

# IVAN K. BLOUGH VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & GRADUATES

## SECTION 1

Student Name:

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Address:

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City & Zip:

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Email:

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Do you live within the Lowell School District boundaries?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## SECTION 2

Must demonstrate a minimum of **15** hours of Volunteer Service at a non-profit organization or church in the Greater Lowell Community.

Where were your volunteer hours completed?

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*(Attach Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship Volunteer Hour Timesheet)*

## SECTION 3

Attach a separate sheet and share a little about yourself, career goals and why you have chosen the field you are pursuing.

## SECTION 4

Please attach two letters of recommendation. One can be from a Teacher/Employer; one must be from someone who can speak to your Volunteer Service in Section 2.

Signature:

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Date:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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Date:

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# IVAN K BLOUGH VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP LEGACY

In June of 2010, the Lowell Community lost a treasured person, Ivan K Blough. The community was overwhelmed with a desire to honor Mr. Blough. The Chamber thought the best way to achieve this was to bring back our scholarship program designating it the Ivan K Blough Scholarship. The Blough family discussed this and felt it would indeed honor their father, and by pooling contributions, we could have a larger impact, minimize administrative costs and the complexity of the application process.

The Chamber Foundation established a perpetual scholarship endowment fund that is managed by the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The Chamber uses its Annual Golf Outing as a vehicle to raise funds for the endowment, along with other community members, organizations and businesses that wished to contribute.



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The Greater  
**Lowell Chamber**  
Foundation presents:

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# VISION

The Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship Fund ideal is to encourage career skills and educational opportunities for high school seniors & graduates within the Lowell Area Schools District boundaries. To promote and foster volunteerism and pride in the Greater Lowell Community and demonstrate community service before self. To honor Ivan, we wish to seek individuals destined for trade schools, agri-science studies/business, local commercial business entrepreneurial endeavors, etc.

# OBJECTIVE

To accumulate and distribute scholarship funds for the purpose of underwriting a portion of the post-secondary school tuition costs to vocational or credited institutions.

# SELECTION PROCESS

The Scholarship Committee will meet on an annual basis at the request of the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director for the purpose of reviewing submitted applications.

# CRITERIA

Two year certificate or technical certificate programs as well as trade skills development (Applications for 4-year college will not be considered).

# ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration of scholarship award, the candidate must:

- Submit with the application an official high school transcript or GED certification.
- Proof of enrollment in certification program or acceptance to classes from a vocational or trade school.
- Show evidence of a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service within the Greater Lowell Community or internship with a Lowell Area Chamber Member business of chosen career.
- Candidates live within the Lowell Area School District boundaries includes Home School, non-traditional and private school students.
- Scholarship will not be judged on GPA

# APPLICATION DEADLINE

To be eligible for consideration, application, volunteer hours, and required attachments are to be received at Lowell High School, Scholarship Committee, the 3rd Friday in the Month of March by end of school day. Student will be notified prior to the Honors Night at Lowell High School in the month of May.



# WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

A volunteer is a person that has a spirit of service, creativity, sensitivity for human pain, strong moral values, the ability to work in a team, and a social conscience. They practice solidarity, leadership, good interpersonal relationships, discipline, communication skills, and care for themselves and for others.

Volunteering is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. It is considered as serving the society through own interest, personal skills or learning, which in return produces a feeling of self-worth and respect, instead of money. Volunteering enhances skills of development, to socialize and to have fun. It is also intended to make contacts for possible employment or for a variety of other reasons.

Community volunteering refers to volunteers who work to improve our community in which we live. Neighborhood, church, and community groups play a key role in building strong cities from the neighborhoods up. Supporting these understaffed groups can enable them to succeed in a variety of areas, which connect social, environmental, and economic boundaries.

Volunteers are priceless commodities!

## INTERNAL USE ONLY

Application #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_