Donna Williams Memorial Scholarship
$1,000

A scholarship in memory of Donna Williams has been established in 2019 for the benefit of Southwest Valley graduates who plan to major in the fields of education, exercise science or physical therapy.

Donna began her teaching career in the fall of 1979 at Villisca Community Schools, where she spent most of her career teaching elementary education. She was also passionate about coaching, and serving as head coach for cross country, volleyball and led her team to the State Basketball Tournament in 2013. Donna remained at Southwest Valley Schools until her retirement in 2015, after 36 years of teaching.

In addition to Donna's involvement at the Villisca and Southwest Valley Schools, she was actively involved in her husband and son's farming operation, booster club, St Joseph's Catholic Church, and multiple community volunteer activities. She was selected as a sponsor for Relay for Life, the Grand Marshall for Southwest Valley Homecoming Parade, and most proudly – the recipient of the Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award in 2014.

ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship will be presented primarily to any Southwest Valley graduate majoring in the field of education. Secondary candidates are those pursuing a career in early childhood development, exercise sports science or physical therapy. This scholarship will be presented to a graduate with plans to attend any post-secondary school (4 year college, 2 year college, or vocational or technical institute). Preference will be given to graduates pursuing a career in early childhood education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A letter of application and resume must be submitted to Southwest Valley High School Counselor by March 31st.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the family of Donna Williams. The recipient will be announced at the scholarship award ceremony.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be issued after the student completes the first term of college and submits a copy of his or her grades to SWV High School Counselor. If the student has a 2.5 GPA or higher and is enrolled for the second term, authorization for payment will be made by the counselor. The payment will be made payable to the order of the student as well as the college he or she attends.

A thank-you note should be directed to:

The Donna Williams Family
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Villisca, IA 50864