

# Ken Good Scholarship Application

## ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

1. A graduating senior from Wahoo High School attending a degree-granting college or university and finishing in the top 20% of his/her graduating class.
2. Factors of preference
  - a. Preference will be given to students planning to attend Peru State College or a university within the University of Nebraska System.
  - b. Preference will be given to students who have planned a major in horticulture, agronomy, or other agriculture-related field.
3. The KEN GOOD SCHOLARSHIP will be offered for the first time in May 2010.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must complete the application with all information, signatures and three letters of recommendation by the deadline. One recommendation must come from a member in the community, preferably involved in an agricultural field, who can provide personal evidence as to the applicant's ambitions in the agricultural-related area s/he has chosen to major in.
2. Applicant must return the application and all supporting documentation by **March 15th** to Counselor's Office.
3. Applicant must provide a letter of enrollment from the college s/he is attending, indicating the college and planned major by August following his/her graduation from Wahoo High School.
4. The Scholarship is worth no less than \$1000 for the first year of post-secondary education and is not renewable. Payment will be made upon verification provided to the Superintendent's office of enrollment in college.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Rank in Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

After having read the Biographical information about Ken Good, briefly state in 350 words or less, how your dreams and goals best exemplify the aspirations of Ken Good and this scholarship.

## **Biographical Information**

### **KENNETH J. GOOD, Compassionate and Generous Philanthropist (November 30, 1915 to July 1, 2008)**

When he died at the age of 93, Ken's life was a perfect example of what could be accomplished when you put the welfare of others ahead of your own needs and wants. Ken's compassion for children, his love of his community and his joy in all things growing was evident in the gifts he made and the philanthropic endeavors he pursued.

Ken was born in Peru, the son of a banker and a homemaker, and lived in that community until he moved to Lincoln at the age of 13. He attended Lincoln High and graduated from UNL in 1937 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Sciences, majoring in Agronomy. Once in Lincoln, he missed his hills, trees, woods and the river he left behind, but created in his own backyard the most beautiful array of flowers, trees and examples of God's handiwork. He also served in the Armed Forces overseas and returned from England to begin a thirty-one year career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, working as a soils scientist.

Ken was a huge supporter of the University, a member of the Lincoln Garden Club, and a dedicated gardener. He continued his passion for the soil, loved farming, and visited his farmland north of Wood River as often as he could. His long-term vision was to benefit charitable organizations and individuals in the Southeast Nebraska area, primarily in the communities of Lincoln, Peru and Wahoo in which he had a special interest. He wanted to share his love of parks, trees, gardens and flowers with others so they too, could know the beauty and pleasure he had experienced. He denied himself many creature comforts so that he could accumulate a substantial nest egg – he felt that his family's fortune was not for his benefit – he was merely a “steward” of this wealth and it was his responsibility to “do good” with it during his lifetime and after he was gone.

Ken was a gentle and compassionate man who left life a much better place for him having been in it. He will be missed but his gifts will represent his passion for many years to come.