

## **Marianne Beel Memorial Scholarship Official Application Form**

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of long-time Nebraska Press Women member Marianne Beel of Valentine, who died in 2007. Marianne loved the Sandhills and shared that love through her writing and photography. Her column, "Sand in My Shoes," was much beloved by readers of the North Platte Telegraph and her writing and photography appeared there and in many other publications over the years. **Amount of the 2014 scholarship will be \$500.**

Applicants must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) Be a 2014 graduating senior from a Nebraska high school with preference given to seniors from the following Nebraska counties – Custer, Logan, McPherson, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Rock, Keya Paha, Loup, Holt, Garfield, Valley, Wheeler, Greeley, Brown and Cherry.
- 2) Be a writer/photographer/or videographer in the general category of rural Nebraska, with preference given to Sandhills subject matter.
- 3) Applicant must be seeking some type of post-secondary degree or certificate (not necessarily a four-year school) in a communications-related field.
- 4) Submit three examples of subject-related work, which may be any combination of writing, photography or video. These may include essays written for class, work that appeared in a student publication or local paper, photography or video work that may have been used for 4-H, FFA or similar organizations.
- 5) Complete the form below and attach a copy of their high school transcript with current GPA, one letter of reference and a resume (no more than one page) outlining contributions to the community, i.e., church, 4-H, volunteer work such as Meals on Wheels, community celebrations, etc.
- 6) Include a 250-word essay on one of the following topics: 1) What living in rural Nebraska means to me; 2) The value of agriculture in Nebraska; 3) The beauty of Nebraska; or 4) The value of rural Nebraska.
- 7) Return application to Barb Bierman Batie, NPW Scholarship Chair, 43590 Rd. 761, Lexington, NE 68850. **Application must be postmarked on or before April 1.**

(Please print or type)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Did you work on your high school paper, yearbook or other media? Please specify.

**250-word essay – please check choice of topic**

- What living in rural Nebraska means to me
- The value of agriculture in Nebraska
- The beauty of Nebraska
- The value of rural Nebraska

**Applicant's statement:** To my knowledge, all of the information in this application is correct.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_