

Urbandale Community Schools Education Foundation

The George E. and Helen E. Newsom Scholarship

Growing up in Des Moines as one of 10 children, George Newsom knew firsthand how financially difficult, if not impossible, it could be to attain a higher education. Although George's career as a general contractor did not demand a college education, his wife, Helen, recalls him saying, "I often wondered if I would have done any better if I had had a higher education." A deeply caring individual, George adored Urbandale, where he lived from 1960 until he died of cancer on June 9, 1996. He enjoyed people and sports, especially football. He was an active Urbandale supporter who wanted to see the city grow and who dabbled in the community's political arena now and then. And, says Helen, "He loved kids. He believed that everyone should have the opportunity to pursue a higher education." George also realized that, like during his own childhood, the high cost of postsecondary education makes it unattainable for many.

That's why George and Helen Newsom have so generously provided the funds to help qualifying Urbandale students pursue their own education beyond high school. Through the George E. and Helen E. Newsom Scholarship, George's legacy as an avid Urbandale supporter will continue for many years to come.

General information and eligibility requirements for the George E. and Helen E. Newsom Scholarship:

1. Two **need-based** scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female Urbandale High school student each year in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. **Application deadline is March 1 of each year.** Scholarship winners will be announced at the UHS Senior Awards ceremony.
2. Each applicant must be an Urbandale High School student. Upon graduation the applicant must enroll as a full-time student (12 + credits /semester) at an institution of higher learning (public or private) which maintains an accredited two or four-year program. The award will be made to the institution in the name of the student in two installments by semester.
3. The applicant must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.00.
4. The applicant must be in the top 50% of his/her graduating class.
5. The applicant must have participated in school and/or community activities during his/her high school career.
6. The applicant may be required to meet with the scholarship review panel for a personal interview. Writing a short impromptu essay will be a part of this process.
7. The scholarship award will be based upon all elements of the application with greatest emphasis placed on financial need.
8. The applicant may **not** be related to the Newsom family or any member of the scholarship review panel.
9. Application may be typed or computer printed (a copy of this application may be downloaded from the Urbandale web site <http://www.urbandaleschools.com>). All financial information contained within this application will be held strictly confidential.

Please print or type neatly.

Date: _____

Part I. General Information

Name: _____

S.S. Number: _____

Home Address: _____
(street) (town and state) (zip code)

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Occupations: _____

Part II. Academic Information (Enclose transcripts)

What is your high school GPA _____ High school class rank? _____ / _____
(your rank) (#graduating class)

What is your composite ACT and/or SAT score? ACT: _____ SAT: _____

What institution do you plan to attend? _____

What is your intended major? _____

Please describe your planned course of study and explain how this relates to your future life goals.

Part III. Activities (use additional sheet if necessary)

List all school-sponsored activities you have participated in during the last four years.

List all church, civic or community activities you have participated in during the last four years.

Part IV. Financial information

Since financial need is an important factor in selecting the recipient of this scholarship, the following information is critical to the selection committee in its deliberations. In addition to this information, we require that you submit a completed financial Need Estimation Report. For consistency and your convenience we will use a financial estimator developed by [Mark Kantrowitz](http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/esimate.html) and available at the Financial Organization internet site (<http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/esimate.html>) and in the Urbandale High School Counselor's office. The attached Financial Need worksheet will assist you in completing the report. The information is strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the members of the selection panel. It is very important that you answer each question accurately.

What are your expected education expenses for the next academic year?

Tuition: _____ Room & Board: _____ Other: _____ Total: _____

What is your parents'/guardians' net income? _____

How is your education being financed? _____

Do you (or will you) work during the year to support your education?

If so, approximate: Hours/week? _____ Annual earnings (all sources)? _____

Do you work during the summer? _____ If so, where? _____

Type of work? _____

Do you have a scholarship or tuition waiver for the current year? _____ If yes, please list below:
Approximately what percentage of your education expenses will be paid by your parents/guardians?

Do you have any other sources of income? _____ If so, please describe: _____

Do you have any debts? _____ If yes, detail the amount and description of debts: _____

Approximate total amount in savings, checking accounts, cash? _____

Number of family members in college? _____

Why do you feel you qualify for financial assistance? _____

Part V: Personal references

Please submit two written character reference letters by separate cover in support of this application. Include with the reference letters a signed copy of the Access Waiver form. References may not be relatives of the applicant. Please inform the people writing your reference letter of the **March 1** deadline.

