

C.S.A. EDUCATION FUND

CONGREGATIONAL SUMMER ASSEMBLY EDUCATION FUND
2128 PILGRIM HIGHWAY
FRANKFORT, MI 49635

CSA/BENZIE Scholarship Application

I. Scholarship Description/Criteria

The CSA/Benzie County Scholarship is funded through charitable contributions to the Education Fund. It provides financial assistance to students in need, who reside in Benzie County at least part of the year, who have demonstrated scholastic ability and who have been accepted to and will matriculate at a college, a graduate school or a vocational program with priority being given to undergraduate candidates. Financial need is the most important criteria. The amount of the scholarships awarded each year will vary based on the level of contributions.

Scholarships are awarded each year to one graduating senior from Benzie Central HS and to one from Frankfort-Elberta HS. These scholarships will be awarded by the scholarship committees at the respective high schools. Other scholarships may also be given to members of the CSA community as awarded by the CSA Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients, including those from Benzie Central and Frankfort-Elberta, may reapply to the CSA Scholarship Committee for scholarships until they have been awarded a maximum of four scholarships.

Scholarships will be given as grants, not loans. Each recipient must promise to use the money to further his/her formal education. Each recipient must also pledge to give back in the future to the community by service or financially according to his/her means.

All of the information in this application will be treated as Confidential. It will be viewed only by the members of the CSA Education Fund Board.

II. Application Requirements

Completed applications are due no later than:

For seniors at Benzie Central HS & Frankfort-Elberta HS, by **May 1** to your HS principal.

For other applicants, by **June 1 via email** to: Ginny Knutsen gknutsen50@aol.com

A completed application requires:

- This form completed
- An unofficial copy of your most recent transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation **dated for the current year** attesting to your character and community involvement
 - One from a teacher, school administrator or counselor
 - One from an employer, minister, leader of group in which you participated
- A 250-300 word essay on "This scholarship would benefit me because..."

III. Tell Us About Yourself

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

Benzie Area Address: _____
(If different) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vocation/Planned Area of Study: _____

School You Plan to Attend Next Year: _____

Hobbies: _____

Interests: _____

References:

Name:	Relationship:	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. Academic History

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Yr. _____

City: _____

Grade Point Average : _____ (out of 4.0) Class Rank: _____ out of _____

SAT: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ ACT: Composite: _____

Honors:

Extra Curricular Activities:

Colleges Attended (if any): _____ Degree: _____ Yr. _____

Grade Point Average: _____ (out of 4.0) Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Honors: _____

Extra Curricular Activities:

Grad School Attended (if any): _____ Degree: _____ Yr. _____

V. Community Service

Describe any volunteer or other community service work you have done for the current year:

VI. Financial Situation

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother ___ Stepmother ___ Deceased ___ Married ___ Separated/Divorced ___

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father ___ Stepfather ___ Deceased ___ Married ___ Separated/Divorced ___

Siblings:

Name:	Age:	School Attending (if any):
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other Dependents:

Name:	Age:	Dependent for tax purposes?
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___

Total Annual Family Income:

\$ _____ 1

This income is:

- ___ single parent income
- ___ combined parents' income
- ___ my own income; I am financially independent

1 Absent unusual circumstances, a family annual income above \$125,000 will usually preclude a scholarship

My Employment:

Employer:

Position:

Dates:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How many hours per week do you average Working: Summer: _____ School Yr. _____

Other Scholarships Applied For:

Name:

Amount:

Received:

_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___ Unknown ___
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___ Unknown ___
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___ Unknown ___

Estimated Expenses vs. Estimated Receipts for Coming School Year:

Costs (Annual)		Resources (Annual)	
Tuition & Fees		Summer Earnings	
Books & Materials		School Yr. Earnings	
Room & Board		Personal Savings	
Transportation/Car		Other Scholarships	
Medical		Aid from Family	
Other (_____)		Other (_____)	
Other (_____)		Other (_____)	
Other (_____)		Other (_____)	
Other (_____)		Other (_____)	
Total Costs		Total Resources	

VII. Checklist

___ Is this form complete and accurate?

Have you attached:

___ An unofficial copy of your most recent transcript?

___ Two (2) letters of recommendation with this year's date attesting to your character?

___ One from a teacher, school administrator or counselor

___ One from an employer, minister or youth group leader

___ A 250-300 word essay on "This scholarship would benefit me because..."

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I verify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate. I affirm that the proceeds of this scholarship will be used to further my education.

Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

_____ **Date:** _____