

# The Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship

*The North Dakota Education Association Foundation will award a scholarship to an outstanding student who is preparing for a career in special education.*

The initial funding for the Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship was made possible by a generous gift from the Oban family. Oban was an advocate for education of all children, injured workers and for people with the lowest incomes in our society. One of his most treasured honors was the 1991 Ruth Meier's Service to Children Award. He started his teaching career in Grafton. In 1976 he and his wife Alice moved to Bismarck, where he taught at Bismarck High School and later moved into Special Education Administration. Oban served in the legislature from 1984 to 1997.

## Application Procedure

**Application forms must be submitted by March 1 and include the following:**

- ✘ A copy of the applicant's college transcript.
- ✘ Three letters of recommendation; at least one must be from an educator.
- ✘ An essay of 300 to 500 words on the applicant's personal goals, strengths and weaknesses.
- ✘ The essay should include reference to the applicant's special education philosophy.

**Incomplete application packages are not considered.**

## Selection Process

- ✘ The winner will be selected by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and notified before April 30.
- ✘ The scholarship will be paid for the fall semester of the next academic year.

## Requirements

**Applicants for the Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship must:**

- ✘ Be a full-time undergraduate student in a teacher education program, preparing for a career in Special Education.
- ✘ Have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- ✘ Maintain membership in the NEA Student Program.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student member of NEA (SEA)? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years: \_\_\_\_\_ List years: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ College phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ State of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to pursue a teaching position in North Dakota? Yes No

What area of special education will you be qualified to teach? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' state of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' are: *NDEA member(s)*? Yes No *Retired NDEA member(s)*? Yes No

College Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

College Minors(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Honors received in college and/or high school:

High school/college/community/SNEA activities:

Jobs held since high school graduation:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is enrolled in the  
(Applicant's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ teacher preparation program, with emphasis in special education.  
(Institution)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dean or Director of Teacher Education OR Chair of Special Education Dept.)

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(This application may be duplicated)