

# **Decarsky Foundation Scholarship Honoring Bonnie Sweet Walsh and Renewal Information**

## **Application Deadline**

**March 31**

## **Recipients**

**4 -6 annually**

## **Scholarship Amount**

**\$2,500 2-yr college**

**\$4,000 4-yr college  
renewable**

## **ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **About the Decarsky Foundation**

The Decarsky Foundation is a Private Foundation, formed in 2007 by Tomp and Vicki Decarsky and approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization, with one of its major interests being the support of our community with educational scholarships.

### **Honoring Bonnie Sweet Walsh**

Bonnie Sweet Walsh graduated from Derby High School in 1963. Later in life, Bonnie stated that she most likely would not have been financially able to pursue a post-secondary education had not a DHS counselor advised her that a scholarship could be made available at Wichita State University. After graduating from WSU with a BS Degree in Education, Bonnie pursued graduate studies at the University of Colorado, UC Berkeley, and Golden Gate University. Bonnie's career has included many assignments in accounting, financial services, and business consulting. She is presently serving as Controller for The Stupski Foundation, a \$90 million private foundation focused on transforming our public education system so that all students are prepared for college, career, and meaningful lives.

### **About the Derby Community Foundation**

The mission of the Derby Community Foundation is to enrich the quality of life in the Derby area by being a catalyst for connecting people and resources with community needs and initiatives.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Demonstrates a sincere affinity for entrepreneurship and free enterprise system
- Gainfully employed during high school
- Graduating from USD 260
- High School GPA of 2.75

## **ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION**

- PDF of most recent high school transcript, titled "[Your Name] Transcript".

- PDF of a letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, employer, or another adult (who is not a family member) explaining why he/she feels you are qualified to receive this scholarship. Title the document “[Your Name] Recommendation”.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 31: Application submission deadline.
- April: Recipients will be notified via email by the end of April.
- Mid-May: Derby Community Foundation Scholarship Reception to honor the recipient.
- June 15: Recipients must sign their scholarship agreement and provide college information. Check your email! CommunityGiving will verify that you are enrolled as a full-time student at the college. (Full-time enrollment is typically 12-16 credit hours)
- June: Inform your college that you have received the scholarship.
- September 1: Full payment will arrive at your college unless otherwise notified.

## **SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL**

### **RENEWAL INFORMATION**

The scholarship recipients may apply to the Selection Committee for annual renewal for three additional years if attending a four-year university or for one additional year if attending a community college. If the recipient graduating from a community college elects to continue his or her education at a four-year university that recipient may apply to the Selection Committee for renewal of the scholarship annually for two additional years with an annual scholarship amount of \$4,000.00.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Demonstrates a sincere affinity for entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system
- Gainfully employed
- GPA of 2.75
- Full-time student (at least 12 hours)

### **ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

- PDF of most recent college transcript, titled “[Your Name] Transcript”.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER – SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL**

- March 31: Renewal application submission deadline.
- April: Recipients will be notified via email by the end of April.
- June 15: If you are changing colleges, check your email! CommunityGiving will verify that you are enrolled as a full-time student at the college. (Full-time enrollment is typically 12-16 credit hours)

- June: Inform your college that you have received the scholarship.
- September 1: Full payment will arrive at your college unless otherwise notified.

## **Questions**

Contact the Derby Community Foundation  
316-788-9815 or [derby@communitygiving.org](mailto:derby@communitygiving.org)