



To: Berlin High School Seniors

From: Berlin High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Date: December 3, 2023

RE: 2024 Scholarships & Alumni Membership for Graduating Seniors

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The Berlin Alumni Association is pleased to announce that we will again be awarding 6-\$1000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors at the annual BHS Alumni Association Banquet on Saturday May 25, 2024. **Be sure to get your FREE ticket the weeks prior to the event.**

Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicants must complete the Berlin Local Scholarship application
- Recipient **must be** a graduating senior of BHS
- **Recipients must be present at the BHS Alumni Banquet to receive scholarships We know that this is graduation weekend, so keep this in mind when planning parties.**
- Recipient **must plan to attend** either a technical college or a 4-year college (and will be required to present proof of enrollment for their 2nd semester (spring) to receive funds)-keep this email to follow this direction if you should win.

Alumni Membership:

Each graduate is an honorary member of the Alumni Association. Berlin High School will always be your hometown high school! You are each encouraged to help our Association stay alive. Did you know that the BHS Alumni Association is the oldest active alumni association in the State of Wisconsin? It's true-since 1871!

Class Reunion:

The Board of Directors knows that 5 years from now sounds like a long way off; however, trust us (we were all in your shoes at one time too), when we assure you that it will fly by quickly and your first Class Reunion will be in front of you. Berlin's tradition is to invite you to celebrate every 5 years after your graduation year. The Alumni Association hosts an annual banquet & traditional ceremony. This is the core part of the 5-year reunions and then after the ceremony, the recognized classes are invited to host a class reunion party at a local establishment.

What we ask of you:

- 1) As a member, you are encouraged to keep your address updated on our records to stay connected. It is easy to do via the BHS Alumni website www.berlinalumni.org
- 2) Stay connected among us and your own classmates at our Facebook page [BHS_Berlin_WI_Alumni Association](#). It can be difficult to connect as time passes, people move away, people change names, etc. Someone in your class can create a closed group to invite only your classmates for class reunion information. If you let us know the Facebook address, we can add your page name to our page for your group members to find your page.
- 3) Choose a class representative or a few who plan to remain in the Berlin area, are willing to be coordinators of your class & are willing to be class contacts for the Alumni Association every 5 years to share information with your class. Please gather the names, phone numbers, physical addresses and emails and give to Donna McMartin to stay connected.
- 4) The class representative(s) do not have to be class officers or student council members in high school, but this is an important commitment to make on behalf of your class.
- 5) Funds that your class has raised during school is not available to your class upon graduation for the class reunions, so for your 5-year reunion, think simple & cheap (it is really about gathering together more than spending lots of money). Ideas include: only attending the banquet since the meal is \$25.00, meeting during the day at the park, a class member hosting a party-the reunions tend to be less attended earlier on & as people get older, participation expands, collect a small “fee” for a ticket to enter or to begin to grow your class scholarship fund. At your 25th Class Reunion, it is recommended that the class presents a scholarship to the graduating class of that year to give back when you can afford to or create a fundraiser idea & make it fun!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Donna McMartin at 920-290-1904 or mcmartindonna@yahoo.com. Thank you for your attention to this opportunity and good luck!

Sincerely,

Donna (Petraszak) McMartin,

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