



NEBRASKA PRESS WOMEN

Scholarship Opportunity

January 16, 2017

Dear High School Guidance Counselors,

Enclosed please find application materials for the Marianne Beel Memorial Scholarship, presented annually by Nebraska Press Women.

Applications are open to graduating high school seniors who have a heart for photography/writing/videography showcasing Nebraska and who are interested in pursuing an education in a communications or related field.

Criteria for the \$500 scholarship are listed in the application form. One scholarship will be awarded with notification to the winner to be made in April. **Applications must be postmarked by March 25, 2017.**

Please feel free to make additional copies of the application, or contact me for more forms or with questions.

Sincerely,

Tammy Bain
NPW Scholarship Chair

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Nebraska Press Women Marianne Beel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, presented annually by Nebraska Press Women, is dedicated to the memory of longtime NPW member Marianne Beel of Valentine, who died in 2007. Marianne shared her love of the Sandhills through writing and photography. Her column, "Sand in My Shoes," was popular with readers of the North Platte Telegraph, and her writing and photography appeared there and in many other publications. **The 2017 scholarship will be in the amount of \$500.** Our recipient is invited to attend our spring NPW convention in North Platte, where they will receive special recognition and be able to network with professionals in their interest area.

Applicants must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) Be a 2017 graduating senior from a Nebraska high school, with preference given to seniors from the following Nebraska counties: Custer, Logan, McPherson, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Rock, Keya Paha, Loup, Holt, Garfield, Valley, Wheeler, Greeley, Brown and Cherry.
- 2) Be a writer, photographer or videographer in the general category of rural Nebraska, with preference given to Sandhills subject matter.
- 3) Applicant must be seeking some kind of post-secondary degree or certificate (not necessarily a four-year school), preferably in a communications-related field.
- 4) Submit three examples of subject-related work, which may be any combination of writing, photography or video. These may include essays written for class, work that appeared in a student publication or local paper, photography or video work that may have been used for 4-H, FFA or similar organizations.
- 5) Complete the application form and attach a copy of the high school transcript with current GPA, one letter of reference and a resume (no more than one page) that outlines your contributions to the community (i.e., church, 4-H, volunteer work, community celebrations, etc).
- 6) Include a 250-word essay on one of the following topics: 1.) What living in rural Nebraska means to me; 2.) The value of agriculture in Nebraska; 3.) The beauty of Nebraska; or 4.) The value of rural Nebraska.
- 7) Return application to Tammy Bain, NPW Scholarship Chair, at 621 N. Chestnut St., North Platte, NE, 69101. **Application must be postmarked by March 18, 2016.**

(application form on reverse)

Nebraska Press Women
Marianne Beel Memorial Scholarship
Application Form

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Have you worked on your high school paper, yearbook or other media? Please specify.

250-word essay – please check choice of topic:

- What living in rural Nebraska means to me
- The value of agriculture in Nebraska
- The beauty of Nebraska
- The value of rural Nebraska

Applicant's statement: To my knowledge, all of the information in this application and attached materials is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

(APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 18, 2016.)