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EMERT H. GRAPER TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

DUE DATE: Friday, March 13, 2026

Scholarship Awards Program, Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Summary - Emert H. Graper dedicated over 34 years to the Crown Point Community School System, where he served as a teacher for 5 years and a principal for 28 years at MacArthur, Solon Robinson, Timothy Ball, Washington Elementary, and Eisenhower Schools. At times providing leadership for more than one school at a time. He was an esteemed member of both the Crown Point Masonic Lodge #157 F.&AM. and Farm Bureau Co-Op, was a veteran of the US. Army, sang with the Chorus of the Dunes, and was an avid Abraham Lincoln historian. Emert was an alumnus of Ball State University and Valparaiso University.

Emert's years as an educator helped foster a love for learning, cultivated curiosity, and instilled values. He inspired students to reach their full potential, guiding them to be thoughtful, compassionate, and innovative individuals. Through his dedication and passion, Emert not only imparted knowledge but also made a lasting impact, creating a ripple effect that benefited entire communities and future generations. His influence extended beyond the classroom, touching hearts and minds, and igniting a lifelong journey of discovery and growth.

In his memory, the Emert H. Graper Scholarship financially aids and cultivates the creation of great educators.

Awards: (2) \$2500.00 - not renewable **Education Grant Application Form**

Guidelines:

1. The applicant must be a Crown Point High School senior who will graduate with their class in 2026.

2. Applicants must be getting a bachelor's degree in teaching / education. Special consideration will be given to those attending either Ball State University or Valparaiso University.
3. Applicants must submit all requested information including this scholarship application, two reference letters and a copy of their transcript by application deadline. GPA will not be the defining factor in awarding this application.
4. Applicants must verify the accuracy of all information by signing the application.
5. Applicants must NOT be selected for a FULL scholarship from another source. If an applicant is selected for a FULL scholarship, the applicant must forfeit this scholarship to the committee, so it can be awarded to the next eligible applicant.
6. The application must be submitted on the forms provided with additional pages attached if necessary.

Letters of Recommendation:

Two letters of reference are required.

1. The first will be from a teacher who has taught the applicant in at least one class (K-12).
2. The second letter is to be from a member of the community, employer, school or an extracurricular sponsor/coach.

NO Reference letter will be accepted by a family member.

BOTH reference letters should be signed and returned to the applicant in sealed envelopes.

Application

Deadline:

Delivered to the Crown Point High School guidance office by the end of school Friday,

March 13, 2026.

Award

Notification:

Scholarship recipients will be notified at the senior awards ceremony on the prescribed date.

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APPLICATION

1. Personal Information

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Address: _____
- Mobile Number: _____
- Email: _____

2. Educational Background

- High School:
 - Name: _____
 - Graduation Year: _____
 - GPA: _____
- University Attending:
 - University: _____
 - Major: _____

3. Financial Information

- Household Income: _____
- Any Other Financial Aid/Grants Received: _____

4. Essay

- Provide a brief essay detailing your educational goals, achievements, and why you deserve the grant (500 words):

5. Letters of Recommendation

- Attach at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or other individuals who can attest to your academic and personal achievements:

6. Supporting Documents

- Attach copies of academic transcripts or any other relevant documents:

7. Declaration

- I hereby declare that all the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- Applicant's Signature: _____
- Date: _____

Essay: