ABOUT THE FUND

The Brandi Kay Bowen Scholarship Fund was established by her parents, John N. “Jose” Bowen of Salem and Jill Boso of Parkersburg, to honor the memory of the former Doddridge County High School and Glenville State College scholar-athlete who was killed in a traffic accident in February 2009.

Miss Bowen excelled in academics and several sports at Doddridge County High School, where she was a Promise Scholar and won several state championships in track, and was a sophomore distance runner at Glenville State. She loved horses and had been riding since she was a toddler.

“I wanted to do something to carry on Brandi’s legacy, to keep her name alive,” her father said. “She was a good kid who believed in working hard, 100 percent, to set a goal and go for it. Whatever she did, she did with a passion. We wanted to reward a student for working hard, someone who has the same attributes that Brandi had – heart, character and determination. She was the kind of person who loved people and didn’t see strangers.”

The fund was started with donations from friends and family and a trail ride that Bowen organized to raise money. He plans to make the trail ride an annual event. “Brandi loved horses,” he said. “We rode all over the country.”

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Recipients must be Doddridge County High School graduates with emphasis on, but not limited to, first-year enrollment in a college or university. Preference may be given to female students who are well-rounded individuals and have demonstrated strong work ethic, character and commitment. YCF will identify recipients of the scholarship grants with advice from the family and recommendations from representatives of Doddridge County public schools.

To apply, please visit www.ycfwv.org/scholarships.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF). YCF is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible to receive donations.

Any individual, organization, or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund. Donations are accepted in the form of checks, credit cards, stocks and through bequests. To donate online, click on the “Donate” link on the YCF website, www.ycfwv.org. You may enter a name of a specific fund during the checkout process. Alternatively, donations by check may be made payable to “YCF” and mailed to the address below. Checks should include the name of the fund in the memo line.

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