RKB Scholarship Fund
Honoring the Anniston High School Class of 1961 Guidelines



Dan and Becky Brown

Tribute: Dan and Becky Brown established the RKB Scholarship Fund Honoring the Anniston High School Class of 1961 with two goals. First, the Scholarship was to make it helpful for Anniston High School students to attend Career Tech (or "hands-on college" as one of Becky's students said when asked what his plans were after high school). Becky and Dan chose to begin this Scholarship, hoping others might follow.

The second purpose is to honor the people who gave so much to Becky as she attended school in Anniston. She began as a first-grader at Noble Street School and continued until she graduated from Anniston High School. Along the way, she gathered new friends as she entered Johnston Junior High School because that's where all elementary students were gathered together, including friends from Fort McClellan. Then at Anniston High School, students were joined by Saks students, who had no high school at that time. Becky remembered at her graduation ceremony that her principal made the statement that he had never see a class like this one, that it was extraordinary. Becky learned through the years that he was right. The people who graduated with her have proven to be amazing. The class has doctors, nurses, lawyers, educators, mental health workers, pastors, businessmen and women, military (including an army general), bankers, international bankers, scout leaders, and everything in between. The astonishing part is that they are such amazingly good and giving people. They have been givers of time, talent, and money. Of course, like most classes, they are spread across the world but have managed to stay in touch with annual reunions, word of mouth, parents, and all manner of communication. In creating this Scholarship, Becky wants to say thank you to all the gentle men and women who touched her life and helped make her, and to say "well done, good and faithful servants"!

Award: The scholarship benefits individuals pursuing an associate, dual enrollment support, or State of Alabama approved workforce training program. The award is for either part-time or full-time enrolled students to attend any accredited institution of higher learning in the United States. This award is restricted to the field of studies identified by the Alabama State Department of

Labor's High Demand Occupations. The award is renewable annually for two years, providing that the recipient continues to maintain the standards of these Guidelines.

The Community Foundation will project and allocate the assets available for scholarship awards depending on the Fund's annual income. This scholarship is strictly funded based on available assets. The award can be used for tuition, institutional housing, supplies, books, and fees. Even though a scholarship is listed as "renewable," this does not guarantee a future award. The award amount can change each year or semester based on available assets; therefore, recipients are encouraged to apply for other available financial resources.

Due to the renewable nature of the fund, it may not be available on an annual basis. Please contact the Community Foundation to inquire about award dates.

Eligibility: Current students and graduates from Anniston High School, located in Anniston, AL, between the ages of 16 and 25 years old are eligible to apply for the Scholarship without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin or disability. The following priorities will be given to applicants: 1) students seeking a degree or certificate in the fields listed by the State of Alabama Department of Labor as "high demand" occupations; and 2) documented financial need.

All donors and relatives of those donors, who contribute more than two percent of the Fund's assets, are ineligible to receive a scholarship from the Fund. In addition, the Foundation's Board of Trustees, former trustees, staff and Scholarship Review Committee members, including their spouses, children, adopted children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, are prohibited from applying or receiving any scholarship, grant or financial award from the Foundation. Based on IRS regulations, this disqualifying exclusion exists for three (3) years after concluding volunteer service or employment.

Application: Application and Guidelines are available online at www.cfnea.org. The Community Foundation will maintain and revise as necessary the guidelines and application documents. Applications must be electronically submitted to the Community Foundation by **March 1** of each year.

Scholarship Review Committee: In compliance with federal law, scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Community Foundation's Scholarship Review Committee, solely appointed by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The committee will submit their recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for their final approval.

Review Process: Students are required to submit the application packet on-line at www.cfnea.org by **March 1**. Foundation staff will screen the application for clarity and completeness. The applications deemed by Foundation staff to be clear and complete will be presented to the Scholarship Review Committee for review and scoring. The scores and recommendations will be compiled by the Foundation's staff and submitted to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval.

Award Distributions: The Foundation will make scholarship payment at the beginning of each academic semester. Distributions will not be made until the Foundation receives all required documentation, including but not limited to: (1) certified proof of enrollment from the institution, (2) confirmation that the recipient is enrolled in a program; and, (3) school transcripts. Checks are made directly to the financial administration office at the college or institution. No distribution will be made to any individual for any reason.

Continuing scholarship payments are made based on regular renewal reviews. The scholarship recipient must provide the Foundation with an official college or university transcript at the end of each academic term (quarter or semester). Failure to maintain the above standards will result in the termination of the Scholarship.

Students must notify the Foundation of any additional educational or financial aid grants or awards immediately. In addition, the Foundation is to be notified if there is any change in the student's financial support.

An Award may not be renewed beyond the customary time period required for the completion of a degree: two years for an associate degree and four years for a bachelor's degree. An Award to a part-time Scholarship Recipient may not be renewed beyond six years of progressive study.

Formal Handwritten Thank You Card: Communications of gratitude for this award from scholarship recipients can be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Daniell M. Brown in care of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. You are required to mail in a handwritten thank you note by June 1 of each year of the scholarship.

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Responsibility of Recipient: Each scholarship recipient is responsible for fulfilling requirements for admission to the college or university of choice. The scholarship recipient must enter a post-secondary institution of higher learning no later than the fall term following the selection and award; otherwise, they forfeit the award. No award shall be carried over beyond twelve months from the date of acceptance. Recipients not completing the full academic year must request the institution to reimburse the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for any funds eligible for refund because of separation from the academic program.

Conditions: The RKB Scholarship Guidelines are not a contract. No obligation or liability of any kind will be imposed upon a scholarship recipient; nor will the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, except as expressly stated in this document, assume any obligation or liability. These guidelines are subject to change; therefore, applicants should inquire if revised guidelines have been issued. Changes may impact the due date of the application documents. The Foundation respects the privacy and confidentiality of all personal information.

The Community Foundation will not; (1) accept applications that are presented after the due date; (2) contact students to locate missing documents such as transcripts, (3) contact students to return the Letter of Acceptance form; or, (4) contact students to provide proof of enrollment in order to receive payment.

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