Bark River-Harris
Local Scholarships



Scholarship Program

The following criterion is used for selection and applies for all scholarships except as noted.

1. Must be a graduation-bound senior at Bark River-Harris Schools.
2. Must complete the application procedures as outlined by the selection committee.
3. Must plan to be a full-time student in a post-high school training program.
4. Must show potential for success in the area that they are planning for further training.
5. The further training may be in any field chosen and at any institution that is approved by the selection committee, except as noted.
6. Must be accepted for admission at the institution for post-high school training.
7. Must have attained a minimum GPA of 2.0, except as noted.
8. Must show good moral character.
9. Financial need will be taken into consideration, but will not be considered a controlling factor or a threshold requirement.
10. The amount of each local scholarship to be awarded each year will be determined by the selection committee or awarding entities.
11. Selection shall be done without reference to race, color, or creed of the applicant.
12. The scholarship will be for one year only, unless otherwise stipulated.

You, as a scholarship applicant, are required to submit a 250-500 word statement about your future educational plans. Please include in your statement:

-Which post-secondary institution you plan to attend
-Your intended major
-Any community service or volunteer hours that you have completed
-Any financial needs that you wish to share
-Several reasons why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship

First Bank Scholarship

Two $100 scholarships are given: one to a boy and one to a girl.

Students must have at least four letters from two or more sports with highest class rank and top SAT score.

All graduating seniors are considered for this award. Recipients are determined on the above criteria.

Bronco Award

Two scholarships (dollar amount to be determined annually) donated by Reynold F. Houle: Harris Class of 1939, one to a boy and one to a girl.

The athletes will be selected by the coaches and faculty of Bark River-Harris High School. The athletes selected must be at least an average (C) student, who works hard in the classroom and is a good role model to young children and peers.

All graduating seniors are considered for this award. Recipients are determined on the above criteria.

Leo Brunelle Outstanding Athlete Award

Two scholarships (dollar amount to be determined annually) donated by the Leo Brunelle family are given to two outstanding athletes, one boy and one girl. Mr. Brunelle was in education for many years as a teacher, principal, and coach.

The athletes will be selected by the coaches of Bark River-Harris High School. The athletes selected must have received honors as participating athletes.

All graduating seniors are considered for this award. Recipients are determined on the above criteria.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

John LaPorte Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be given to a student attending Bay de Noc Community College. There are no restrictions related to financial need or post-secondary education options.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Board of Education Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college, academic standing is not a factor.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River Kiwanis Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college. The recipient must be involved in community service, possess a good attitude, and have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college. The recipient must be actively involved in their class and community. The recipient must have outstanding leadership skills, be a well rounded individual and be a good representative of the class, as well as have a good attitude. There is no GPA requirement for this scholarship.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Employees Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by contributions of the Bark River-Harris school employees.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Charles William Pearson Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Pearson was a former teacher, principal, and superintendent of Bark River-Harris Schools. Need and academic standing are not factors in determining this scholarship.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bill and Kay Lake Scholarship

This scholarship is to be given to a graduate of Bark River-Harris. The scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college who have a 3.0 GPA or higher. Preference will be given to students going for an education or nursing degree. Please include in your essay your future plans, career choice and why you should be chosen as a recipient.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Gerald G. Ritenburgh Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Ritenburgh was a former Bark River-Harris principal and superintendent. He was also responsible for starting the Bark River-Harris National Honor Society. His scholarship is open to all BR-H NHS members going to any college. The recipient must have a 3.2 GPA or higher and have been active in community service.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Joe Young Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Young was a former Bark River-Harris teacher and track coach. His scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college. The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and have participated in track.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Ray Raymond Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Raymond was a former Bark River-Harris teacher. His scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college. The recipient must be involved in school and community service and show good citizenship.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Lenard Bower Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any BR-H seniors planning to attend Bay de Noc Community College.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Tom and Doreen Bartoszek Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college. The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to students going for a business or engineering degree.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Leo & Mary Knauf Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of area resident Leo Knauf, a World War ll veteran, who worked for the U.S. Postal Service and was very active in service to his community.

