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BARBER FAMILY FOUNDATION OPENS 2023 FUNDING ROUND TO PIKE COUNTY STUDENTS

Chicago – The Barber Family Foundation has released its 2023 online scholarship application which is available at www.barberfamilyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting the application is March 17, 2023.

The Foundation's grants are available to any Pike County student for **educational or recreational endeavors** [including but not limited to college tuition, course books, camp fees (sports, arts, language, etc.), study abroad programs, summer school, etc.].

The Foundation offers three notable scholarships among its portfolio of awards:

Charles and Frances Barber Scholarship

This \$2,500 college scholarship is awarded annually to a Pittsfield High School graduating senior in memory of Charles and Frances Barber. Charles was a lifetime resident of Pike County and a graduate of Pittsfield High School. Frances was a long-time resident and taught in the Pittsfield school system. To apply for this scholarship, complete the 2023 Academic Scholarship Application.

The K.C. and Eleanor Barber Scholarship

This college scholarship is awarded annually to a Pittsfield High School graduating senior who participates and excels in the school's golf program. The award is made in memory of K.C. Barber, who was a longtime Pittsfield resident and veteran of World War II, and his wife Eleanor. K was the seven time club champion at Old Orchard Country Club and also once won as club champion at Jacksonville Country Club. Eleanor was an avid golfer and also charter member of Old Orchard CC. To apply for this scholarship, complete the 2023 Academic Scholarship Application.

Mary Longyear Barber Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Pike County student who is a musician and/or plans to go into the healthcare or other field to serve others. The award is offered in memory of Mary L. Barber who was an accomplished pianist and a lifelong music lover. Even in her later years when she suffered from Alzheimer's, she was able to find comfort and joy in music. Mary lived a life of service and spent many hours volunteering and serving others most notably with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. To apply for this scholarship, complete the 2023 Academic Scholarship Application.

Charles Austin "Chip" Barber IV University of Illinois Scholarship

This scholarship is for Pike County students attending the University of Illinois. Chip grew up in Pittsfield, Illinois where he enjoyed golfing and music and graduated from Pittsfield High School. He was appointed as a Congressional Page in the U. S. House of Representatives in Washington, DC and spent his high school senior year there. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was elected Treasurer. He graduated in 1982 with a degree in Finance and earned his CPA license. To apply for this scholarship, complete the 2023 Academic Scholarship Application.

The Foundation was formed in 2004 in recognition of the Barber family that has been in Pike County since Austin Barber settled there in 1833. The Barber Family Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and accepts tax-exempt donations on an ongoing basis with 99% of all donated dollars going directly to Pike County students. Donations can be mailed to:

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