

2018 CARLETON AND RUTH POE SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

This scholarship was established to honor Carleton and Ruth Poe, lifetime residents of the Three Rivers area until 1971. They were both graduates of Three Rivers High School, Carleton in the class of 1927 and Ruth in the class of 1925. Carleton worked many years with Michigan Gas and Electric, and Ruth was a school teacher in several of the one room schools that dotted the Three Rivers area in the late forties and early fifties. She later taught in the Three Rivers School District. They resided for many years around the Long Lake and Poe's Corner area, and were loyal and active members of the First Baptist Church of Newberg.

They both strongly believed in the Love of God and education. For this reason and faith in the young students of the Three Rivers area, this scholarship was established.

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in a school of higher learning.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this scholarship must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Graduation from the St Joseph or Cass County area school districts
2. A current member, or child/grandchild, of a member in good standing, at the Newberg Baptist Church
3. Enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the fall semester, unless deferred and approved by TRACF.
4. Be available for a personal interview with the scholarship selection committee

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship shall be \$750, renewable up to 4 years.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall be determined by the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the TRACF Common Scholarship Application **AND** the Carleton & Ruth Poe Scholarship Attachment, found at www.threeriversfoundation.com. All information submitted will be kept in the strictest confidence. Scholarship applications should be typed or legibly printed in ink.

- Scholarship Application must be RECEIVED by **March 1st, 2018**, for consideration.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from a member of the First Baptist Church of Newberg and an educator or professional.
- Include a copy of your school transcripts.
- Email one (1) application packet in PDF or Word form to melissa@threeriversfoundation.com. Applications can also be mailed to the following address: Three Rivers Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 453, Three Rivers, MI 49093.
- Each packet must include the following, in this particular order:
 1. 2018 TRACF Common Scholarship Application
 2. Scholarship Essay Attachments
 3. 2 - Letters of recommendation
 4. School transcript

5. Essay: Why should you be chosen for this scholarship? (*at least 1 page*)