



**Durham Middlefield**  
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## **BERNADETTE BASIEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

DMYFS will award one Bernadette Basiel Memorial Scholarship. Minimum \$500

Applications are due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Checks will be awarded directly to the recipient by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Must be a senior in high school from Durham, Middlefield, or Rockfall.
2. Must use the scholarship to fund further education, including but not limited to a college/university, a technical school, or a training program.

**Applicant Name:**

**Address:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

**Telephone Number:**

**How would you spend the scholarship money?**

**Grade Point Average:**



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**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:**

Bernadette was an avid volunteer and long-time supporter of the Durham-Middlefield community. She valued fairness and equality for all and demonstrated this in her social activism. An animal-lover and voracious gardener, Bernadette was known as a staunch environmentalist. As a businessperson and working mother, she demonstrated the values of industry and purpose-driven activity and instilled these into her children. The recipient of this scholarship should embody the essence of Bernadette's values through community involvement and volunteerism.

**ESSAY OR VIDEO OPTION**

Applicants are encouraged to address one of the prompts below in a 500-word essay or a 3-minute video. If possible, submissions should highlight real-life examples as well as any lessons learned and relevance to your future plans.

**PROMPTS (Please choose one and attach to the application when submitting)**

- Bernadette was purpose-driven and goal-oriented. Explain how your activities have demonstrated a focus on goals that support your core beliefs.
- Bernadette volunteered to make her community a better place. What have you done to improve, beautify, or support your community?
- Bernadette supported environmental causes and was concerned about our negative impact on the environment. Tell us how you have tried to lessen your negative impact on the environment by your activities.

Please submit your application by **May 15, 2026**, to:

DMYFS

405 Main Street, Unit 11

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Attn: Claudia White, Executive Director

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