

The Elmer Harris and Beulah P. Harris Scholarship

The Elmer Harris and Beulah P. Harris Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 from the estate of Beulah “Bea” Harris. When Bea was a child, her family only had enough money to send her younger sister to school. Bea had to discontinue her schooling in sixth grade and went to work in a boarding house, where she cooked and cleaned.

Although her own education had been interrupted, Bea and her husband, Elmer, both felt that students should have an opportunity to better themselves by receiving an education. They frequently provided money to a campaign that was fighting to save the school in Union Township. Bea and Elmer agreed that education was incredibly valuable.

Bea was a homemaker and a resident of Kewanna, Indiana. She was a member of both the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and the “Women of the Moose” in Mishawaka, Indiana.

The Elmer Harris and Beulah P. Harris Scholarship was established in their honor to give students the opportunity to continue their education beyond high school. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to qualified students residing in Union Township.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student should be a resident of Union Township who attended either Caston, Winamac, or Rochester High School. They should also plan to attend a trade school, college, or any other accredited institution of higher learning.