

David & Joelene Carper Scholarship

The Carpers graduated from Wayne State College (1978 and 1980) and started teaching at Bancroft, Nebraska, (1978-1981). They then moved to Iowa and taught 10 years at Nishna Valley, Hastings, Iowa, (1981-1991). Lastly, they moved to Clarinda and taught 29 years at Clarinda High School from 1991-2020. Their three children (Jessica, Adam, and Katie) all attended Clarinda Schools and graduated from Clarinda High School.

David taught industrial tech classes (Architectural Drafting, AutoCAD, Pre-Engineering, Home Improvement, Autos, Small Engines, and Exploratory Tech). During his teaching career, he was head coach of football (32 years), boy's track (42 years) and weightlifting (42 years).

Joelene taught business classes (Accounting I, Accounting II, General Business, and Personal Finance). She was also TAG Advisor, AP Online Mentor, Beginning Teacher Mentor, District Lead Teacher, CTE Leader, and in earlier years, was the CHS Cheerleading Sponsor.

The Carpers both enjoy church and community activities, Booster Club for 29 years, helped with 4-H for 13 years, and directed the Youth Track Program for 25 years.

The following guidelines will be used in making the scholarship selection:

- 1. This scholarship requires the student to fill out the local application form.
- 2. This scholarship requires the student to submit a total of two letters of recommendation. One letter from a school staff member and one letter from a person outside of the school that is not related to you.
- 3. This \$500 scholarship is to assist with the cost of tuition for an Industrial Tech or a Business student who is entering into any of the following fields at an accredited trade/vocational school, community college or university:
 - i. Industrial Tech Program Examples: Auto Mechanics, Diesel Mechanics, Carpentry, Architectural Drafting, Engineering, Electronics, Plumbing, H-Vac, Welding, etc.

- ii. Business Program Examples: Accounting, Banking, Economics, Business Management, Business Marketing, Finance, Information Systems, etc.
- 4. The Carpers shall disburse the scholarship grant to a trade/vocational school, college or university indicated by the recipient in one payment within the first month of the student's first semester in which the scholarship is awarded.
- 5. The selection committee shall consist of a minimum of three individuals: 1) the Clarinda Community High School Principal; 2) the Clarinda High School Counselor; and 3) a member of the David & Joelene Carper family.
- 6. The selection committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship should they determine that no applicant is worthy.
- 7. Special consideration will be based on need, scholarly achievement, character, and reputation.
- 8. The scholarship shall be awarded without regard to race, color, creed, gender, nationality, origin or physical handicap.
- 9. The application must be type-written or computer-generated and shall include an essay addressing the following:
 - i. The trade school, college, or university that the graduate plans to attend.
 - ii. The intended major of the graduating senior, and why they have chosen this as their major field of study.
 - iii. Explain their high school coursework in industrial tech or business, and how this influenced them to choose their field of study.
 - iv. The senior's contributions to their high school.
 - v. The senior's contributions to their community.