



2022 Annual Scholarship

Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank announces a competition that enables high school seniors to enter a state-wide scholarship writing contest. It is all part of a program sponsored by Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank, other Illinois community banks, and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase awareness of locally owned banks and their contributions to the community.

2022 will mark the 12th year that Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank has offered a \$500.00 local scholarship to one student in each of our three counties. By partnering with CBAI, we are able to offer high school seniors the chance to win **additional** award money!

- \$500 PS&Co. scholarship will be awarded to one student in each of our four counties; Cass, Mason, Menard & Morgan!
- A monetary award of \$1,000 a year for 4 years will be given to the author of the best entry submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating high school senior.
- Up to 12 additional first place \$1,000 awards and 12 second place \$500 awards are available throughout the state.
- And, as in previous years, the high school of the overall winner will receive \$500.00

In this packet you will find the following documents:

- ✓ Student Application and Background Information form
- ✓ Scholarship Guidelines
- ✓ Scholarship Entry Assignment
- ✓ A Program Checklist

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO PETEFISH, SKILES & CO. BANK:

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022



CBAI FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY BANKING 2022 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFICIAL STUDENT APPLICATION

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FOUNDATION USE ONLY

Manuscript # _____

Group # _____

Date Received _____

Questions? E-mail:
bobbw@cba.com

Please complete the information requested below and affix this application to **TWO** copies of your **essay**. Return the application and the copies of your essay to your high-school counselor or English teacher (if applicable), or your local sponsoring community bank. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON EITHER COPY OF YOUR ESSAY!**

Student's Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Sponsoring Bank _____

Sponsoring Bank Contact/Title _____

Bank Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Tel. No. _____ E-mail _____

Note: You may not submit through more than one bank, or you will be disqualified.

IF APPLICABLE:

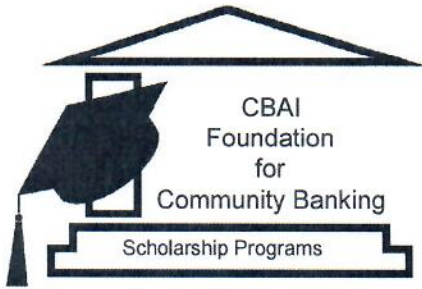
School Name _____

School Contact _____ Title _____

School Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Tel No. _____ E-mail _____



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Personal Data

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____

Please attach an essay as required by the scholarship instructions.

GPA as of most recent semester: _____

Special Awards & Other School Activities

Please list:

Community Service

Please describe:

Planned Educational Pursuits

Name of school: _____

Career Interests: _____

The information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information and all supporting documents will be held in the strictest confidence by the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking. I further understand that all scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the aforementioned Foundation and that all decisions are final.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking provides monetary awards for top high-school seniors statewide. The total awards available this year by the Foundation is \$21,000. These awards help deserving students highlight the importance of community banking to the local economy. You could win up to \$4,000 for higher education, and your school is eligible to win \$500!

Judges will select the top essays statewide written by high-school seniors who best capture the following theme: ***How has the response of community banks differed from that of the megabanks during the global pandemic?***

Judges will be looking for an understanding of what a community bank is and its role in the local economy. The essay should emphasize the philosophy of community banking, but **MAKE NO REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC BANK, BANKER, NOR CITY.**

Competition: Competition is open to Illinois high-school seniors who are sponsored by a CBAI member bank; it is not based on financial need. Students must be U.S. citizens and residents of Illinois. ***Student bank employees, plus the immediate families of any bank's employees, board members, and CBAI employees are ineligible.*** Students are asked to write a one-page essay on the theme, (not to exceed one page in length and); double-spaced using the font Times New Roman with 10-12-point size. ***Do not submit your essay to more than one bank or you will be disqualified.***

Researching the Essay: Contestants will find that the most meaningful research about the subject will be gained from a tour of a local community bank and an interview with a bank officer.

Essays: An original and two copies of the essay, the Official Application, and the Background Information Forms are to be submitted to a designated high-school counselor, English teacher, or other designated person at the school (if applicable). If the local school is not involved, students should return these documents to the sponsoring bank. A special local committee will review all manuscripts and select the local contest winners, if applicable, and send as many as essays to the CBAI Foundation for the statewide competition as the bank is allowed.

Essay Integrity: Essays must be written entirely by the student, without additional correction, grading or enhancement by any other party, including teachers and parents. Students may not collaborate with one another. Students may not view other students' work prior to submission. Use of the Wikipedia definition of a community bank will result in points taken off. Violation of any of these rules will be cause for ineligibility of the essay.

Judging Criteria: Judges will use the following criteria to evaluate each essay: understanding of the community banking philosophy, accurate information, clear and concise sentences, logical organization, proper grammar, correct punctuation and spelling, and conclusion/summary.

Deadline: Essays must be received by the CBAI Foundation via the sponsoring bank by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, to be eligible for judging. Check with the local sponsoring bank for its preliminary judging deadline. Essays received by the CBAI Foundation after March 2 will not be accepted for judging. NOTE: Semi-finalists will be required to make a presentation of their submission to a community group of no fewer than five individuals; the purpose is to increase the understanding of our profession. Semi-finalists will also sign an Intent Form indicating they intend to continue their education at a college, university, or accredited trade school.

Scholarship Amounts: Monetary awards will be given in addition to any other grants or awards the student may receive and will be made directly to the winners. However, the winner must sign a statement that he/she will use the award to further his/her education. The monetary awards provided for the overall winner will be \$1,000 per year for up to four years of higher education, with up to 11 additional awards of \$1,000 and up to 12 second-place awards of \$500 each, depending on the quality of the essays. A check for \$500 will be presented to the overall winning student's school. Non-monetary "Honorable Mentions" may also be awarded.

Questions? E-mail: bobbw@cbai.com



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PLEASE WRITE A ONE-PAGE ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING THEME:

How has the response of community banks differed from that of the megabanks during the global pandemic?

(Length of the essay is not to exceed one-page; doubled spaced, using Times New Roman font, and 10-12-point size.)



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MAKE SURE:

You complete the student application and background information form.

You submit one-page on the theme, (not to exceed one-page in length);
doubled spaced, using Times New Roman font, and 10-12-point size.

The names of a specific bank, banker, and/or city, are **NOT** in your essay.

Your name is **NOT** on the essay, only on Student Application & Background
Information Sheet.

You send **TWO** copies of the essay.

Include your e-mail address and cell phone number (if applicable).

Your submission should be made through a CBAI member bank.

***You may not submit an essay to more than one bank or
you will be disqualified.***

ESSAYS MUST:

Be double-spaced

Not exceed one-page in length

Be in Times New Roman font

Be in 10-12-point size

Be sponsored by only one CBAI member bank

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bobbi Watson at 217/529-2265 or by e-mail
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