

*The Becky Strickland Echols  
Memorial Scholarship*

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*This fund is a non-profit organization created in the year 2000  
by the family of Becky Strickland Echols  
in order to honor her lifetime commitment to her community.  
Scholarships are awarded to outstanding high school seniors  
Who aspire to better themselves through education.*

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## Application/ Information/ Criteria

### About the Scholarship

Becky Strickland Echols was one of the most giving individuals one could ever know. She gave of herself unconditionally to her family, friends and community.

Mrs. Echols graduated from Hiram High School in 1968. After attending West Georgia College, she began her career in banking as a teller in 1978. From there she forged new opportunities for women in business and was eventually named the first female to sit on the Board of Directors at the First National Bank of Paulding County. Through numerous acquisitions, she was promoted within the company many times and ultimately named President of Regions Bank West Metro, again the first female bank president within the Corporation.

In addition to her achievements in the banking industry, Becky was also a leader in Paulding's business community. She served as President of the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce and was named their Business Leader of the year in 1990, the first year the award was given. Later, the Paulding Chamber honored her again with Citizen of the Year, an award her father Ben Hill Strickland received in 1973. She is currently the only person to ever receive both honors from the chamber.

Becky Echols was a person of high ideals whose friendship was cherished by all who knew her. She worked hard to foster growth and positive change in her community and will be remembered and greatly missed by her family and friends. The purpose of this scholarship is to award deserving students the opportunity to further their education in honor of Becky Strickland Echols.

Becky Echols had a unique gift of touching the lives of those she came in contact with, and a light will always shine in those lives she so specially touched. It is our hope that the recipient of this scholarship will be an example of that eternal light that will always be Becky.

## Awards/Funding

Awards will be made in an amount established by the trustees of the fund. Funding for this scholarship is obtained through contributions from local organizations and individuals. Donations may be in the form of cash, bonds, stock, etc. All local associations are encouraged to make annual contributions. Current policy determines the amount of scholarship funds to be disbursed in any fiscal year.

## Application

In order to apply for the Becky Strickland Echols Memorial Scholarship, the enclosed application must be completed and post marked before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Decision on recipients is made at the annual spring meeting of the Scholarship Board. Please send scholarship applications to:

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## Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior accepted by an accredited post-secondary institution or a certified technical school, or be enrolled already at such school;
2. Have at least a grade average of "C" at the time of application; and
3. Complete the application and mail it to the above address on time.

*Note: Additional criteria on application form.*

## Selection

There are four trustees of this scholarship. The trustees, also comprising the scholarship selection committee, meet throughout the year at board meetings. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, community service and activities, career goals, a letter of recommendation, and financial need. The selection committee weighs each of these areas very carefully.

*Note: For additional details, see notes at end of application form.*

## APPLICATION

### The Becky Strickland Echols Memorial Scholarship

#### Section I.

##### Personal Data

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above)

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different from above)

#### Section II.

##### Academic Information (Current and Future)

High School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address \_\_\_\_\_

S. A.T. Score \_\_\_\_\_ or A.C.T. Score \_\_\_\_\_

What University/College/Technical School do you plan to attend and what area do you plan to study?

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Or

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Stated Major \_\_\_\_\_

Student Account #/Financial Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section III.**  
**Activities**

(Additional pages may be used for this section. Please attach sheets to the application.)

Activity	No. of Years Participated	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Special Awards, Honors**

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Work Experience			
Employer/Position	FROM (Month/Year)	TO (Month/Year)	Hours/wk.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Section IV.**  
**Recommendation**

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher/counselor/principal at your current school. Alternatively, a letter from your pastor or manager will suffice. These may be emailed to [krechols@hotmail.com](mailto:krechols@hotmail.com) if email is more convenient.

**Section IV.**  
**Student Narrative**

In one page or less, please provide a written response addressing the following points. Please attach this to your application on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Your decision to pursue a higher degree of education.
2. Your reason(s) for applying for this scholarship; and
3. Your ultimate careers goal and your reason(s) for selection this goal.

**Section V.**  
**Financial Information**

Please describe why you may need scholarship assistance to achieve your goals.

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Please list all other scholarships or financial assistance you will receive.

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**Section VI.**  
**Submission**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that the information contained within this application is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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**Section VII.**  
**Verification**

Received by Scholarship Board \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Executive Officer)

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information/Criteria for  
The Becky Strickland Echols Memorial Scholarship

1. Applicants may be considered for scholarship support only if they will be entering or are in their continuing years at an accredited post secondary institution or a certified technical school.
2. The Scholarship board must receive applications no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Scholarships shall normally be awarded annually to begin the fall quarter/semester of each school year.
3. Scholarship amounts may vary. Awards may be made to cover actual training cost for full-time study in an accredited post secondary institution or an accredited technical school or to a level determined by the Scholarship's Trustees. Scholarship funds may be applied to cover actual expenses for tuition, fees, books, and special supplies. Costs for room/board may also be covered. Scholarship funds may only be applied toward actual expenses for items considered reasonable or routine for any student enrolled in the same program of study at the same institution.
4. Scholarships are non-renewable.
5. Applicant must have at least a grade average of "C" at the time of application, and must maintain this "C" for each quarter of study completed in order to remain on scholarship during subsequent quarters. Confirmation of a student's quarterly grades and grade average must be provided to the Scholarship by means of an official school grade report or transcript.
6. Scholarship awards shall be made with the expectation that the student will remain enrolled in full-time study through consecutive quarters or grading periods (Summer Quarter/Semester study not required). Any interruption in this method of continuous enrollment must be justified in writing to the Scholarship Board. Any unjustified interruption in the student's full-time study schedule may result in cancellation of the student's scholarship approval.
7. Applicants must provide copies of S.A.T./A.C.T. scores, high school and/or college transcripts. If a student has participated in a joint enrollment program and or A.P. level courses, grades will be considered accordingly and these grades should also be included as transcripts.