Applicants for this scholarship must have maintained at least an overall 2.85 GPA, been active in school sponsored extracurricular activities, been involved in community volunteer efforts and intend to pursue their education at a Michigan college or university. Financial need should be a consideration in choosing the candidate for this scholarship.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Lawrence and Marie Knauf Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Lawrence and Marie Knauf, longtime area residents. Priority will be given to someone going into a hands-on type occupation or someone going into the field of agriculture.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Leonard Veeser Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Veeser was an avid reader of classic literature and his family would like this scholarship to be given to someone who is an avid reader, especially of classic literature.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Kevin Stenberg Memorial Scholarship

Kevin was a former Bark River-Harris student who lost his life in an unfortunate accident. His scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors with at least a 2.5 GPA going to any college; however, preference will be given to someone going into a mechanical or electronics career.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Walter “Grandpa” Szczygiel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Walter “Grandpa” Szczygiel, who was a foster grandparent and was fondly known as “Grandpa” to BR-H students for 16 years. This scholarship is for a student going to Bay de Noc Community College. Academic standing is not a factor.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Eugene J. Mroczkowski Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Eugene J. Mroczkowski. The graduating senior receiving this very special award will be required to be “worthy,” “in need,” and “deserving.”

The Bark River-Harris scholarship committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Henry Barra Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any BR-H senior who is a full time student for at least four years. Applicants must be accepted at an institution of higher learning which may include a certified apprenticeship program.

Applicants must submit the following in a letter of application to be turned in to Mrs. Walechka:

1. Career goals
2. Information on any self-taught subject (subjects not offered at Bark River-Harris)
3. Signatures of two teachers verifying self-taught learning above and beyond what has been presented in regular education classes.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by a committee of family members and/or BR-H faculty based upon criteria requirements and letter of application.

Payment of the scholarship amount will be made to the student upon providing a tuition payment receipt to the Bark River-Harris School.

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Local Scholarship Program

Douglas Good Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Douglas Good. He was a highly motivated individual involved in our community. He was a member of the Bark River-Harris School Board for eight years and also coached Jr. High basketball for many years. Doug was always one who was willing to lend a helping hand.

Criteria for selection:

1. Must be a full time student at Bark River-Harris
2. Must be accepted as a full time student at an institution of higher learning
3. Students must relate the following in a letter of application addressed to the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee
   - School or community involvement activities, stressing volunteer efforts
   - Career goals- including college of choice
   - Grade point average
   - Name of college attending after graduation

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the family of Douglas Good based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Payment of the scholarship amount will be made to the student upon providing a tuition payment receipt to the Bark River-Harris administrative office.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Paul Blewett Memorial Scholarship(s)

Mr. Blewett was a former Bark River-Harris high school math teacher. He also taught drivers education and was the yearbook advisor for many years. His scholarship is open to all BR-H students going to any college. Priority will be given to students with a strong background in math.

The Bark River-Harris scholarship committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris PTO Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to one girl and one boy. Criteria for the selection is as follows:

1. Must be a full time BR-H student
2. Must be accepted as a full time student at an institution of higher learning.
3. Students must relate the following in a letter of application addressed to the PTO:
   A. School or community involvement activities, stressing volunteer efforts.
   B. Career goals including college of choice.
   C. Grade point average

Selection of recipients is to be made by a committee of PTO members based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted to the PTO.

Payment of the scholarship amount will be made to the student upon providing a tuition payment receipt to the PTO.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Education Association Scholarship

This scholarship is given out by your teachers to selected applicants pursuing a degree in education.

The Bark River-Harris Education Association scholarship committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application. To collect this scholarship, the recipient must bring a copy of college schedule to Mr. Mercier or Mrs. Strahl.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Student Council Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors who have been Student Council members in high school. Preference will be given to those with two or more years of experience.

The Bark River-Harris Student Council scholarship committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris National Honor Society Scholarship

Applicants must be a member of the Bark River-Harris National Honor Society

The Bark River-Harris NHS scholarship committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Schaffer Reunion Scholarship

This scholarship is given to applicants with a GPA of at least 2.75 and must show involvement in at least two community service projects.

