

## SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK TRUST DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2026-2027 School Year

### **The Nannette & Walter A. Ramsey Scholarship**

The late Walter Ramsey, a long-time resident in the Shelby County community, provided in his Last Will and Testament that a scholarship fund be established to offer the opportunity for financial assistance for graduates of all Shelby County Secondary Schools who intend to further their education.

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*“I thank God every day for having been born in the U.S.A. And living in Shelby County, Illinois has been the frosting on the cake.” – Walter A. Ramsey*

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#### **Criteria**

- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university, including graduate school.
- Applicants must be graduates of a Shelby County high school. Okaw Valley High School graduates who reside in Shelby County are eligible.
- The award of the scholarships, as specified by the donors, shall be based upon the applicant’s economic need, academic standing, character, integrity, and aptitude for scholastic achievement, as well as the promise of making a worthwhile contribution to society.
- Recipients, upon annual re-application, may be eligible to receive the scholarship for a total of four years. However, the reapplication process only allows that the recipient be given equal consideration among other applicants and does not automatically guarantee a scholarship.

### **The Beulah Knecht Scholarship**

The late Miss Beulah Knecht, a schoolteacher in the Shelbyville community for many years, provided in her Last Will and Testament that a scholarship fund be established to offer financial assistance for graduates of Shelbyville High School who intend to further their education.

#### **Criteria**

- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university, including graduate school.
- Applicants must be graduates of Shelbyville high school.
- The award of the scholarships, as specified by the donor, shall be based upon the applicant’s economic need, academic standing, character, integrity, and aptitude for scholastic achievement.
- Recipients, upon annual re-application, may be eligible to receive the scholarship for a total of four years. However, the reapplication process only allows that the recipient be given equal consideration among other applicants and does not automatically guarantee a scholarship.

**Instructions to Apply for both scholarships:**

- Application must be **100% completed**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- A **letter of recommendation** must be included from a member of the school faculty or administration. High school seniors and college freshman can submit a letter of recommendation from their High School. College sophomores, juniors & seniors should submit a letter of recommendation from their college or university. The letter should be signed by the instructor or faculty member and printed on the educational institution's letterhead. Please submit a new letter of recommendation each year you apply for the scholarship.
- A **typed response to the essay question** must be included on a separate page.
- A **transcript** from your current school must be included.
- If you are eligible for both the Nannette & Walter Ramsey and the Beulah Knecht scholarship, please complete just one application. Your application will be considered for both scholarships.
- *Application must be postmarked by **March 15, 2026**.*

Please return the application packet to:

Shelby County State Bank  
Trust Department  
130 S. Morgan St.  
P.O. Box 530  
Shelbyville, IL 62565

SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK  
Trustee of the Nannette and Walter A. Ramsey Scholarship  
Trustee of the Beulah Knecht Scholarship

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for  
The Nannette & Walter Ramsey Scholarship  
The Beulah Knecht Scholarship

**I. Personal Data**

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday                                      Telephone Number                                      E-mail

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College Student ID #                                      Social Security #

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Marital Status                                      Number of dependents

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Graduating High School \_\_\_\_\_

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What career do you intend to pursue \_\_\_\_\_

What university do you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently enrolled in a college or university \_\_\_\_\_

If yes how many years have you completed at the end of the current year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you promise to make a worthwhile contribution to society and how will furthering your education accomplish that goal?

*Please include a separate page with your typed answer to this question.*

**II. Employment History**

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Salary/Wages \_\_\_\_\_

Please list prior jobs, internships, and professional development activities (paid or unpaid):

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**III. School Record**

Please enclose a transcript of your High School Record or if you have completed any college work, a copy of your college transcript. An unofficial transcript from your college is acceptable.

High School Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Size of HS Class \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are in college, please fill out Section II with college activities and awards.*

State briefly your school activities, including offices held and number of years involved.

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Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Community or Other Activities \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. Financial Needs**

Are there extenuating circumstances that place you in a position of financial need at this time? If so, please explain.

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List any other information you believe should be considered by the Trustee before granting scholarship funds.

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Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or will you be receiving other scholarship funds? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much are you receiving at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the annual fees at the school you plan to attend:

Annual Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Book Costs and Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying in University/College Housing or private housing? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be the annual cost of room and board? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parents or any other individuals help with your tuition? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much will they give you? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need additional financial assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

In the space provided please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's tax return, as listed on line 11 from IRS Form 1040.

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Total number of family members living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents in your parent's family including yourself:

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending college \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant