

The Dolly Ahrens Achievement Scholarship Award

2020 Application



Dolly Ahrens was born in 1917 and grew up in Marshalltown, IA. Dolly was a star basketball player on the Marshalltown high school team. Married to Claude in 1937, Dolly was a devoted mother to Paul, an avid golf player and exceptional hostess and cook.

Dolly was very down-to-earth and had the gift of treating people the same no matter who they were. She always tried to help those in need. Dolly was Claude's "rock", the one he always leaned on and depended on to be there for him. Married to Claude for fifty-five years, Dolly lost her fight to breast cancer in 1992 and passed away.

In 1994, Claude W. Ahrens established the Dolly Ahrens Achievement Scholarship Award in memory of his wife, Dolly Ahrens. The Dolly Ahrens Achievement Scholarship Award is available each year for up to ten graduating seniors of Grinnell High School.

The awards, up to \$2,500 each, may be used for any post-secondary education or training deemed acceptable by the selection committee. The scholarship must be used within one year after graduation from high school.

The nominees need not necessarily be the best academic students or the most talented individuals, but

should be a self-directed person who is a responsible contributor to the community.

Since 1994, the Dolly Ahrens Achievement Scholarship has awarded 260 scholarships to local Grinnell-Newburg High School seniors. Roughly \$650,000 has been awarded in scholarships to date.

The completed application and two reference forms must be returned to the Grinnell High School Guidance Office by Friday, March 13, 2020.

The Dolly Ahrens Achievement Scholarship Award is an annual program managed and administered by the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation. The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation is a unique family foundation striving to help meet the needs of the greater Grinnell community through ongoing support services and resources by maintaining and perpetuating an endowment. Our purpose is to provide improved and enhanced quality of life for present and future generations with interest in the areas of parks and recreation, education, and health with our collaborative partners.

Please note that any and all relatives of the staff and board of the Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation are NOT eligible to apply for the Dolly Ahrens Scholarship due to IRS regulations.

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Lady of the House
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Our Website:

www.ahrensfamilyfoundation.org



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Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Birth Date _____

1. School Activities (Athletics, Fine Arts, Clubs, etc): _____

2. Special Awards/Accomplishments: _____

3. Community Service/Volunteer Work: _____

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4. Work Experience: _____

5. Hobbies/Interests: _____

6. Future Plans (education and career goals): _____

7. Special Circumstances/Financial Considerations: _____

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Essay (250 words maximum)

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation was established in 1993 on the idea that we should "leave this world a better place than we found it." What would you say are the accomplishments you have done to date that would make this world a better place?



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Applicant's Name: _____

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant? _____

We appreciate your estimation of the student's character and personal qualities in comparison with other Grinnell High School seniors.

Check one box per row please	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent (Top 10%)	One of the top few students encountered
Motivation					
Integrity					
Sense of Responsibility					
Maturity					
Cooperation					
Concern for Others					
Reliability					

Additional Comments: _____

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