The Schaffer Reunion committee will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application.

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Local Scholarship Program

Bark River-Harris Sports Booster Scholarship

Two scholarships are given (amount to be decided by the Sports Boosters), one to a boy and one to a girl, who have participated in athletics at BR-H and are full time students.

*Students must relate in a letter of application, addressed to the BR-H Sports Booster Club, the following:

1. Grade Point Average
2. List of high school sports that they participated in and number of years involved.
3. Describe post-graduation plans, indicating goals and the plan to achieve these goals.
4. Answer the question: “What is good sportsmanship?” and give examples that they have shown or observed. Must be at least one paragraph in length..
5. Describe participation in community service, activities, and clubs.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Must be a full time BR-H student
2. GPA must be stated and may be used in final determination. Applicants must have been academically eligible for all 11th/12th grade years.
3. Must have participated in sports during their 11th/12th grade years.

Terms of the Scholarship:

1. A written vote of a majority of the board will decide the recipients during the regular May meeting.
2. The recipients, upon receipt of the scholarship, will present proof of registration at an accredited college or vocational school.
3. Payment of the scholarship will be made to the recipient in two payments at the beginning of his/her first two semesters/terms of post-secondary education.

Delta-Menominee County
Heart of the North Lions Club
Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors going to any college.

Applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a full time student at BR-H
2. Must be accepted as a student at an institution of higher learning or a certified apprenticeship program
3. Student must relate the following in a "Letter of Application" addressed to the "Heart of the North Lions Club"
    a. School and community involvement activities, stressing volunteer efforts, hours, and goals of project
    b. Career goals- including school of choice
    c. Grade point average or SAT score

Selection of the recipient is to be made by a committee of the Heart of the North Lions members upon the requirements and letters of application submitted to the club.

Payment of the scholarship amount will be made payable to the awarded student's institution of higher learning after proof of enrollment is received.

Delta-Menominee County Heart of the North Lions Club
P.O. Box 224
Bark River, MI 49807

Bark River Lions Club

Bark River-Harris Schools Annual Scholarship

The Bark River Lions Club shall award scholarships to graduating seniors an amount to be determined by the Lions Club. The scholarships recognize students who have shown good citizenship by becoming involved in school and community volunteer activities and give of their time and talents in the service of others.

The selection of the recipients for the scholarships will be made by a committee of the Bark River Lions Club, based on criteria listed below, submitted by the student in a letter of application to the Bark River Lions Club by the scholarship deadline set by the Bark River-Harris Schools.

Scholarship recipients shall be awarded the funds after the student provides proof of enrollment at their institution of higher learning. The available funds are a one-time award and must be used in the school year directly following the awarding of the scholarship by the Bark River Lions Club.

Scholarship Criteria

The student must submit a letter of application to the Bark River Lions Club addressing the following criteria to be used in the selection process:

1. Applicant must be a full time student of Bark River-Harris Schools.
2. Applicant must be accepted as a student at an institution of higher learning or certified apprenticeship program and provide educational and career goals.
3. Applicant must provide GPA.
4. Applicant must list school and community involvement in activities, with particular emphasis on volunteer efforts, which will be the primary factor in selection of the recipients for the scholarship.

Bark River Lions Club
P.O. Box 123
Bark River, MI 49807

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Douglas Good Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Douglas Good. He was a highly motivated individual involved in our community. He was a member of the Bark River-Harris School Board for eight years and also coached Jr. High basketball for many years. Doug was always one who was willing to lend a helping hand.

Criteria for selection:

1. Must be a full time student at Bark River-Harris
2. Must be accepted as a full time student at an institution of higher learning
3. Students must relate the following in a letter of application addressed to the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee
   - School or community involvement activities, stressing volunteer efforts
   - Career goals- including college of choice
   - Grade point average
   - Name of college attending after graduation

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the family of Douglas Good based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Payment of the scholarship amount will be made to the student upon providing a tuition payment receipt to the Bark River-Harris administrative office.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Fred and Laura Derocher Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of area residents Fred and Laura Derocher who owned and operated Derocher's Market in Bark River for many years. The scholarship is for a student who must be in high academic standing, planning to attend Bay de Noc Community College, with priority given to a student going into the field of business, math, or a welding vocational track.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the family with recommendations from the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee based upon criteria requirements and a letter of application.

