



BUENA VISTA NATIONAL BANK

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September 23, 2022

Sparta High School
Guidance Counselor
205 West Hood
Sparta, IL 62286

RE: CBAI Foundation for Community Banking
2023 Annual Scholarship Program

The above referenced program is sponsored by Illinois community banks and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase public awareness of locally owned banks and their contributions to the community.

Buena Vista National Bank is a member of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), which formed the Foundation in 1996. A monetary award in the amount of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be awarded to the author of the best entry submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high-school senior. Up to 11 additional first-place \$1,000 awards and 12 second-place \$500 awards are available in each of the regions of the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the overall winner.

We invite seniors to submit a one-page essay on the theme ***How are fintechs impacting the banking industry?***

I have enclosed the guidelines for the high school and the students as well as the essay assignment & checklist, background information sheet, and the official student application. If you receive any entries, please email or mail me the best five or six no later than February 24, 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 618-826-2331 or christyj@bvnbn.com.

Sincerely,

BUENA VISTA NATIONAL BANK

Christy James
Administrative Assistant
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