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July 23, 2026

Indian Hills Community College
Office of Financial Aid
525 Grandview Avenue
Ottumwa, IA 52501

RE: The Frank & Lois Beatty Scholarship

Dear Financial Aid Office:

I'm writing to notify you of a scholarship offered by the Sarah Beatty Trust. Sarah Beatty lived in Keokuk County and had a great interest in education and generously established a scholarship in the name of her parents, Frank & Lois Beatty. MidWestOne Bank administers the Trust and will be disbursing scholarships before the end of the year.

The Trust will be awarding scholarships annually, the primary requirement is that applicants must be residents of Keokuk County, Iowa. Recipients can be new or returning students.

We would welcome any assistance in sharing this information with your students so they may apply for this annual scholarship. We have enclosed an application here, the directions for submitting it electronically or via mail are within the application.

Could you please make this application available to your students, we look forward to receiving many applications to help students achieve their educational goals. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/Nick Edwards
Trust Client Associate
Phone: 319-356-5927
Email: nedwards@midwestone.com

THE FRANK & LOIS BEATTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE for 2026 – 2027 Academic Year is October 15, 2026

BACKGROUND

MidWestOne Bank administers the Sarah Beatty Trust which provides funds for the Frank & Lois Beatty Memorial Scholarship. Sarah Beatty was a lifelong resident of Keokuk County who graduated from Sigourney High School and the University of Iowa. She enjoyed learning throughout her life and was a proud supporter of further education in her community.

As a memorial to her beloved parents Sarah created the Frank & Lois Beatty Memorial Scholarship to support students from Keokuk County continuing their education at a community college or a college of their choice.

AWARDS

Scholarships are awarded annually. The amount of the scholarship may vary from year to year, each scholarship is expected to be greater than \$1000 each year.

Awards will be sent directly to the Office of Financial Aid of the selected institution. Prior recipients may apply in subsequent years for the scholarships. The scholarships may be awarded to full time or part time students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An applicant shall:

1. Be a resident of Keokuk County
2. Be a United States citizen
3. Demonstrate scholastic achievement; and
4. Plan to attend either a community college or a college to continue their education.



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There is no need to be a recent high school graduate in order to apply; students returning to college or community college after a break in education and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Proof of eligibility will be obtained from documents listed in the 'Additional Requirements' section of this application.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete the ***Frank & Lois Beatty Memorial Scholarship Application*** and submit the required materials.

Applications and the supporting documents must be submitted by October 15, 2026. Applicants may submit their application and documents via email OR paper copy.

Send to: **scholarships@midwestone.com**

Paper application send to:

The Frank & Lois Beatty Scholarship Committee
MidWestOne Bank
Attn: Private Wealth
P.O. Box 1700
Iowa City, Iowa 52244-1700

All applicants will be notified by e-mail of their award status by December 15, 2026.

QUESTIONS?

Inquiries concerning scholarship applications should be directed to Nick Edwards at scholarships@midwestone.com or call 319-356-5927.



FRANK & LOIS BEATTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____
First M.I. Last

Home Address: _____
Street City State & Zip Code

Email Address: _____ **Gender:** M / F

Date of Birth : _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you intend to be enrolled full-time? ____ Yes ____ No

If part-time enrollment, how many credit hours do you anticipate taking? _____

Year of study:

____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Other _____

Anticipated major course of study: _____

Are you a resident of Keokuk County? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you a United States citizen? _____ Yes _____ No



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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

TRANSCRIPT

Please include an **official** transcript. Do not submit screenshots or Grade Reports.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please submit a personal statement with your application. The statement should be 400-500 words long, indicate why you are applying for the scholarship, and include information about your activities, community involvement and any unique circumstances.

The statement should contain your name and address at the top of the page.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit at least one letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well.

Only one letter is required, you may submit two if you choose.

You may select a teacher, minister, counselor, or employer to write the letter. The letter should include information about your ability, character, leadership qualities or any other trait which would be helpful in evaluating your application. The letter of recommendation must include complete contact information for the reference person.

SIGNATURE

By my signature below, I certify that the information provided along with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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