

Doneta Schaeffer
Memorial Scholarship Application Procedure
2008-2009

Doneta Schaeffer was a Girl Scout volunteer and council staff member who believed that there was always something new to learn, different things to see, and more fun to experience. Those who knew her mourned her unexpected death in 1991, but also rejoiced in the memories and examples of a life full of learning and giving that Doneta left for us.

The annual Doneta Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship was established to help all of us—girls and adults—remember and renew this legacy at least once a year. Designed to help the recipient further her education, the \$1000 scholarship is given to a Girl Scout who exemplifies the ideals that Doneta held dear. To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a registered Girl Scout in the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois council.
- Have at least five years of experience in Girl Scouting, with two of those years as a Girl Scout in grades 10-12.
- Have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts.
- Have demonstrated commitment to living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Be a high school senior, with graduation occurring in the present school year.
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA.)
- Have submitted an application to a college or technical school.
- Be able to document recent leadership roles, involvement in community service, and a diversity of activities in her personal life.

Applications will be mailed to all eligible Girl Scouts in January. Completed applications should be sent to: GSEIWI, Attn: Doneta Schaeffer Scholarship, 2600 Edgewood Rd. SW, Ste 114, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

In 2009, the postmark deadline for all paperwork is February 27. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be interviewed by a committee of Girl Scout volunteers on March 8th. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual Award and Recognition Event on April 18, 2009.

5. What have you discovered about Girl Scouting and how have you shared it with others?

6. Why do you believe it is important for you to be a Girl Scout?

7. What, if anything, have you sacrificed in order to be a Girl Scout?

8. How do you think you may continue your involvement in Girl Scouting?

Reference for Doneta Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship

Community Involvement

Applicant's Name: _____ is applying for the Doneta Schaeffer Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. You have been asked to complete a reference to accompany her application. Applications will be considered incomplete without this reference. Only one reference can be from a peer/girl. References from relatives cannot be accepted, even if he/she is the applicant's group advisor. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please return this completed reference form to: GSEIWI, Attn: Doneta Schaeffer Scholarship, 2600 Edgewood Rd SW, Ste 114, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, March 1, 2008. Attach a separate sheet if needed.



1. Describe an example of how the applicant has shown leadership in the community. Examples include: community groups, faith organizations, school, sports, etc.

2. Describe an example of how the applicant has given service to the community. Examples include: community groups, faith organizations, school, sports, etc.

REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail address _____

Relationship to applicant _____

of years of acquaintance _____

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Girl Scout Experience

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1. Describe an example of how the applicant has shown leadership to the community through her Girl Scout experience.

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