Your letter of application can be turned in to Mrs. Walechka.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application.

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Clint C. Roberts Memorial Scholarship

Clint was a former Bark River-Harris student who lost his life in an accident. His scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors with a 2.0 GPA or higher, who are attending any college. Preference will be given to someone going into a law enforcement career.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the Roberts' family based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Ms. Kittie Bone Scholarship

Ms. Bone was an elementary teacher at BR-H for 40 years. Her passion for teaching was rooted in helping all students succeed and discover their love for learning. This scholarship honors her unwavering dedication to education and is available to anyone attending a higher learning institution. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in education.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the family of Ms. Bone based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Diana Gonsowski Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Diana Gonsowski (Mrs. G.). Diana was a 1966 graduate of Bark River-Harris and was a well loved BR-H elementary teacher for 18 years. Her career was her passion. She was always thrilled to come to school programs and games to see her students doing what they loved. She was totally involved with her students from the day they entered her classroom till the day they graduated.

Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA. Priority for this scholarship will be given to a student entering a nursing or trades program.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the family of Mrs. G based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

American Legion Post 438

Local Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all BR-H seniors, one boy and one girl who have maintained a 3.0 GPA or better and who are children or grandchildren of Veterans or members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion Post 438 will make the selection.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Include a separate letter that references relatives, if possible, who have been in the armed services of the United States of America. Write about how this experience has influenced your education.

Payment will be awarded upon proof of enrollment in a college or university.

American Legion Post 438
P. O. Box 164
Bark River, MI. 49807

Bark River-Harris
Local Scholarship Program

Terry and Roxanne Monson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Terry and Roxanne Monson, longtime residents of the Bark River area. The Monson's were very involved in our school and community. Their scholarship is open to all BR-H students going to any college or institution of higher learning. The recipient must have a 2.0 GPA or higher and have been active in community service.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee and the Monson family based upon criteria requirements and letter of applications submitted.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Bark River-Harris

Local Scholarship Program

Ariel Pietsch Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of a member of the class of 2025, Ariel. She was a beautiful, loving, caring, energetic and quirky eleven year old girl who always tried to include everyone. You would always see her trying to befriend others who seemed to be alone. She always had a smile on her face to help brighten someone's day. She is remembered as a friend to all and is deeply missed by those who knew her.

Graduates receiving must be someone who exemplifies Ariel's quality of "always finding the kid who needs a friend. Applications must include an essay of no more than 300 words about an act of kindness they participated in , received, or witnessed and the impact it has made on them.

Selection of the recipient is to be made by the family with recommendations from the Bark River-Harris scholarship committee based upon criteria requirements and a letter of application.

Name_____

GPA_____

Class Rank_____

Name of College_____

College Major_____

Please attach a copy of your Scholarship Statement to this application.

Bark River-Harris Student Loan

Purpose- To encourage qualified students within the Bark River-Harris area to seek higher education beyond the secondary level, and to provide financial assistance to a limited number of such students through the awarding of loans.

Requirements for each applicant

1. Resident of Bark River-Harris area (no minimum period required), or graduate from Bark River-Harris School.
2. Acceptance by accredited school of higher learning.
3. Transcript of secondary school grades (if not a BR-H graduate).
4. Completion of application form.
5. Interview with the Student Loan Committee, if requested.
6. Presentation of Financial Need

Maximum amount loaned out - $500.00

Interest Rate – Interest free for the first year

5% per annum on unpaid balance

Repayment period – Within three years after graduation from college or discontinuance of schooling.

To be paid back according to the following schedule:

1st year 20% of Principal & Accrued Interest

2nd year 30% of Principal & Accrued Interest

3rd year 50% of Principal & Accrued Interest or Balance Due

****If the loan is paid back the first year, it is interest free.**

Actual amount loaned out is dependent upon the number of applicants and balance remaining in the Loan Fund.

To apply for a BR-H Student Loan see the Administrative Office.