I understand and agree that any false or incomplete information in this application will constitute grounds for the revocation of any scholarship awarded to the Applicant and also the recovery of any funds disbursed by the Foundation. By signing this Application, the Applicant certifies that all of the above information is accurate and complete. The Applicant further certifies he/she has read and understands the requirements for this scholarship and criteria for awarding the scholarship and that the decision of the Committee is final.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

It is the policy of the Urbandale Education Foundation not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or disability in its education programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before March 1 of the current year.

No applications will be accepted past the deadline.

Return your completed application to:

**Urbandale Community School District
George E. and Helen E. Newsom Scholarship Committee
Attention: Shelly Clifford, Director of Business Services
11152 Aurora Avenue
Urbandale, Iowa 50322-2838**

Checklist

- Completed application postmarked by March 1.
- Financial Need Estimation Report (from the Urbandale counselor's office or at <http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/estimate.html>)
- High school transcripts
- Signed access Waiver form
- Two letters of reference (sent under separate cover)

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Access Waiver Form (include with application)

Applicant's Name: _____

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (PL 93-380) allows a candidate to waive her/his rights of access to recommendations written on her/his behalf. You are not required to waive access. Under the legislation, you have the option of signing the waiver

Check one and sign:

- I waive my right of access to the recommendations
- I do not waive my right of access to the recommendations

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Check one and sign:

- I waive my right of access to this recommendation
- I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Aid Information Worksheet

To assess financial need we will require that you complete a Financial Need Estimation form and submit the calculated information with the completed application. For consistency and your convenience we will use a financial estimator developed by [Mark Kantrowitz](http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/estimate.html), available at the Financial Organization internet site (<http://www.finaid.org/finaid/calculators/estimate.html>) and in the Urbandale High School Counselor's office. This program is based upon the federal forms used for the FAFSA form to prepare an estimate of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and financial need.

This estimator computes an **estimate** of the EFC using a formula very similar to the Federal Methodology approved by Congress and used by school financial aid administrators when awarding Federal aid. Although the formula is virtually identical to the Federal Methodology, the EFC calculated by this program could vary greatly from the EFC figures calculated by the Federal processor and a school's financial aid administrators

We ask that you use this worksheet to collect the needed information, then complete the Financial Need Estimation using the calculator program in the Counselor's office. **Submit a printed copy of the results with the completed application**

General Instructions

When entering dollar amounts, please enter whole dollar amounts (no cents. Round off all figures to the nearest dollar, rounding up for 50 cents or more, and rounding down for 49 cents or less. For example, \$1,213.58 would be entered as 1214 in the appropriate field.

If you leave a field blank, it will be assumed to be zero.

The following explanations apply to both the parent information section and the student information section.

- *Earned Income*: This is your salary, wages, and tips. This figure is used to calculate some of the tax allowances, so be sure to include both this figure and the adjusted Gross Income (AGI) figure in the estimator form, or the results will be off.
- *Untaxed Income*: This is untaxed income and benefits, such as Social Security benefits, AFDC, child support, welfare, pensions, military subsistence allowances, and veterans benefits.
- *Tax-Deferred Income*: This includes the amount contributed to IRA, 401k, and Keogh payments for the prior tax year. You are *not* required to include the total amounts in these retirement funds, only the amount contributed during the prior tax year.
- *Federal Tax Paid*: This includes income tax paid. Do not use the amount of tax *withheld* on your W-2, but the actual federal income tax *paid*. (Do not include any FICA (Social Security) tax paid, as this will be calculated automatically from the figures reported for earned income.)
- *Liquid Assets*: This includes cash, savings accounts, and checking accounts.
- *Net Home Equity*: This is the net value of the family home (e.g., the current market value less the outstanding balance on the mortgage). For the Newsom Scholarship you will be using the Federal Methodology in calculating the EFC, since it is ignored in this method this item is not applicable
- *Other Assets*: This includes other real estate equity (not your principal residence) and the net worth of any investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.). Do not include the value of the family home nor the value of any retirement funds or pensions.
- *Net Worth of Business or Farm*: Do not include the value of the farm if it is the family home (primary residence).

This form estimates the EFC for a *single* year, so please enter school costs, scholarships, and financial information accordingly.

Financial Aid Estimation Form

When you enter the information, choose "**Federal Methodology**" to get an estimate of your financial need.

Student Status:

The [requirements](#) for a student to be considered "independent" for financial aid purposes are very strict. If you aren't genuinely independent, you should select "Dependent Student" below.

If you are an independent student, do not fill in the parent information section, but do add the salary and assets of your spouse to your own in the student information section and provide your family information (not your parents' family information) in the family information section.

