

The Community Foundation of Dickinson County 2016 Scholarship Program

The Lavonne Geist Memorial Scholarship One \$300 Scholarship

Lavonne Geist was both an employee and a volunteer for the Heritage Center in Abilene. During her time there, her love for history, memories, and community artifacts grew. As the office manager for the museum, her dedication went beyond the call of duty. She worked long and hard, spending many hours of her own time to promote Dickinson County and the many activities the Historical Society sponsored. She was a member of the End of the Trail Quilters Guild and a member of the Heritage Homes Association, both of which work to preserve the traditions and styles of the past. This \$300 scholarship was established in her name after her death in 1997 as a memorial to Lavonne and her dedication to history.

Scholarship Overview:

This scholarship is intended to assist graduating seniors or previous graduates of Dickinson County, Kansas high schools who wish to pursue a degree in the social sciences at an institution of higher learning. For the purposes of this award, “social sciences” are defined as academic disciplines that examine society and how people interact and develop as a culture; commonly included among these are anthropology, communication, criminology, cultural studies, economics, education, geography, history, international relations, law, political science, pre-law, psychology, sociology, and social work.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior or graduate from a Dickinson County High School, Kansas.
2. Applicant must have earned at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA.
3. Applicant must plan to attend a college or junior college and major in a social science.
4. The following information shall be included in the application:
 - a. Statement/essay of 200 words describing why you chose to major in a social science, your financial need and your desire to improve your community.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation (signed originals) from non-relatives such as a teacher, community member or employer.
 - c. Current résumé detailing honors, activities, and achievements.
 - d. Copy of most recent academic transcript.

Application Instructions:

Complete application cover page and attach all required information in the order listed. **Please return completed application to The Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Inc. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2016.**

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Application Cover Page

Name _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____ Name of high school: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Employment _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's Employment _____

Brothers and Sisters (list names and ages) _____

Name of school you plan to attend _____

Program of Study/Major: _____

Cumulative GPA _____ ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____

Attach the following items to this cover page in the order listed:

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The Community Foundation of Dickinson County, Inc.
P.O. Box 735, 213 N. Broadway Street
Abilene, KS 67410

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline cannot be considered.