

MERLYN ANDERSON MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

THE LIFE OF MERLYN ANDERSON

Merlyn (Mrs. Charles A. Anderson) was a world traveler, a librarian, an engaging conversationalist, an active and caring community person, a devoted wife, and a beloved friend of those who knew her throughout the world. Merlyn was born in Dixon, Illinois in 1897 and moved to Beatrice to become a City Librarian in 1918. Merlyn's husband, Dr. Charles A. Anderson was a Beatrice dentist prior to World War II. During the war, he served his country and achieved the rank of Colonel. Colonel Anderson was a Military Governor in Korea following its liberation from the Japanese.

Colonel Anderson carried the 4-H idea to Korea as a way for young people and families to grow and learn new ideas in agriculture and positive self-concept. The Korean Conflict put a sudden stop to his first efforts to get 4-H started in Korea. As part of the reparation team in Korea following the war, his efforts were successful. A Farm Journal article heralded him "Grandfather to ½ Million Kids" which was the 4-H membership when he left Korea in the late 50's. Thanks to those beginnings, South Korea has the largest 4-H program outside of the United States. Merlyn was a partner to these efforts both in Korea and stateside. She made three around-the-world trips to such exotic places as Cairo, Kabul, Singapore, Tahiti, Sydney, and the Galapagos Islands. Many of her trips were made alone when such travel by a woman alone was rare. Merlyn had a treasure, a story, and friends a nearly every place she visited.

Before Merlyn's death, she established a trust through her will to support students from Southeast Nebraska schools who are interested in Agriculture Studies (broadly interpreted).

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship is open to applicants from the following area schools:

Beatrice High School	Norris High School
Diller-Odell High School	Pawnee City High School
Fairbury High School	Southern High School
Freeman High School	Sterling High School
Johnson County Central High School	Tri-County High School
Lewiston High School	Wilber-Clatonia High School
Meridian High School	Homeschoolers in Southeast Nebraska

Applicants should have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Preference is given to students who have been involved in 4-H.

The Merlyn Anderson Memorial 4-H Scholarship will be awarded to 6-9 students and range in value from \$1000 - \$2500. The scholarships are available to all colleges, universities, technical schools, community colleges or trade schools **for students majoring in agricultural studies.**

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school and can be used for all school-related expenses, including tuition, room and board, fees, and textbooks.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application deadline is March 15. The application will be completed via the online form accessed at: https://go.unl.edu/25anderson_scholarship

**** We use JotForm for this application – it will let you save your form and come back. However, we recommend having all of the components (i.e. Essay & Letter of Recommendation) ready when you begin the application process.*

The application consists of three parts:

- General Applicant Information:
 - Basic Contact Information
 - Academics (i.e., GPA, Schools you're applying, Majors you're considering, need for scholarship)
 - 4-H Experiences (i.e.,
 - School/Community Activities/Work Experience/Spors/Awards/Etc.
- Essay:
 - Not more than 2 pages, double spaced, 12 pt. font
 - Must be saved as a word document or .pdf – will be uploaded onto the online form
 - Save the file in the following format: 25-Last First Merlyn Anderson Scholarship Essay (for example: 25-Washington George Merlyn Anderson Scholarship Essay)
 - The essay should deal with your personal and academic goals.
 - Note: make sure to include a clear path from your intended major to the agriculture field – this is what the scholarship committee uses to determine your eligibility
- Letter of Recommendation:
 - From a person of your choice
 - Must be saved as a word document or .pdf – will be uploaded onto the online form
 - Save the file in the following format: 25-Last First Merlyn Anderson Scholarship LOR (for example: 25-Washington George Merlyn Anderson Scholarship LOR).

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