



Bow Falcon's Booster Club Scholarship

**Application due May 1, 2010 to Martha Rae  
at BHS Guidance Department**

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

- I. Participation in a varsity sport; and
- II. Three references (teacher, coach, personal/school administration)
- III. Complete an essay in 500 words or less on the following topic:

**ESSAY: (choose one of the following two topics)**

1. Many communities across our nation are finding it necessary to cut extracurricular activities in our public schools and state universities. In your essay address each of the following specific issues: sports, band, choir, field trips, theater programs and dance programs. Many schools are requiring the families of students to pay increasing fees and expenses associated with these programs which in the past were paid by the schools. What, in your opinion, do these activities add to your educational experience? In your essay, address each of the following specific issues:
  - a. What is the likely effect to be when these programs are eliminated?
  - b. What benefits do these programs provide to individuals who participate in them, the educational community in which they are offered and society as a whole?
  - c. What are some of the ways to urge continued support for these programs if you feel they are a benefit?
  - d. Why do you believe support for them has failed to prevent their elimination?
2. In recent years our nation has seen a number of incidents in which students have brought handguns to school. In some incidents, these weapons have been used to cause serious injury and death. In August, 1966 Charles Whitman shot to death 17 people at the University of Texas. Since then we have experienced similar tragedies including Columbine and most recently Virginia Tech.  
  
What do you think school administrators, teachers, students and parents can do to prevent such tragedies from occurring? Do you believe participation in high school sports provides the kind of experience which promotes a more stable and self fulfilled student who is not drawn toward such violent acts? If so why?