The application must be typed or computer generated and shall include an essay addressing the following:
 - a. Trade/Vocational school, college or university 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.
6. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin or physical handicap.