



Rick Berens Scholarship by Renee Berens

Rick Berens may not have known exactly what he wanted to do when he walked through those high school doors the last time, but what he knew for certain and what he had was a drive to succeed.

Coming from a large family with parents who worked hard their entire lives just to provide the basics, Rick was no stranger to hard work and taking the lead.

Tenacity, drive, curiosity, zeal, and passion all describe what helped bring Rick the success and amazing life he led.

His leadership skills started early by helping his siblings while growing up. He enlisted in the US Army and served two years, stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. Shortly after being discharged, he earned his instrument rated pilot license and a degree in real estate. In between

selling real estate, he started attending auctions in the surrounding area. He quickly caught the bug and combined two of his passions – selling real estate and auctions... The rest is history.

His outside-the-box way of thinking and continuing to learn included attending seminars, and purchasing tapes/CDs and listening as he travelled from auction to auction on the drive to our cabin in Montana, and when on the long drive to each hunting trip. He made a career of learning and sharing what he learned with anyone interested. For several years he taught the auction method of marketing real estate for one of the nation's top accredited real estate schools. As his wife, I can attest to his drive to succeed and "fire in the belly" for success. I am proud to contribute to his legacy by providing the MN Auctioneers with a scholarship in his name.

The best is yet to come! It seems appropriate to close with the...
what are you waiting for?

Rick Berens Scholarship Application Official Applicant Form

Funds available will be determined from the proceeds of the Rick Berens Scholarship Fund.

Please Type or Print

Date: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Relationship to ACTIVE MSAA or Auxiliary Member: *(circle one if applicable)*

Self Child Grandchild Niece Nephew
Auctioneer Spouse Employee

An Active Member means he/she should attend MSAA Conventions on a regular basis and be interested/involved in promoting the MSAA/Auxiliary auction profession. Must be a member of the MSAA or Auxiliary for 3 consecutive years.

Relative or Referring Auctioneer's Name:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

NOTE: Only one scholarship per candidate. If unsuccessful in your application one year, please reapply. If no qualified recipients apply, there will not be a Rick Berens Scholarship award that year.

Name of Auction School or AARE Course: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicants are required to:

1. Complete and attach the Official Applicant Form.
2. Submit an Essay

Be unique and creative! Please state what you've learned from your experience in the auction profession and/or what you would do with the scholarship funds. Please complete on separate page, sign and ATTACH ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION FORM.

3. Attach a letter of recommendation from a current, active MSAA member. This is required for ALL scholarship applicants.
4. Use this scholarship toward tuition at an auction school.

DEADLINE — MUST BE POSTMARKED BY

**November 1 of preceding year to be recognized at Banquet.
Applications will be reviewed and awarded throughout the year.**

SEND APPLICATION TO: Rick Berens Scholarship, c/o Sara Fahey,
661 E. Forest Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Committee Members: Renee Berens and Anita Aasness

Applicants will be notified of status within 60 days of receipt. Winner and MSAA/Auxiliary member are encouraged to attend the Saturday Night President's Banquet at the Annual Minnesota State Auctioneers Association Conference & Show.