Enrollment:

	Full Time
	3/4 Time
	Half Time
	Less Than half time

Dependency Status:

	Dependent Student
	Independent Student

If independent, do you have any dependents other than yourself and a spouse?

	Yes
	No

If independent, please indicate your marital status:

	Single
	Married (only student is enrolled)
	Married (student and spouse both enrolled)

Family Information:

The number in family is the family size, including the student. It should include the number of people in the household that will get more than half their support during the award year from the household.

- If the student is independent, include the student's spouse. Also include the student's children if they get more than half their support from the student. Other people may be included only if they currently live with the student, currently get more than half of their support from the student, and will continue to get more than half their support from the student during the award year.
- If the student is dependent, include the student and the student's parents. Also include the parents' other children if they get more than half their support from the parents (or if they would be required to provide parental information when submitting a FAFSA). Other people may be included only if they currently live with and currently get more than half of their support from the student's parents, and will continue to get more than half their support from the student's parents during the award year.

Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, and so on.

The number in college should include only those family members who are enrolled at least half time and working toward a degree in an eligible accredited Title IV institution of higher education. (Students enrolled in one of the military academies, such as West Point and Annapolis, do not count.) The student should always be counted, even if the student is enrolled less than half-time.

Number in Family:	
Number in College:	

Parent Information:

If the parents are married and file a joint income tax return, the income and taxes should be listed only once in the column for parent #1. Likewise, if assets are owned jointly by both parents, please enter the value only once, in the column for parent #1. If the parents are married but file separate tax returns, please use both columns.

If the parents are divorced, list only the income and assets for the custodial parent in the parent information section. If the custodial parent has remarried, however, list the financial information for the stepparent in the column for parent #2.

The following questions ask whether the parents were eligible to file one of the simpler tax forms, not which form was actually filed.

Were your parents required to file a tax return during the tax year prior to the award year?

	Yes
	No

If your parents filed a tax return, were they eligible to file an IRS Form 1040A, 1040EZ, or 1040TEL?

	Yes
	No

When filling in the "State of Legal Residence" please use the appropriate [two-letter state abbreviation](#).

State of Legal Residence:	
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If one of the parents is deceased and the living parent has not remarried, leave the second age field blank.

	Parent #1	Parent #2
Age:		
Earned Income		
Adjusted Gross Income:		
Untaxed Income:		
Tax-Deferred Income:		
Federal Tax Paid:		
Liquid Assets		
Net Home Equity:	N/A	N/A
Other Assets:		
Net Worth Business or Farm:		

Student Information:

The following questions ask whether you (and your spouse) were eligible to file one of the simpler tax forms, not which form was actually filed.

Were you (or your spouse) required to file a tax return during the tax year prior to the award year?

	Yes
	No

If you (or your spouse) filed a tax return, were you eligible to file an IRS Form 1040A, 1040EZ, or 1040TEL?

	Yes
	No

When filling in the "State of Legal Residence" please use the appropriate [two-letter state abbreviation](#).

State of Legal Residence:	
Earned Income:	
Adjusted Gross Income:	
Untaxed Income:	<input type="text"/>
Tax-Deferred Income:	<input type="text"/>
Federal Tax Paid	
Liquid Assets:	
Net Home Equity	<input type="text"/>
Other Assets:	<input type="text"/>
Net Worth Business or Farm:	<input type="text"/>

For the "Scholarships and Other Resources" field, please include any outside scholarships and educational resources. Resources include veteran's benefits and prepaid tuition plans. If the scholarship or resource is to be paid over four years, please specify the amount available during a single year.

Scholarships and Other Resources:	<input type="text"/>
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Estimated School Costs:

Information about school costs and standard "student budgets" can be obtained from financial aid and admissions brochures and catalogs provided by the college or university or by consulting college cost references such as those published by Peterson's. Please enter the costs for a *single* year.

	School #1
Tuition:	
Fees:	
Room and Board:	
Books and Supplies:	
Transportation To/From Home:	
Health Insurance:	
Incidental Expenses:	

Acknowledgments: This worksheet is modified from the form developed by [Mark Kantrowitz](#) and is based, in part, upon a SYLK worksheet provided by Chris Tillman of [Chinook College Funding Service](#), and published EFC formulas provided by the US Department of Education. The worksheet was ported to PERL and HTML and extended and corrected by Mark Kantrowitz. Advice, information, and comments were provided by Michael Alexander, Steve Brooks, Ellen Frishberg, Richard Heckman, D. Sherwin Hibbets, Phyllis K. Hooyman, Chris Johnson, Geri R. Larsen, Steven A. Murray, and Ann White.

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