**RANDY JAY BENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**(one annual scholarship)**

**CRITERIA**

(established by the Newman Grove Public Schools and Benson family)

1. Current-year Newman Grove High School seniors pursuing a degree through any university, community college or technical school.

2. The scholarship will be awarded annually during graduation exercises. The scholarship is awarded in the amount of $400.00.

3. An application form, developed by the school district and the family, will be provided to those seniors requesting the application form from the Guidance Counselor. Included in the application will be information relative to grade point average, school and community activities, a narrative outlining future plans, how the scholarship will benefit the applicant and reasons why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.

4. Consideration will be given to relatives of the Benson family.

5. Scholarship application forms are due to the Guidance Counselor no later than April 1st of each year.

6. The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of a sub-committee of the Newman Grove Public Schools Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors, selected annually, who are not directly related to the applicants. Selection will be made as soon as possible after the April 1st application deadline.

7. The selection committee will take into consideration the student’s work ethic and personal integrity, as well as academic achievement and activity involvement.

8. The Randy Jay Benson Memorial Scholarship will be acknowledged at graduation Commencement Exercises and at the annual Alumni Banquet.

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

Due Date: April 1st

Applicant’s Name:

Complete the following questions:

1. Current G.P.A. (at the end of the first semester of the senior year):

2. List school activities in which you are involved. Be specific - list offices held, awards and recognition earned, etc.

3. List non-school activities (community, church, etc.) in which you are involved. Be specific - list offices held, awards and recognition earned, etc.

4. Outline your future plans, including college plans, career plans and goals.

5. Write a short essay detailing your reasons for pursuing a degree in the field you have chosen.

6. Write a brief essay, detailing how the Randy Jay Benson Memorial Scholarship will

 be of benefit to you and why you are deserving of the scholarship.