

Fred and Betty Jo Haas Scholarship

The Fred and Betty Jo Haas Scholarship is a one-time award of \$2,000 to a successful student with strong connections to the former Lynch Independent School District and/or to the Lynch community.

The daughter of a coal miner, Mrs. Haas grew up in Lynch and graduated from Lynch High School. Her dream had been to become an airline flight attendant up until after graduation. Then one day soon thereafter, she decided she did not want to pursue the profession. She saw her Supt. Mrs. Johnson who exclaimed "Praise the Lord, Hallelujah" indicating she believed she had come to her senses and realized her great potential. Supt. Johnson had her enrolled in Georgetown College the next year. She later transferred from Georgetown College to the University of Kentucky where she met her husband, Fred. She earned her Master's degree at Northern Kentucky University. She has taught business education classes at the high school level and most recently computers at NKU. She has since retired. Currently residents of Northern Kentucky, Mrs. Haas still has family in the area. She has enjoyed returning to Harlan County for the annual Bulldog Reunions. She wants to give back to her hometown by assisting students with advancing their education and pursuing their dreams.

Applicants should submit the following to the school guidance counselor by noon on Friday, April 15, 2022:

- A 750 to 1,500 word essay explaining your connection to the Lynch schools or to the community of Lynch and what that community means to you;
- A complete copy of the Harlan County Community Scholarship Application, whether you are applying for that scholarship or not. The same criteria will be used to assist in determining the recipient's academic and extra-curricular performance, along with well-defined college and career plans;
- The three (3) required letters of reference for the Community Scholarship or others, along with at least one or more additional letter(s) of reference to document your connection to the Lynch community. All letters should have the signature of the person providing the reference. Copies of the Harlan County Community Scholarship Reference letters are acceptable. Those forms are available in the guidance counselor's office or on the Harlan County Community Scholarship website.
- The permission to obtain/release information form included with the Community Scholarship application.

Please remember inclement weather is possible so plan accordingly to meet this mandatory deadline.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in early May. A decision has not been made on the venue for the presentations, pending Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions.

Questions may be addressed to your guidance counselor or jeff.phillips@harlan.kyschools.us.

Applications are available through the link provided with this scholarship memo or in the HCHS guidance office.