



## APPLICATION

### FOR THE VINCENT BEGGS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*\*Complete this application if you are applying for either of the scholarships below.*

- **Beggs Memorial Scholarship:** *for students planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college or university to pursue an undergraduate degree.*  
Award Amount: \$5,000 (annual payment of \$1,250 up to four years)
- **Beggs Technical/Vocational Scholarship:** *for students planning to enroll full-time at an accredited vocational or technical institution of post-secondary education including certificate programs at Community/Junior Colleges.*  
Award Amount: \$2,500 (one-time payment)

Application Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2018

## **John Vincent Beggs Jr.**

March 2, 1930 – February 14, 2009

Mr. Beggs was a member of our community. He was raised on a family farm and obtained a Business Administration degree from Illinois Wesleyan in 1952. He served in the U.S. Air Force and had a career at State Farm Insurance Company. At his retirement from State Farm in 1989, he was supervising approximately \$40 billion worth of investments for the company. Vincent Beggs also served on Illinois Wesleyan University's Board for several years and in 1999 first served on the Board's Farm Committee. He began chairing the Farm Committee in 2003.

Mr. Beggs was proud of and appreciated his agrarian roots. He had a deep appreciation of the land and the opportunities that owning land provides. In 1987, after a successful career, he bought his first farm near Beason, Illinois. He was a strong proponent of conservation tillage – believing it was important to preserve and improve the soil for future generations. He also encouraged conservation tillage on both his own farm and the Wesleyan University farms.

Additionally, Mr. Beggs cared about future generations and helping mankind. After his death, nearly his entire estate was donated to various groups in the local area for the benefit of mankind at large as there were no immediate heirs. His land was donated to Illinois Wesleyan University and the remainder of the estate was primarily divided between several area colleges and high schools – including Clinton High School.

It was Mr. Beggs' desire to provide a scholarship to students who will be attending a vocational/technical school, college or university after graduation from Clinton High School. It was Mr. Beggs' intention for the scholarship to be awarded to those students who have demonstrated prior academic performance – but it is not necessarily limited to the top performers. The scholarship may be given to a student that as Mr. Beggs stated, "is a bit off the top". Recipients of the scholarship are also to be of good moral character and have a financial need.

It is the Clinton Community Educational Foundation's honor and privilege to be entrusted with this gift from Mr. Beggs. Mr. Beggs' gift is not just a gift of money – but rather it is a living legacy. It is a way to pass along to future generations that which he found important. It is a way to invest in people; the benefits of which will be reaped for years. On behalf of the late Mr. Beggs, the Foundation would like to wish you success in your future.

## Vincent Beggs Scholarship

Scholarship candidates are evaluated by completing an application and sitting for a personal interview, if invited, with the scholarship committee. A complete application includes:

- **General Information Document** – See attached form.
- **Video of Introduction** – Candidates should introduce themselves to the scholarship committee and discuss their future plans; what do you want to study and why; how do you plan to fund your education; and how do you plan to use the education you will receive. **Video shall not exceed 3 minutes in length.**
  - **How to Share your Video of Introduction**
    1. Create your video according to the application instructions above.
      - a. You may use your Surface, iPad, or cell phone, etc. to record your video.
    2. Upload your video file into your Google Drive (school account).
    3. Share the file with [ccefscholarships@cusd15.org](mailto:ccefscholarships@cusd15.org)

***If you need help with creating, uploading, or sharing your video, please see Mrs. Harrold (at the high school) for assistance.***
- **Personal Resume** – Please list your community and church activities, school extra-curricular, interests and hobbies, employment history and any honors/awards you have received while in high school.
- **High School Transcript** – Complete, except for the student's final semester
- **College Transcript(s)** - for any college courses completed while in high school
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** – Only one letter may be from a school district employee. Letters cannot be from a CCEF member or relative of the applicant.

Completed applications are to be returned in a sealed envelope to the high school guidance office by the application deadline noted on the application packet cover page. The outside of the envelope must be marked with the student's name and CCEF – Vincent Beggs Scholarship. The Video of Introduction file must be shared with [ccefscholarships@cusd15.org](mailto:ccefscholarships@cusd15.org) by the application deadline noted on the application packet cover page.

After submission of a complete application, selected students will be informed of the date, location and time for a personal interview with the scholarship committee. Failure to be present for the interview will disqualify the student from the selection process. The student should be prepared to speak with the scholarship committee about his/her application.

*Those students selected to receive a scholarship will receive further instructions outlining the eligibility requirements for disbursement of the scholarship award.*

*The number of scholarships awarded and/or the scholarship amount may vary each award year depending on Foundation income. Scholarship decisions are made by the scholarship committee which is comprised of district faculty members, CCEF board members and/or community members. The Clinton Community Educational Foundation has the final decision on all scholarship awards.*

Questions: Contact Nancy Stokowski 217-935-2723 or [nansto923@gmail.com](mailto:nansto923@gmail.com)

## General Information Document

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Email:	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Email:	
ACADEMIC INFORMATION		
Cumulative H.S. Grade Point Average:		ACT Composite Score:
POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION		
School/Program attendance plans: (please include the school/institute name and the program of study)		
APPLICANT CERTIFICATION		
I certify that I am currently enrolled and in the last academic year before graduation at Clinton Community High School; all the information provided as part of this application to the scholarship committee is true, correct and accurate.		
Signature of applicant:		Date: