

## 2026 Bluebirds Across Nebraska Scholarships

Applications for 2 BAN Scholarships are now available for 2026 graduating seniors.

**\$1,000** John Dinan Memorial Scholarship and  
**\$1,000** Sharon Holliday Memorial Scholarship

- Applicants must be a current BAN member or be related to a current BAN member.
- The recipient of the Dinan Scholarship will need to have shown a connection, appreciation, or involvement with nature.
- The recipient of the Holliday Scholarship should be planning to pursue a degree in education.
- The deadline for submitting applications is **April 1, 2026**.

Please return your application at the earliest opportunity to:

**BLUEBIRDS ACROSS NEBRASKA**  
**PO BOX 67157**  
**LINCOLN, NE 68506-7157**

## **All Scholarship Applicants – Please Read**

Bluebirds Across Nebraska (BAN) is offering two scholarships to high school seniors. These scholarships are in memory of two BAN members, John Dinan and Sharon Holiday. Before completing the form, the applicant should read the following information to make sure they qualify for the scholarship.

The John Dinan Memorial Scholarship is intended to go to an applicant that is interested in the outdoors and plans to pursue an education relating to that interest. This could include working with animals (wild, farm or domesticated), plants, conservation, and farming; generally anything that involves getting yourself and/or others outside.

John was a biologist for the Nebraska Game & Parks nongame bird program. He was a founding member of BAN and very instrumental in the start-up of the organization. John passed away in 2005 at the age of 51 from leukemia.

The Sharon Holliday Memorial Scholarship is intended to go to an applicant that is interested in education, social work, medicine, or anything to do with family life and plans to pursue an education relating to that interest.

Sharon was a BAN member for over 20 years. She became the Gage County Coordinator at the inception of the county coordinator program. She received the True-Blue Award in 2006 for her dedication to bluebird conservation. She touched many lives in her professional career as a high school Life Science teacher. She was dedicated to passing on her love of nature to her children and grandchildren. Sharon passed away in 2015 after courageously battling cancer.

Any application that does not meet the above criteria will not be considered.

**JOHN DINAN/SHARON HOLLIDAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**FUNDED BY BLUEBIRDS ACROSS NEBRASKA (BAN)**  
**PO BOX 67157, LINCOLN, NE 68506-7157**

***CLASS OF 2026 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ELIGIBLE***

(Please type or print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BAN AFFILIATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANK \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS OR AWARDS RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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NATURE OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO STUDY IN COLLEGE? \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST IN ORDER YOUR COLLEGE PREFERENCES

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS? \_\_\_\_\_

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HOW HAVE YOU SPENT THE LAST TWO SUMMERS? \_\_\_\_\_

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ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WISH TO RELATE TO THE BAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE THAT MAY HELP THEM DECIDE WHY YOU DESERVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

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*MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS*  
*-BAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT-*