

2019 Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence

Scholarship offerings:

(ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT RENEWABLE AND WILL ONLY BE AWARDED TO 2019 GRADUATING SENIORS AT BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL. EACH APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF GPA AND/OR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PREFERENCE.)

THE THOMAS L. SCHMITZ SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

Tom Schmitz lived in Batavia his entire life and was proud to be a graduate of Batavia High School. Tom and his wife raised two children in Batavia who also graduated from BHS. He also served on numerous elected and appointed Boards in the community as well as volunteering at church while donating his time to many service organizations that helped residents of Batavia. He was thankful for what this community had done for him and wanted to show his gratitude by serving in any way possible.

Note: This scholarship will be awarded to a student who appreciates this community and will make an effort to also give back.

THE SAM R. ROTOLO SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

This scholarship is named after longtime Batavia educator, Sam R. Rotolo.

During the early 1950s, Mr. Rotolo began teaching physical education and science at Louise White Elementary, where he was appointed principal in 1956. In 1966, he became the first principal of Batavia Junior High School, where he remained until retiring in 1989. He was later honored when the Batavia Middle School was renamed the Sam Rotolo Middle School of Batavia. At Louise White School, Sam also was in charge of the summer swimming program at Quarry Park, where he taught thousands of young Batavian's to swim. He was named Batavia's Citizen of the Year in 1959. In 1980 he was named Kane County Principal of the Year and given the Award for Excellence in Education for Outstanding School Administrators by the state superintendent of education.

In his retirement, Mr. Rotolo served on the board of directors for Two Rivers [Head Start](#), the Batavia Council on Aging and the Secondary Principals Association. As a mentor for students and teachers alike, Sam would have been proud to have a scholarship given in his name to a BHS student.

Note: Requirements for this scholarship include that the applicant must be an Education major and be attending a four-year college or university.

THE MARILYN ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

Marilyn Robinson came to Batavia in 1965 to teach business education at the Batavia High School. She became interested in writing about Batavia and wrote a historical pageant for the city's 1983 sesquicentennial and retired from teaching in 1988 but continued her research and writing about Batavia history. Her first book, Little Town in a Big Woods, was written for children in 1989 and a revised edition was published in 1995. The book is currently being used in the elementary schools of Batavia, where third-grade students do an in-depth study of their hometown.

Note: Estate would prefer this scholarship be awarded to a student majoring in education.

THE MEGAN REED SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

Megan grew up in Batavia and had fond memories of her years at BHS working with her teachers on the yearbook, keeping stats for the Bulldogs basketball team, and spending the summer of her junior year as an AFS exchange student in Mombasa, Kenya. Graduating in 1982, she went on to Iowa State Univ. to pursue her interest in communication. It was there the opportunity to work in radio set her career path, a career of almost three decades as an on-air personality at Chicago radio stations, WAUR, WLIT and WILV-FM. She also taught a broadcasting class at Columbia College, Chicago. Side note: when BHS went to automated phone answering, Megan was recruited by the previous administration to be the messaging voice.
Note: To be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in communications.

ANN REGO SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000

In 1977, Ann Rego moved to Batavia, where she raised three children who graduated from BHS. Ann had a deep admiration for the people in the Batavia community and dedicated much of her life to serving the surrounding area. After working as the secretary for Lutheran Social Services in Batavia, she spent a number of years employed as a librarian at the Batavia Public Library. For the last 30 years of her life, she tirelessly worked at J.B. Nelson Elementary School, where she eventually served as the Principal's Secretary. Ann had great love for the parents, teachers, and especially, the students that she interacted with every day, and her memory would be honored with the contribution to the success of a well-deserving BHS graduate through this scholarship.

Note: To be awarded a student pursuing a degree in English, Education or Literature.

THE ROSE JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$5400

We know very little about Ms. Johnson. We've enlisted some of the best historians in Batavia to help us learn about her, to no avail.

Note: To be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in nursing.

THE ROBERT MORLEY SCHOLARSHIP - \$2400

Mr. Morley was a 1956 graduate of Batavia High School. After high school, he attended Northwestern University and lived in DeKalb, IL where he taught science in area schools for a number of years.

Note: To be awarded to students pursuing degree in science.

**2019 Batavia Foundation for Educational
Excellence Scholarship Application**

Please check all scholarships you are applying for:

___ Marilyn Robinson

___ Robert Morley

___ Sam Rotolo

___ Rose Johnson

___ Thomas L Schmitz

___ Ann Rego

___ Megan Reed

To be completed by applicant

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Father or Guardian _____ Occupation _____

Mother or Guardian _____ Occupation _____

Ages of brothers and sisters _____

Are they in college? _____

BHS transcript, including the first semester of your senior year. (attach information to application)

Are you attending a community college, 4-year college or university?

Name and address of school you plan to attend:

What is your chosen field of study?

Give details:

On a separate piece of paper, please write a short paragraph about each of the following:

1. List activities at BHS and outside of BHS in which you have participated. Include employment. List any awards you have received for these activities. Tell which activity you like the best and why.
2. Please describe any community service involvement.
3. Explain why you selected your major?
4. Do you have any specific financial challenges that would impact your ability to attend college?

The information I present in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature_____Date_____

Be sure to attach a copy of your high school transcript as of January 2019.

Application with attachments must be returned by March 1, 2019 to the Rosalie Jones Administration Center 335 W. Wilson Street by 4:00 pm.