

Pat & Goldie Gardner Scholarship- Fort Hays State University

The Gardner family is proud of its Trego County heritage that began in the early 1900's. Their roots are firmly planted in Trego County soil, much as the strong Oak tree they have chosen as their symbol. The tree trunk represents the strength of Pat & Goldie Gardner and their own Gardner and Trimmer families with Trego County histories. The firmly attached branches are their children, Evelyn, Bud, Margie, and Don, who carry on the tradition of the importance of education, while the leaves represent their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will continue to flourish. The acorn which provides the seed to begin another strong oak tree represents this scholarship, which will help make it possible for bright young students to pursue a higher education as they establish their own successful families. In honor of Pat and Goldie Gardner and what they stood for, their family makes this scholarship possible.

Fort Hays State University was chosen because for many years the Gardner family has had deep roots there, as well, attending countless university activities and having enrolled over 20 family and extended family members as students. FHSU aptly serves this area as a premier university and will continue to be an important part of the preservation of Western Kansas. The Gardner family is proud to be part of this excellent tradition in education.

APPLICATION FORM

I. Nature of scholarship

Beginning with the graduating Class of 1999 at Trego Community High School, WaKeeney, Kansas, the Pat & Goldie Gardner family scholarship will provide for one \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior from each graduation class at TCHS. This scholarship must be used at Fort Hays State University and will be paid directly to the FHSU Endowment Office in Hays, Kansas. It will be paid in two installments of \$750 each, paid at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. A student must maintain a 2.0 or "C" grade average during the first semester to receive the 2nd installment.



II. Selection Procedure

Each graduating senior of each year's graduating class will be eligible to make application. An April application deadline will be set each year. At least three people shall make-up the selection committee, consisting of a least one family member, plus two TCHS school personnel. The family committee representative, Marge Meuli, will chair the committee each year. Recipients will be announced at the annual awards ceremony held at TCHS prior to Commencement exercises.

III. Selection Criteria

- a. Scholastic record and potential
- b. Leadership abilities
- c. Character
- d. Responsible involvement in school and community activities

V. Special Information

1. To this page, attach an official copy of your high school transcript.
2. Enclose two letters of recommendation, one from a classroom teacher and one from another teacher or coach or community member.
3. Write a one page essay on “Why I Want to Earn a College Education.”

